

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, July 13, 2021



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

The Myths, Realities, and Misperceptions of US Immigration/Refugee Policy

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at Tuton Hall,
Trinity Episcopal
Church
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at
12:30 PM

Speakers

August 12, 2021
Kenneth A. Shull
DG Official Visit

Coming Events

July 23rd
Tourists Game
Volunteers

Club Leaders

 Katherine Morosani
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Join us this Thursday, July 15th, as we welcome **Mark Gibney**, the Belk Distinguished Professor at UNC Asheville and an Affiliated Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden. He is also a member of the Economic and Social Rights Group, Human Rights Center at the University of Connecticut. Since 1984, Gibney has directed the Political Terror Scale, which measures levels of physical integrity violations in more than 185 countries.

Gibney is also one of the founding members of the Extraterritorial Obligations Human Rights Consortium, which in November 2011, produced the Maastricht Principles on Extraterritorial Obligations of States in the area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In 2011, he was recognized by the Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association as a Distinguished Human Rights Scholar and in 2006, he received the International Human Rights Award from the North Carolina Coalition on Human Rights.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sara L Marshall

On 7/8/2021 we had the honor of having **Ed Manning**, Executive Director of Leadership Asheville, and **Jan Lowe**, Program Manager of Leadership of Asheville.



We learned from Jan that 1981 was the first class of Leadership Asheville. Some of our members at the meeting that had completed the program were able to share their takeaways. One shared that it helps the participants to touch all parts of the Asheville community. And another member said it connects people and teaches you to listen to and understand challenges faced in our community. Ed and Jan stated that this will be the 40th years of the Leadership Asheville Flagship Program as well as what the program entails.

They also shared what Leadership Asheville facilitates outside of the flagship program. Particularly the Executive Director Roundtable and the Buzz Breakfast Series. The also offer leadership development and consulting services. Ed mentioned that they are constantly building a pipeline of leaders from all different members of the community such as: Youth Leadership, UNCA Asheville Students, YPA and Entrepreneurs, Business Leaders and Retirees.





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The South Island of New Zealand and Ireland Awaits You

Join us on **Wednesday, July 14th** at **7 p.m.** for the next in our series "Around the World with Asheville Rotarians".

New member, **Amy Stovall** will share her solo travel experiences on the South Island of New Zealand including a self-drive tour of the island's famed national parks - Aoraki/Mount Cook, Fiordland, and Mount Aspiring National Parks.



Then, **Helen Stefanidis** will share about one of her favorite places, Ireland. Come be inspired by the beauty of the Emerald Isle.

Watch your email on July 14th for the Zoom link for the program.



Thirsty Third Thursdays are back!

We are recommencing our third Thursday happy hour gatherings at Highland Brewing's Meadow next **Thursday, July 15**, starting at around **5 p.m.**

Folkmoot Summerfest 2021

The Rotary Club of Asheville has been a sponsor of the Folkmoot Festival for many years, with groups visiting and performing at our meetings. Last year's festival was cancelled because of Covid, so this year should be a special one. From **July 22 - 25**, audiences can expect approximately 200 dancers and musicians from diverse international countries along with local Cherokee and Appalachian performers, to share culture through music and dance at events throughout western North Carolina. Street vendors, live performers, and much more produce a cultural display for your enjoyment. Find out more at folkoot.org



Nashville Songwriters in the Round

Our favorite Tennent Scholarship fundraiser is back with Nashville Songwriters in the Round. More details will follow, but for now, mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 18** at Highland Brewing.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Fund Giving

Brad Arnold announced at the Thursday, July 8 meeting that our club exceeded our goal and raised **\$31,000** for the Rotary Fund. Thank you for your generosity, and for helping Rotary make lives better in our community and around the world.

Tanya Fletcher, the new Youth Services Director, would love to welcome any new or seasoned members as committee chairs for the following committees. Interact club (high school version of the Rotary), the Rotaract club (college version of the Rotary), and RYLA (leadership camp for youth). This is a great opportunity to get involved with future Rotarians and get them to become lifelong members. As a relatively new Rotarian myself, I welcome new members, in particular, to join one of these committees and make a difference this year.

Please call or email Tanya at 828-230-8720 tfletcher@sterlingtransitions.com.

Ken Nelson invites you to join Asheville Sister Cities as they celebrate our mutual connection with our Sister City and the Downtown Rotary's Twin Club of Saumur, France. They are



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hosting a Bastille Day event on **Wednesday, July 14th** from **4 - 7 p.m.** at the Smith McDowell House on the campus of AB Tech that will feature music, petanque, and a photo booth to document your "je ne sais quoi"!



Birthdays

- Charles P Thompson
July 19th
- Dustin L. Schlabach
July 24th
- Maxine O Parsons-Kogut
July 25th
- Kevin R. Montgomery
July 26th
- Scott Hicks
July 28th
- R. Scott White
July 30th
- Benjamin P. Powell
August 4th
- Gina Collias
August 5th
- Betty A. Doll
August 7th
- Robert H. Haggard
August 12th

Tickets (\$10 ASCI members/\$10 members) are available for purchase at www.ashevellesistercities.org or at the door and include a glass of French wine. Food is also available for pre-purchase. Funds raised will go to our downtown sign project to highlight our seven sister cities (as our Saumur friends have done for us!)

Cart Fund



The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide **seed money** for cutting edge, high impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer's disease. Consider contributing \$1 a week per quarter; \$13.

Wedding Anniversaries

- Donald P. Weidemann
July 14th
- James W Baley
July 15th
- David K Snider Sr.
July 23rd
- Levonina B. Reese
July 27th
- Stephen F. Anderson
July 29th
- Zachary F. Lamb
August 2nd
- Andrew Mercurio
August 5th
- Richard Travis Hall
August 5th
- Bruce G. Clark
August 7th
- Linda Nelson
August 11th
- Alexander P. Pence
August 11th

For Birthday/Anniversary/Happy Dollars/CART Funds
please mail your check to
Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation
P.O. Box 1954
Asheville, NC 28801

Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

*Contact [Brad Rouse](#) if you would like to volunteer with Energy Savers Network to help low income residents in our area reduce the burden of high energy costs. Opportunities are available most days of the week. There is a specific opportunity between now and July assisting the Asheville Housing Authority reduce residential energy use. This program can accommodate larger groups of volunteers and will require 200 volunteer hours through the end of June. This is not overly demanding work and scheduling is flexible. Here's a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to make our presence visible, so please consider participating.

If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG, please email [Helen Stefanidis](#) by Monday evening, prior to Tuesday publishing.

FOUR WAY TEST



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?