

# Rotary



# Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, August 3, 2021



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Steven B. Shechter

### Why are Asheville Police Officers Leaving the Force?



**David Zack** was appointed to Chief of Police for the Asheville Police Department on February 4, 2020. He began his career in law enforcement in 1984 where he worked as a New York State Corrections Officer at both Sing Sing and Attica Correctional Facilities. In 1987 he joined the Cheektowaga Police Department and rose through the ranks serving in a number of different roles, including patrol supervisor and Detective Bureau Commander, before being named Chief in 2011. During his career in Cheektowaga he also served as the President of

the Erie County Chiefs of Police Association, President of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, and was a member of the Board of Governors of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Zack's other accomplishments include introducing the first Fair and Impartial Police (FIP) training program in the state of New York, receiving the National Federation for Just Communities Law Enforcement Leadership Award in 2016, and the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) President's Award for his role in creating the first crisis intervention team in Erie County.

Chief Zack holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Hilbert College and has been an instructor of forensic science and crime scene photography for several colleges and universities. He is also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police.

## Club Meeting

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

## Speakers

**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

**August 26, 2021**  
[John Gossett, President, AB Tech](#)  
AB Tech Update

**September 02, 2021**  
[New Member Talks](#)  
Short, autobiographical talks from our newest club members

## Coming Events

No Events found

## Club Leaders



[Katherine Morosani](#)  
President

[Ross Sloan](#)  
President-

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

### Explore Asheville With Victoria Isley

It's exciting to see our club continue to grow as we inducted a new member at our July 29 meeting, **Evan Rosenberg**. Welcome Evan!

The speaker for the meeting program was **Vic Isley**. She is the president & CEO of Explore Asheville and the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority (TDA). She believes in the power of travel. Not only the personal and emotional reward people get through exploring new places, but also the economic benefits communities generate through the process.

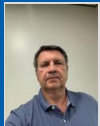
Her presentation focused on the data behind the economic benefits to Buncombe County. Tourism has brought \$2.2 billion into our community distributed amongst businesses in the food/beverage, lodging, retail, recreation/entertainment,



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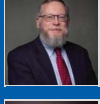
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Eva-Michelle G. Spicer

and transportation industries. Ms. Isley also recounted the TDA's response to the pandemic, including assistance to 394 businesses with \$5 million recovery fund grants.

Finally, she looked to the future. The TDA seeks to balance visitor and resident needs by promoting safe and responsible travel that preserves our local cultural, natural, and human resources.

We greatly appreciate Vic Isley's time with our club and her highly informative presentation.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

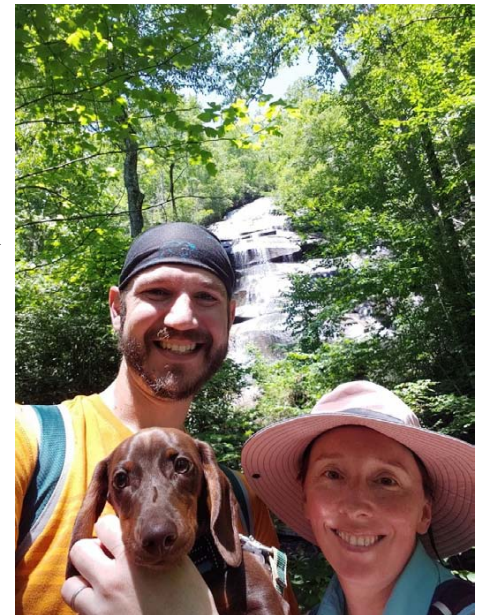
### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ♦ ZACHARY LAMB

Zachary Lamb was raised in Conover, a textile town outside Hickory. His dad was an accountant and his mom put her career aside to focus on raising Zac and his brother and making their education a high priority. The family had a summer house at Lake Hickory where family and friends would gather to catch fish with cane poles and crickets, water ski and swim. After a summer job at a hosiery mill in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Zac knew he did not want to work in a mill all his life. By the time he was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, he resolved to be an attorney where he could be a leader in his community and help people.

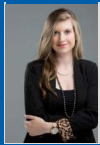
Zac graduated high school as valedictorian and earned a scholarship to Wake Forest University in 2003 where he majored in economics. Next, he earned his law degree from UNC School of Law in 2006, followed by a Master of Law in Taxation from the University of Florida in 2007.

After a year in Florida, Zac was eager to return to NC for the changing seasons, beautiful mountains and varied outdoor activities. He landed a job as an attorney at a local firm in 2007, right before the recession hit. In the early years of his career, much of his work was helping people in bad situations work out loans with banks. Currently, his practice focuses on estate planning and administration. He also counsels clients who need help running a business or buying or selling a business. Zac likes to help people make order out of chaos. He enjoys assisting people with understanding complex rules and potential outcomes so that they can make informed decisions with confidence.

Zac and his wife Sherry have been married 13 years. Sherry is a payroll specialist at Genova Diagnostics. They have a mini dachshund, Lando, named after the character in Star Wars. Zac and Sherry share a love of the outdoors and spend their leisure time backpacking, camping, and skiing. They are certified scuba divers and spend many vacations diving with the manatees, goliath grouper, and other sea creatures around the Florida area. A big part of their social activities revolves around Fantasy Football and the Carolina Panthers. They have Carolina Panthers tickets and attend most home games.







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### Birthdays

- Benjamin P. Powell  
August 4th
- Gina Collias  
August 5th
- Betty A. Doll  
August 7th
- Robert H. Haggard  
August 12th
- Susan F Lightner  
August 14th
- Steven M. Higley  
August 14th
- Wayne A. Roddy  
August 15th
- Christena Southwick  
August 15th
- Thomas G. Leavesley  
August 16th
- J. Huntington Mallett  
August 21st
- Lee Scott  
August 22nd
- Dennis King  
August 24th
- Barbara J. Bowers  
August 29th
- Deborah H. Francis  
September 2nd

### Wedding



Rotary has been a part of Zac's life since he was in a Interact Club in high school. Zac was introduced to our club by his client, Ken Hadeen, and since joining in 2010 he has been an active member. Zac and his wife served as guardians on an honor air flight and they have gone on the medical brigade to Honduras twice. One of Zac's favorite aspects of Rotary is socializing with people of varied interests and professions who he would not encounter otherwise.

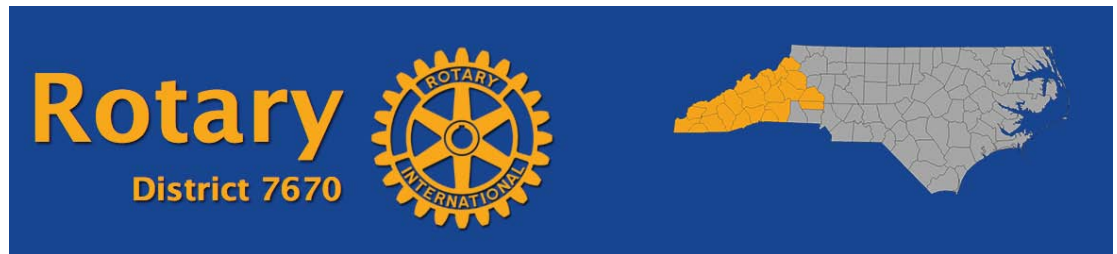
It is noteworthy that Zac still drives the 1997 Jeep Wrangler that he has had since he was 16! With a straight drive and a short wheelbase, Zac finds it fun to zoom around mountain curves and use for outdoor trips. Sherry thinks it's suspension (comfort) leaves something to be desired.

Zac's favorite character in fiction is Luke Skywalker from Star Wars because he exhibits an unwavering sense of integrity and is not afraid to do what is right regardless of any negative consequences to him personally. Zac's motto is "treat others as you would like to be treated."

Thanks for being a valued member of Rotary, Zac!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 2021 District Conference in Asheville



From **President Katherine:**

We have a wonderful opportunity to participate in this Year's District Conference because it will be held **August 13-15, 2021** right here in Asheville at the Crowne Plaza. Registration for the upcoming district conference will close end of day on **Friday, August 6** so don't miss out on this chance to join your fellow **#PeopleOfAction** at this exciting and fun event.

I really want to encourage attendance by our members so I am putting my money where my mouth is. For the first 20 members of our Club who register, the Club will be paying the \$190 registration fee on the condition that they participate in all of the events at District Conference.

This year we are having a very special **service project** at the District Conference. **We will be gathering items for homeless school children in Asheville who need hygiene products.** The following items are needed: shampoo; conditioner; toothpaste; soap; body wash; and deodorant. You can bring these items to District Conference. If you cannot attend, **we will have a collection box at the next two club meetings** and Past-President Sophia will bring them to the District Conference for you.

To register for the District Conference, simply go onto the [District 7670 Website](#). Scroll over to the calendar on the top right of the home page and click the date of **August 13, 2021**. You will then find the registration button and just follow the prompts from there. Be sure you are logged on to DACdb when you register.

If you have any trouble registering or have any questions about the District Conference, please contact **Dave Mans** by phone at 626-201-2228 or by [email](#)

## Anniversaries

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  
Carol C. Hensley  
August 23rd  
William R. Goacher  
August 23rd  
Robert Lee Garrett  
August 26th  
Charles M Peabody III  
August 29th  
Kevin R. Montgomery  
September 1st  
David R. McCartney  
September 1st  
Steven M. Higley  
September 2nd

## Traveling Rotarians: Adventures in Africa!



Join our travel series on **Wednesday, August 11** at **7 p.m.** as **Evan Rosenberg** (who officially joined our club on July 28th) shares his experiences in Tanzania! He has some spectacular wildlife photos to share with us. Our second presentation is tentatively scheduled to be on a trip to Singapore.

Watch for an email on the morning of August 11th with the link to the evening's program. Feel free to share with friends and family. Tune in while enjoying dinner or your favorite beverage. This travel series continues to be well received. Join us and you'll see why.

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Community Projects Fundraising

Thank you to all who worked the concession stand at the Tourists game July 23<sup>rd</sup>. You raised **\$900** for our club's projects!

Thanks to the generosity of the late **Peter Mallett**, uncle of **Hunt Mallett**, our club recently received **\$7,500** from the Community Foundation that will be used exclusively for projects.

### Fall Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Asheville Presents

## Rock & Roll with Rotary



Enjoy an evening with the Artemus Pyle Band and support the good work of the Rotary Club of Asheville!

Due to the pandemic, this is the first **annual club fundraiser** we've had in 2 years and we need it to be successful to provide funds for all of our club's service projects.

Here is a plea for help via poetry from [Eva-Michelle Spicer](#) and [Barbara Bowers](#):



Rotary Fundraiser 2021  
A Plea in Poetry

Get ready everyone, it's time to rock and roll!  
Let the music of Artimus Pyle soothe your pandemic  
tattered soul  
Help us find sponsors or become one yourself if you can  
We have all levels from Sweet Home Alabama to Simple  
Man  
Rotarians can accomplish anything when we work together  
Raising money for our projects where the benefits help  
others forever  
Putting Barbara and Eva Michelle in charge of fundraising  
wasn't very nice (JK were happy to do it)  
So ease the pain bring on the happy dollars, happy wallets  
will suffice  
And if by chance you know of anyone who can help with  
getting food donated  
Then this event will be complete, and the committee will  
be elated!

THANK YOU!

For more information and sponsorship handouts see [this link](#). If you're just interested in having a good time, please see [this link](#) for tickets!

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**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.

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

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**Additional Volunteer Opportunities :**

\*Please submit any volunteer opportunities you feel your fellow Rotarians would enjoy being a part of.

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

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**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?