

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, July 20, 2021



### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

#### Club Meeting

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

#### Speakers

**July 22, 2021**  
[Brian Hamilton](#)  
The Brian Hamilton  
Foundation assists  
people with the odds  
stacked against them  
to start and grow  
their own businesses

**July 29, 2021**  
[Vic Isley](#)  
President and CEO,  
Explore Asheville  
Convention and  
Visitors Bureau

**August 05, 2021**  
[Asheville Chief of  
Police David Zack](#)  
Why are police officers  
leaving?

**August 12, 2021**  
[District Governor Ken  
Shull](#)  
Governor's Vision for  
Rotary Year 2021-22

**August 12, 2021**  
[Kenneth A. Shull](#)  
DG Official Visit

**August 19, 2021**  
[Todd Williams,](#)  
[Buncombe County](#)  
[District Attorney](#)  
Police Misconduct and  
Other Justice Issues

#### Coming Events

July 23rd  
[Tourists Game](#)  
[Volunteers](#)

#### Club Leaders

[Katherine  
Morosani](#)  
President

### Entrepreneur, Fintech Pioneer, and Philanthropist



Our guest speaker on July 22nd will be **Brian Hamilton**, an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and a leading voice on the power of entrepreneurship and ownership to transform lives. He is the founder of Sageworks, the country's first fintech company, which helped millions of small business owners translate complex financial information.

Brian is also the founder of Inmates to Entrepreneurs, a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching people with criminal records how to start their own businesses. With nearly three decades of programming and training, it's the longest running program of its kind. And through his programs at the Brian Hamilton Foundation, he helps people overcome obstacles to realize their greatest potential through business ownership.

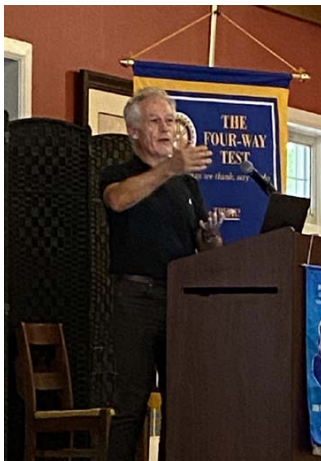
Brian is a regular contributor to media outlets like *CNBC*, *USA Today*, and *The Wall St. Journal*, and he is the recipient of numerous awards, including the George H.W. Bush Points of

Light Award. Brian also stars in *Free Enterprise*, a nationally syndicated show on the ABC network helping formerly incarcerated individuals take steps towards true business ownership.

### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

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



Our July 15th meeting program was an educational session on the Myths, Realities, and Misperceptions of US Immigration. Our speaker, **Mark Gibney**, is highly credentialed on this subject as the Belk Distinguished Professor at UNC Asheville and an Affiliated Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute in Lund, Sweden. He candidly addressed the two competing philosophies of ♦Lady Liberty vs Build the Wall. ♦

His presentation shared several statistics on immigration demographics, crime, and deportations. These statistics were also compared to surveys of popular perceptions; or in many cases, misperceptions.

Many thanks to Professor Gibney for sharing his time and insights on this important topic.





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Additional visitors included (and pictured in this order): Last year's **DG David Waechter**, current **DG Ken Shull**, and **DGN Livio and Sylvia Zozzoli** from Rotary Club Grogota' (Santa Cruz) District 4690 which covers all of the country of Bolivia.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 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 [folk moot.org](http://folk moot.org)



### Calling All Traveling Rotarians



Our monthly "Around the World with the Asheville Rotarians" still proves to be a fun way for **YOU** to share your travel story with us. Foreign travel, domestic travel, a guided bus tour or a solo adventure, a tent or the Ritz. What's been fun for you? What are your best memories? Won't you share?

We gather via Zoom on the second Wednesday evening of the month at **7 p.m.** Tune in on **August 11th** for our next travel adventures. If you are willing to share, please contact Dave Kaverman ([dave@acuityma.com](mailto:dave@acuityma.com)) or Betty Doll ([BettyADoll@gmail.com](mailto:BettyADoll@gmail.com)).

It's vicarious living at its finest!

### 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

### Rotarians Against Hunger

**Linda Nelson** would like to thank **Keith Bell, Ross Sloan, Steve Schechter, Bill Bass, Bill Goacher,**





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## Birthdays

Dustin L. Schlabach  
July 24th  
Maxine O Parsons-  
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July 25th  
Kevin R. Montgomery  
July 26th  
Scott Hicks  
July 28th  
R. Scott White  
July 30th  
Benjamin P. Powell  
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August 14th  
Steven M. Higley  
August 14th  
Wayne A. Roddy  
August 15th  
Christena Southwick  
August 15th  
Thomas G. Leavesley  
August 16th

## Wedding Anniversaries

David K Snider Sr.  
July 23rd



and **Evan Rosenburg**, for volunteering at MANNA Foodbank as part of the Rotarians Against Hunger Program.

## Take Rotary Out to the Ballgame!

Our club is partnering with the Asheville Tourists at the concession stands this season to raise money

(we'll receive 15% of concession sales) for our club projects.



Please consider volunteering this **Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from **4:30 to 9:30 p.m.** We need 12-15 people and it's open to Rotarians and their partners/friends/spouses or children over 16. You'll get a free dinner and a free Tourists baseball cap!

Please email [Rick Devereaux](mailto:Rick.Devereaux@rotary.org), or call him at (828) 772-6023, if you are able to help our club earn some money.

## Fall Fundraiser

Attention Rotarians!! It's crucial we raise some funds this year for all of our projects so get ready for a rockin' time! On **Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will raise some \$\$ and have some fun!! We urge you to ask your companies to become sponsors at one of these levels!



If you're just interested in having a good time, please see [this link](#) for tickets!

**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](mailto:tfletcher@sterlingtransitions.com).

## 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.

**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 :

\*Please submit any volunteer opportunities you feel your fellow Rotarians would enjoy being



Levonía 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  
Sophia Stefanidis  
Ungert  
August 19th

a part of.

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?