

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, August 31, 2021



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTION HALL, TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH--Proof of Covid-19 vaccination or recent (72 hrs) negative Covid-19 test required to attend in-person. To request a Zoom simulcast link email avrotary1915@gmail.com.
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

September 02, 2021

[New Member Talks](#)

Short, autobiographical talks from our newest club members

September 09, 2021

[Dr. Tony Baldwin, Buncombe Cty Schools Supt.](#)

Ste of our Schools Post-Covid

September 16, 2021

[Nathan Pennington, Buncombe County Planning & Development Director](#)

County Planning Initiatives

September 23, 2021

[Bakari Sellers](#)

Noted national attorney, author, and political commentator

Coming Events

September 2nd

[Annual Fundraiser](#)

September 9th

[Tourists Game Volunteers](#)

September 12th

[September Carrier Park Cookout](#)

Club Leaders

[Katherine Morosani](#)
President

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

New Member Talks

Join us this **Thursday, September 2**, as we enjoy a Club favorite, learning about our newest members. Just so happens that all three speakers are IT professionals! Come hear their story and support them as members of our Club.



Ward Peacock - Ward spent his entire career in the IT industry as a software engineer, product manager and project and team manager, almost entirely in the Raleigh / Durham / Chapel area. He is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill in both 1978 and 1996 and is an avid Tarheel fan. He and his wife Kathleen decided to retire to the Asheville area in October of 2020 and look forward to getting to know the people and Asheville area while continuing to serve the community through Rotary.

Evan Rosenberg - Evan started in the IT field in 1982! A software engineer, he formed his own successful specialized IT consulting firm, 1998 thru 2018, transitioning to FTE at CVS Health to finish out his career. Before forming his business, Evan was the IT Director for Johns Hopkins Homecare Group, and has worked in healthcare IT most of his adult life. Married to his wonderful wife for over 40 years, they love to travel and have so far visited five continents! Just before Thanksgiving 2020 Evan and his wife moved into their "forever home" in the Wilderness Cove area of the Biltmore Lake community.



Amy Stovall - Amy is a self-employed enterprise solutions consultant skilled in implementation, integration, and business transformation with 20 years of IT delivery experience in cloud SaaS and on-premise environments. She is an advocate for women in STEM. Amy relocated to western NC after 20 years in the mountain west. She has extensive volunteer experience: Ambassador, Denver Botanic Gardens; Mentor, The Eating Disorder Foundation; Foundation District Director, District 6, Sigma Kappa Foundation; and Recruitment Supervisor, Sigma Kappa Sorority.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



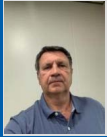
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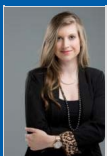
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Chair



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Helen Stefanidis

By Sara L Marshall

PRESIDENT GOSSETT DELIVERS A-B TECH UPDATE



Our guest speaker **Dr. John Gossett**, president of AB-Tech, shared updates on Covid-19, Pratt & Whitney, and the state of the industry as it pertains to AB-Tech.

The discussion started off with the work the school did in keeping the virus off the campus - requiring masks, providing hand sanitizer, and distancing rules. As a result the campus has a much smaller percentage of infections than the general public. Going into the 2021-22

school year, vaccinations are highly recommended and incentivized, but not required to return to campus.

Dr. Gossett then touched upon the much anticipated arrival of manufacturer Pratt & Whitney to Asheville. AB-Tech is partnering with the company by providing pre-employment training, that if completed, guarantees an opportunity to interview with the company. After the employee is hired, the college will continue to provide job specific training at the upcoming Biltmore Park West location.

Dr. Gossett also spoke on the state of the university, including lower enrollment numbers. He mentioned some factors that contributed to this, particularly this year - lack of childcare, new quality of life standards, and people taking the opportunity for retirement. The majority age range of students is in the late 20s and most students in that age range in our area cannot take a full course load since you have to work full-time to be able to live in Asheville.

Before we kicked off this week's meeting, we recognized **Al Davis** with being honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations and thank you, Al!



ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER



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Birthdays

Deborah H. Francis
September 2nd

Philip W. Swyers Jr.
September 5th

Margaret Gormley-Chapman
September 8th

George G. Lycan
September 12th

Keith Whitman Bell
September 13th

Donna Rogers Ensley
September 15th

Scott T Baker
September 15th

Evan Justin Rosenberg
September 19th

Eric C. Bryant
September 20th

Rachel Rion Moran
September 20th

Richard J. Jacobs
September 23rd

The Rotary Club of Asheville Presents

Rock & Roll with Rotary



This Thursday is the first **annual club fundraiser** we've had in two years! The money raised provides funds for all of our club's service projects such as: **ABCCM Women and Children's Home, Rotarians Against Hunger, Tennent Scholarship Program, Blue Ridge Honor Flight**, and more.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Traveling Rotarians - Parlez Vous Francais?

Join us on the evening of **Wednesday, September 8** as **Ken Nelson** takes us on a journey to France. He'll introduce us to Samaur, an Asheville Sister City, located in the beautiful Loire Valley. Several of our Rotarians have gotten to know this city through Rotary Friendship Exchange trips.



And then, **Dave Snider** will then take us to the bustling and beautiful Pasadena, California.



Joseph T. Hackett
September 24th
Robert Steve Frellick
September 25th
Steve Roman
September 28th
Alexander F. Comfort
September 29th
John S. Fisher
September 30th
Frank Harwell Rutland
September 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin R. Montgomery
September 1st
David R. McCartney
September 1st
Steven M. Higley
September 2nd
Thomas G. Leavesley
September 7th
Donna Rogers Ensley
September 10th
Susan F. Harper
September 11th
Herman S. Turk
September 12th
Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
September 14th
Evan Justin Rosenberg
September 21st
Ken Nelson
September 23rd
Jessica Z Hendrix
September 24th
Eric W. Michael
September 30th
William C. Rawlings
September 30th

Do you have travels you'd be willing to share with the group? Please let **Dave Kaverman** or **Betty Doll** know. Watch for the link to this month's program in your email on the morning of September 8th.

September Cookout

The Fellowship Committee is asking you to mark your calendars for another fun Rotary Cookout! **Sunday, September 12th, from 4 - 7 p.m.** at the Rotary Pavillion in Carrier Park. Bring a dish to share and the Club will provide the burgers/hot dogs.



Please RSVP using the link **Betty Doll** sent you. If you cannot find that email, please log into DACdb and RSVP by going to the *Club Calendar* and clicking the *RSVP* link under: **September 12, 2021 - September Carrier Park Cookout.**

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on In-Person Meeting Policy

A new August 18 order from the Buncombe County Board states that **"face coverings are required of all Buncombe County citizens, residents and visitors in any indoor spaces in public spaces** to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others. Indoor public places means ... any indoor place the public is invited or allowed to enter and gather." The order also says, "for restaurants, bars, and other food establishments, this includes that all guests wear face coverings at their tables **unless actively drinking or eating.**"

In order to comply with this order, our club **now requires that all meeting attendees continually wear a face covering** unless actively eating or drinking, regardless of vaccination status.

Public Image Committee Help

Love telling stories? Join the writers team to help with member profiles for the Spotlight column. It's a great way to help build our Rotarian community while getting better acquainted with some of our members,

please contact [Kirk Borland](#), who coordinates our team of writers.

Enjoy being at the weekly meeting? Help us with reporting program information. Please contact PI Chair [Sara Marshall](#) for more information on how you can help.

Like reading this weekly newsletter? Use your skills to help publish it. Contact [Sara Marshall](#) for more information.

Donations and Scholarships

Donations to our **Club Foundation** can now be made directly on our website. Can't make the fundraiser but want to contribute to our projects this year, owe happy dollars for birthdays and anniversaries, been fined for looking too good in the media ♦ hit the EASY button by going to [RotaryAsheville.org](#). Also, treasurer **Janet** now has the ability to take donations, happy dollars and fines at club meetings via credit card. And don't worry, she will ALWAYS take your cash or check.

Please bring raffle items for our weekly drawing that benefits the **Tennent Scholarships**. Promote your business, your passion, or your creativity. A big shout out to **Jim Davidson** last week who used his superior sales abilities to double our usual ticket sales!

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 a part of.



If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG, please email [Helen Stefanidis](mailto: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?