

# Rotary



# Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, September 14, 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](mailto:avrotary1915@gmail.com).  
60 Church St  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

## Speakers

**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

No Events found

## Club Leaders



[Katherine Morosani](#)  
President



[Ross Sloan](#)  
President-Elect



[Richard T. Devereaux](#)  
Past President  
Secretary

[David A. Kozak](#)  
Treasurer

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Katherine Morosani

### County Planning Initiatives



Join us this Thursday, September 16,  
as we welcome **Nathan ♦Nate♦  
Pennington**, Planning Director of  
Buncombe County's Planning &  
Development Department.

Nate was born in Amory, Mississippi  
and grew up most of his life in  
Tennessee in the Nashville area. He  
holds bachelor's and master's degrees  
from the University of Tennessee in  
Knoxville, in sociology with the latter  
degree in urban and regional planning.

Before Nate knew that urban planning  
was a science, he found an interest in building cityscapes in the sand  
and mud box, using sprinkler system piping for stormwater culverts and  
sticks, stones and scrap wood for structural steel to reinforce mud  
skyscrapers and infrastructure.

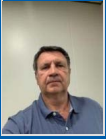
After grad school, Nate landed in the Florida Keys as a planner working  
for Islamorada, Village of Islands. After working in the Emergency  
Operations Center for 8 hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane  
seasons, he and his wife (also a planner) bounced back to the  
mountains. He spent 9 years working for the City of Asheville and is  
nearing 6 years working for Buncombe County.

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

### The State of Our Schools Post Covid

We were privileged to have **Dr. Tony  
Baldwin** address our club on  
September 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Baldwin has  
served as Superintendent of  
Buncombe County Schools since 2009.  
Buncombe County includes 44  
schools, 22,000 students, and 4000  
staff.



Patrick A. Snyder  
President-Nominee  
Treasurer



Janet L. Whitworth  
Past President  
Treasurer



Bradley A. Arnold  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Celeste B. Collins  
Diversity Equity &  
Inclusion



Albert Davis  
Community Service  
Chair



Melissa R. Drennan  
Club Admin Chair



Tanya N. Fletcher  
Interact Club Sponsor  
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David T. Kaverman  
Membership Chair



Sharon Kay LeDuc  
International Service  
Chair



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer  
Club Director



Helen Stefanidis  
Bulletin Editor



Ford Willis  
Attendance Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Dr. Baldwin shared the success of a global education initiative to introduce language immersion starting in kindergarten. Rotary was an early supporter of this initiative twelve years ago which has now expanded to cover grades K through 6. Dr. Baldwin also discussed the school's pandemic response. Buncombe County schools remain committed to student education as well as supporting students' social and emotional skills development.

Many thanks to Dr. Baldwin for his dedication to this mission during these difficult times.

## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Final Volunteer Shift with the Asheville Tourists







Kristy Wilson  
Vocational Service  
Chair



Joseph T. Hackett  
Club Programs Chair



Charles M. Peabody III  
Sgt-at-Arms



Sara L. Marshall  
Club Public Image  
Chair



Sophia Stefanidis  
Ungert  
Past President



Richard T. Devereaux  
Assistant Governor



## Birthdays

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

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

Mehmet Zeki Maviyildiz  
October 1st

Thomas A. Cannon  
October 3rd

Jonathan Allred  
October 6th



**Rick Devereaux** thanks those that participated at our final fundraising volunteer opportunity with the Asheville Tourists:

*I can't thank you enough for soldering on for 5 hours last night (Thursday, September 9)!! Whether you were a veteran concessionaire in the cooler confines of Moon's Landing or a rookie working in the the sweatshop of "Crash's Kitchen, you are all heroes in my book. Thanks for selling countless hot dogs and chili cheese fries and transforming the Rotary cog wheel into a smiling face for the Asheville public.*

*A special thank you to our Rotary spouses who helped out last night -- Elizabeth, Stephanie, Frank, Carleton, and Tom -- you each went above and beyond, and selflessly helped our club and our service projects. We are indebted. We will figure out a better way to say thank you in the near future.*

*I'll let you know as soon as I find out what our take was from the Tourists. According to Sophia, in tips alone we netted over \$50! So if anyone needs a reference for a budding fast food career let me know and I'll put in a good word for you.*

## Update on In-Person Meeting Policy

A new 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

Frankie L Adkins  
October 8th  
William R. Goacher  
October 9th  
Joe L Worthington Jr.  
October 9th  
Donna W. Prinz  
October 10th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Eva-Michelle G. Spicer  
September 14th  
Evan Justin Rosenberg  
September 21st  
Ken Nelson  
September 23rd  
Jessica Z Hendrix  
September 24th  
William C. Rawlings  
September 30th  
Eric W. Michael  
September 30th  
Joseph T. Hackett  
October 3rd  
Joshua M. Abrams  
October 6th  
James T. Deuel  
October 6th  
Scott Hicks  
October 7th  
Margaret Gormley-Chapman  
October 9th  
Paul Hylar  
October 10th  
George G. Lyan  
October 11th

information. Please contact PI Chair [Sara Marshall](#) for more information on how you can help.

## Donations and Scholarships

Donations to our **Club Foundation** can now be made directly on our website. Didn'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.

## 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 [Sara Marshall](#) no later than Saturday, prior to Tuesday publishing.*



## 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?