

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, September 21, 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 23, 2021

[Bakari Sellers](#)

Noted national attorney, author, and political commentator

September 30, 2021

[Josh Dorfman, Plantd CEO](#)

The Lazy Environmentalist
Turned Entrepreneur

October 07, 2021

[Stephanie Twitty](#)

CEO of Eagle Market Streets
Development Corp.

October 14, 2021

[Audley Knight](#)

Rotary International Regional
Membership Chair

Coming Events

No Events found

Club Leaders



[Katherine Morosani](#)
President



[Ross Sloan](#)
President-Elect

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By James T. Deuel

Noted National Attorney, Author, and Political Commentator



Bakari Sellers was born into an activist family. His father, civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers, instilled core values in him to continue in the tireless commitment to service. In 2005 he earned a bachelor's degree in African-American Studies from Morehouse College, and then continued his education in 2008 at the University of South Carolina School of Law earning a juris doctor. Bakari currently practices law with the Strom Law Firm, LLC, in Columbia, SC, where he heads the firm's Strategic Communication and Public Affairs team, and has recently added

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consulting to the list of services offered.

Bakari recently released a New York Times Best Seller *My Vanishing Country: A Memoir*. The book has been described as part memoir, part historical and cultural analysis illustrating the lives of America's forgotten black working-class men and women. He recently expanded his audience with the [Bakari Sellers Podcast](#), a twice-a-week show that is part of The Ringer Podcast Network. His podcasts discuss a variety of topics from politics, race, sports, media, the presidential campaign, and much more.

Bakari's ability to reach across the aisle to get things done has led to numerous achievements including being named TIME Magazine's 40 Under 40 and The Root 100 list of the nation's most influential African-Americans in 2015, and HBCU Top 30 Under 30 in July 2014.

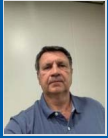
ROTARY DISTRICT 7670 AWARD

Asheville Sister Cities, Inc. Receives Rotary District 7670 Award

The **Asheville Rotary Club**, **Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club**, and **Rotary Club of Madison County** nominated Asheville Sister Cities, Inc. for a Rotary District 7670 Award for their leadership in



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Diversity Equity &
Inclusion



Albert Davis
Community Service
Chair



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Club Admin Chair



Tanya N. Fletcher
Interact Club Sponsor
Youth Services Chair



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

the Wheelchair Project for three cities in Mexico (San Cristóbal, Valladolid and Tapachula). Rotary clubs in each of the three Mexican cities were involved, along with ASCI's two Sister Cities/Committees in Mexico. The champions of this project are Gwen & Carroll Hughes and this award recognizes **Providing 240 wheelchairs to mobility-limited persons in 3 Mexican Cities**.



The wheelchair project provided 230 regular wheelchairs and 10 special needs Kanga Chairs to individuals within Human Services Agencies in the Mexican cities. The project utilized a matching grant from the Wheelchair Foundation (division of Behring Global Educational Foundation). Club Rotario in San Cristóbal covered the Customs Fees and coordinated the distribution. There were events in each city to celebrate the deliveries.



Fundación Bepensa did in-country transport to Valladolid. The City of Tapachula with local Rotary there delivered and distributed to their city. The wheelchairs were delivered by sea container to Vera Cruz and trucked to San Cristóbal where **Dr. Rafael Bonilla**, Club Rotario de San Cristobal President, his wife, Cristy and **Alejandro Bermudez**, Foundation Chair for Club Rotario (on the left) accepted the delivery.

The Rotary logo with District 7670, and Mexican district plus the ASCI logo is



embroidered on each regular chair back by the manufacturer.

INTERACT CLUB INFORMATION

2021 - 2022 Asheville High Interact Club

Tanya Fletcher and **Rick Devereaux** attended the inaugural meeting of this year's Asheville High School Interact Club. They were pleased to report that the room was packed with an overflow crowd of students, including many juniors and seniors. The impressive Interact student leadership team spoke to the group and discussed the five projects they are already planning, and which have already obtained student signups.

The group was given an overview of Rotary International, our causes, our Asheville Club, and our offer for future partnership opportunities and



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

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

Frankie L. Adkins
October 8th

William R. Goacher
October 9th

Joe L. Worthington Jr.
October 9th

Donna W. Prinz
October 10th

Richard T. Devereaux
October 16th

Daniel J. Lepore
October 19th

support. AHS sponsor, Jacob Kerber, expressed his vision for an Interact group that he believes would more than fill the AHS auditorium.

Rick comments, "In short, I think Interact is off to a flying start. They are truly an inspiring group of young people who are chomping at the bit to begin in-person service projects for the community."

Here are some photos from the last Interact group gatherings in 2019:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Travel With Us Without Leaving Your Couch

Join us for the next installment in *Asheville Rotarians Around the World* on **Wednesday, October 13th at 7 p.m.**



Sharon LeDuc will share what she is referring to as their **Portugal Pandemic Sojourn (PPS)** and **Kristy Wilson** will share her beautiful trip

to Maine. Isn't it great that both of these trips were taken THIS summer? We are starting to travel again!

Watch your email on the morning of October 13th for a link to the presentation and feel



Oscar P. Wong
October 21st

free to share it with others!

Wedding Anniversaries

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 Hyler
October 10th

George G. Lyan
October 11th

Robert Steve Frellick
October 20th

Barbara J. Bowers
October 21st

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Fall Fundraiser with the Artemus Pyle Band



Thank you goes out to everyone who came to our **Rock & Roll with Rotary** event at Highland Brewing on September 2nd. We raised almost \$30,000 that will go to our Club's service projects! If you couldn't make the event and would still like to donate, please do so [here](#).

We would like to give a special **thank you** to our sponsors for the evening:

Sweet Home Carolina sponsors:

The FIRG Group
Spicer Greene Jewelers

Simple Man sponsors:

Apex Brain Centers
Bank of America
Barbara Bowers Law
Edward Jones Advisor Katherine Morosani
First Horizon Bank
The Real Estate Center

What's Your Name sponsors:

Dewey Property Advisors
Gillespie Dental
Janet Whitworth, Premier Sotheby's International Realty
Mark Knollman, DDS
PlumDog Financial
Rick and Elizabeth Devereaux

For more photos of the fundraiser [link here](#).

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.

Donations and Scholarships

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

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](mailto:Sara.Marshall) no later than Saturday, 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?