

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, November 15, 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

November 18, 2021

[Past District Governor Gary Dills](#)
The Rotary Foundation

November 25, 2021

[Thanksgiving Day](#)
No Meeting Today

December 02, 2021

[Kathey Avery, Founder of Avery
Health - Education and
Consulting](#)

Community Health and
Preventive Services

December 09, 2021

[David LaMotte, Musician-Author-
Rotary Peace Fellow](#)
"Worldchanging 101"

Coming Events

November 18th
[Thirsty Third Thursday Social](#)

November 18th
[Nashville Songwriters in the
Round](#)

Club Leaders



[Katherine Morosani](#)
President

[Ross Sloan](#)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

Overview of the Rotary Foundation with Gary Dills



Gary is a native of Franklin, NC and resides in Otto, NC with Nancilee, his wife, a native of Lincolnton, NC. Both are active in the community, serving on various community boards and councils in Franklin and Macon County. The couple has three adult children and six grandchildren scattered along the east coast.

Mr. Dills retired as a Colonel in the United States Air Force with almost thirty years of active duty. He served in various senior command and staff positions at the Pentagon, European Command, Pacific Air Forces, and various installations around the world.

He commanded the 377 Air Base Wing at Kirkland AFB, NM, the 436th Support Group at Dover AFB, Delaware, and Air Forces (Forward) for Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. He is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, and the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters. He is a master navigator with over 3000 flying hours in various aircraft.

He began his Rotary journey in 2006 and has served as Club President, District Finance Chair, District Foundation Chair, District Foundation Fund Raising Committee, and District Chair of Operation Renewal which assisted homeless veterans and their families. He was also the principal lead in establishing the Rotary Club of Clay County. He is one of the founders and active member of the READ2ME literacy project in Macon County and an active partner in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Macon County serving children from birth to age five.

Gary holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Western Carolina University, a Master of Science degree in human relations from Webster University and a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

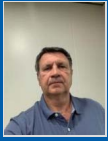
Last Week's Meeting



President-Elect



Richard T. Devereaux
Past President
Secretary
Webmaster



David A. Kozak
Treasurer



Patrick A. Snyder
President-Nominee
Treasurer



Janet L. Whitworth
Past President
Treasurer



Bradley A. Arnold
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Club Director



Celeste B. Collins
Diversity Equity &
Inclusion



Albert Davis
Club Director
Community Service
Chair



Melissa R. Drennan
Club Admin Chair
Club Director



Tanya N. Fletcher
Club Director
Interact Club Sponsor
Youth Services Chair



David T. Kaverman
Membership Chair
Club Director



Sharon Kay LeDuc
Club Director
International Service
Chair



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
Club Director



Ford Willis
Attendance Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Last week's meeting was held on Veterans Day. We started the meeting with recognition and gratitude for the veterans in our membership. We also welcomed a new member, Michelle Daniels. Michelle has dedicated much of her life to service through the Peace Corps, global education, and Rotary. We are fortunate to have her join our club. Our speaker was Senior Vice President for Economic Development and Executive Director for the Economic Development Coalition (EDC) for Asheville-Buncombe County at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, Clark Duncan. Clark leads a departmental team including functional areas of industry retention and expansion, equitable workforce development strategies, new employer recruitment, research and the entrepreneurial programs of Venture Asheville. The EDC has announced over 5,100 new direct jobs and \$1.9 billion in new capital investment in Buncombe County since 2010.

Clark shared interesting perspectives and economic data on our Asheville Metro area. He also walked us through a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for our local economy. Many thanks to Clark Duncan for his time with our club and his work to improve quality of life in our region.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thirsty Third Thursday

Join us on the third Thursday of each month around 5 pm at Highland Brewery for Thirsty Third Thursday. Join with fellow Rotarians, spouses and partners, friends, guests and anyone else who is interested, sip a libation, and get to know each other a little better. Weather permitting, we'll be out on the Meadow at Highland--if not, we'll be inside.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nashville Songwriters in the Round Fundraiser

Our next Nashville Songwriters in the Round Fundraiser to raise funds for our Tennent Scholarship Program is November 18th at Highland Brewing.

Many of you were sponsors in the past. Would you consider being a sponsor again this year? All sponsorship money goes directly to scholarships; ticket sales pay for the event.

To understand the impact we are having on these students' lives, here



Kristy Wilson
Club Director
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
iPast President



Richard T. Devereaux
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Kelly C. Shanafelt
November 20th
Mark A. Knollman
November 21st
William C. Rawlings
November 24th
Miles Mennell
November 24th
Michael E. Greene
November 28th
Lacy A. Hagan
November 29th
David A. Kozak
November 30th
Levonía B. Reese
December 2nd
Celeste B. Collins
December 3rd
Charles E. Reiley
December 4th
Bruce G. Clark
December 6th
Zachary F. Lamb
December 6th
Steven B. Shechter
December 7th
John C. Palmer
December 10th
Glenn W. Wilcox
December 11th
Paul Hyler
December 12th
Scott B. Carter
December 13th
Carol C. Hensley
December 13th
David K. Snider Sr.
December 13th

is a [link to a video testimonial](#) from two of them.

If you have not attended our event and enjoyed the incredible talent we have, here is a video from our 2018 event:

<https://youtu.be/qIxxjXFDhEc8>

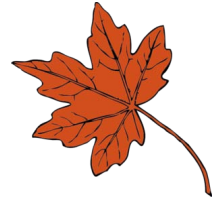
Contact Janet Whitworth for more information on the levels of sponsorship available if you choose to participate at that level.

To purchase tickets click this [link for Eventbrite](#).

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve Thanksgiving morning breakfast at the ABCCM Veterans ♦ Restoration Quarters.

8 volunteers are needed to arrive on Thanksgiving morning at 6:45 AM until about 9:00 AM. This project is led by Tom Leavsley. To volunteer please email Al Davis at al@davisfinancialplanning.com.



Celebrate Rotary Foundation Month



November is Foundation Month where we celebrate the mission of the foundation and encourage our members to contribute to the foundation. Our goal is to have every member contribute every year. As the calendar year draws to a close, it is a great time for members to evaluate what contribution might be

appropriate for them. Contributions are easy to manage in members' myrotary.org account

The Rotary Foundation Mission:

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Rotary Club of Asheville Members,

At Transformation Village, we are excited about celebrating the holidays in our new facility. We have some large Christmas trees that were generously donated to us, and we are seeking assistance in erecting and decorating them.

Since Rotary has been such a huge part of getting us where we are today, we would like to extend a special invitation to you all to come help us get ready for Christmas. If you would like to be a part of

Lawrence E. Thompson III
December 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

John S. Donahoe
November 16th

Avtar Singh Dhaliwal
November 17th

Stephen E. Aschmann
November 20th

Oscar P. Wong
November 25th

Sharon Kay LeDuc
November 28th

Dena B Whalen
December 4th

purchasing decorations for our trees as well as helping us put them up, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator, Shannon Paris. She can be reached at Shannon.Paris@ABCCM.org or directly at 828-398-6985. Please also copy Director Carolyn Cronin as she will be your "day of" contact, Carolyn.Cronin@ABCCM.org.

We are seeking donations of satin Christmas ornaments in red, green and gold, much like the tree pictured below, as well as pine cones and silk poinsettias for decorating.

The raising and decorating of our tree is scheduled to take place on Sunday, November 28 at 3PM. This is an exciting time for us to have Christmas in our new home.



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.

Youth Services Committee is looking for Rotarians to serve as coaches for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) Mar 24-27, 2022 at the YMCA in Black Mountain. This three day weekend for high schoolers in our district is a great opportunity to have an impact in young leaders' lives. Please contact Tanya Fletcher tfletcher@sterlingtransitions.com to learn more about what it is all about.



If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG, please email [Lisa Cutshaw](mailto:Lisa.Cutshaw) no later than Saturday, prior to Tuesday publishing.

FOUR WAY TEST



Rotary

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?