

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, November 17, 2020



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

DUKE ENERGY UPDATE

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at During the Covid-19 pandemic our club is meeting virtually via Zoom. Sign in early between 12-12:30 for informal breakout groups. Email avlrotary1915@gmail.com to request Zoom link.

Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

November 19, 2020

[Jason Walls](#)

Duke Energy Update

November 26, 2020

[Thanksgiving Day - No Meeting](#)

December 03, 2020

[John Wingerter, Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships Buncombe County Council on Aging](#)

December 10, 2020

[Dr. Leah Mathews, UNCA Professor and Economics Chair](#)
Value of the View: The Economics of the Environment

Coming Events

December 1st
Club Board Meeting

On November 19 Jason Walls, District Manager of Asheville Region for Duke Energy, will update us on Duke's current business focus. Jason Walls currently leads Duke Energy's local government and community relations efforts in Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties. In this job, Jason is responsible for working with governmental, community and environmental leaders on the company's regional issues and initiatives. Jason's presentation will help us to understand how Duke Energy is responding to our region's energy needs as well as the climate change issues that have become increasingly important to Rotarians and so many other people around the world.



We hope you can join us on Zoom this Thursday.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Breakfast Volunteers Needed for ABCCM



Every Thanksgiving, members the Rotary Club of Asheville serve as the "food crew" for the breakfast shift at the ABCCM Veterans Quarters, allowing the regular staff to be off that morning. If you are interested in joining us on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, from 7:00 - 9:00 AM. We need a total of ten volunteers.



The COVID safety measures at the ABCCM are very strict; [click here to read more about those measures](#). If you have registered in past years, then you are in the volunteer data base. If not, please [click on this link to do so](#). Or contact Tom Leavesley for additional information.

To sign up access this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10IoFFjvkD8Vvcd4XtSyQ2YxUt5vetDEjvKSe9pala1o/edit?usp=sharing>

Happy Hour Sip & Learn via ZOOM - Next Scheduled 12/8

December 2nd
Hike with Rotary

December 8th
Happy Hour Sip & Learn

Club Leaders



Celeste B. Collins
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



Sophia S. Ungert
President



Katherine Morosani
President-Elect



Richard T. Devereaux
Past President
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David A. Kozak
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Bradley A. Arnold
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Club Director



Melissa R. Drennan
Club Admin
Chair
Club Director



Mark A. Knollman
Club Director
Vocational
Service Chair



Sharon Kay LeDuc
Club Director
International
Service Chair



Sara L. Marshall
Club Public
Image Chair

Donna W. Prinz

Learn more about what it means to be a member of the Rotary Club of Asheville. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month the membership committee will facilitate a chance for you to learn more about Rotary and ask questions on numerous topics including: Leadership, Service Projects, Committees, DACdb, Club History, and Financial Structure. Meeting will begin at 5:30 PM. Janet will send a ZOOM link the day of the scheduled meetings: 12/8

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.

Weekly Meeting Zoom Instructions

Please look for Dustin Schlabach to email the weekly meeting Zoom. Click on the link or copy and paste in your web browser. If that will not work go to zoom.com, click join a meeting and enter the meeting ID included in Dustin's email.

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

If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG please email to Sara Marshall smarshall@firsthhorizon.com by 5pm on Saturday prior to Tuesday publishing.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

*Please let your friends, family, and neighbors know that Asheville City Schools is hiring substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. All candidates need to complete an online application that includes three references. The application is located on the ACS homepage under the careers tab. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and hold a high school diploma. Substitute teaching allows individuals to work with our amazing K-12th grade students and have a flexible schedule. To learn more about how to become a substitute teacher, please contact Kimberly Dechant, Ed.D. at 828-350-6140 or email Kimberly.dechant@acsgmail.net.

*Contact Salvation Army Commander and fellow club member [Phil Swyers](#) if you'd like to help out with Covid-19 relief efforts

*Contact the Red Cross of WNC at redcross.org/volunteer. (Rotarian Megan Robinson, Executive Director Red Cross of WNC)

*Contact the Asheville Y downtown or Ferguson branch to give shopping bags for their food packages. (Rotarian Jessica Hendrix, Executive Director Asheville Y)



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Youth Services
Chair



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Nominee



Patrick A. Snyder
Club Director
Community
Service Chair



Eva-Michelle G.
Spicer
Club Director



Patricia M.
Puckridge
Membership
Chair



Dustin L.
Schlabach
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Ford Willis
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Megan E
Robinson
Club Programs
Chair



Janet L.
Whitworth
iPast President



Donna Rogers
Ensley
Assistant
Governor

Birthdays

Miles Menell
November 24th
William C. Rawlings
November 24th
Michael E. Greene
November 28th
Lacy A. Hagan
November 29th
David A. Kozak
November 30th
Levonía B. Reese
December 2nd
James W Baley
December 2nd

*Contact handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org for all volunteer opportunities in the area. (Rotarian Kevin Montgomery, Director of Resource Development)

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

ROTARY AND ROTARACT CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS

If there is a silver lining to our new pandemic reality, it's connecting with people virtually that we would otherwise not hear from in person. Our November 12 meeting program was a wonderful example. The presenter was thousands of miles and several time zones away yet we got to experience his dynamic energy as we learned about Rotaract and **DOGODERY**. Chris Wells spoke to us from Market Harborough, England. Chris founded the Rotaract club in his hometown of Market Harborough and shared experiences teaming with local Rotary to do good in their community. We thank Chris for sharing his experiences and for reminding us that our shared



Rotary values connect us across borders and generations.

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT ON MARCIA WHITNEY

By Linda Nelson



Everyone has interesting stories to tell about their lives, and Marcia Whitney is no exception. Growing up in Fairfield, CT, she had aspirations to become a Veterinarian or work for the United Nations, but instead, she took a very different path.

She graduated from The University of California, Santa Cruz with a degree in International Relations and received a Masters in International Administration from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT. Before Marcia went to Grad

Celeste B. Collins
December 3rd
Charles E. Reiley
December 4th
Lelia A Duncan
December 5th
Zachary F. Lamb
December 6th
Bruce G. Clark
December 6th
Benjamin Harrison
December 7th
Steven B. Shechter
December 7th
John C. Palmer
December 10th
Glenn W. Wilcox
December 11th
Paul Hyler
December 12th
Scott B. Carter
December 13th
David K Snider Sr.
December 13th
Carol C. Hensley
December 13th
Lawrence E. Thompson III
December 14th
Carol L. King
December 16th
Edward Broadwell Jr.
December 17th
Mariah Faith Doyle
December 17th

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Avtar Singh Dhaliwal
November 17th
Stephen E. Aschmann
November 20th
Oscar P. Wong
November 25th
William E. Chandler Jr.
November 28th
Sharon Kay LeDuc
November 28th
Dena B Whalen
December 4th

School, she taught French to elementary and pre-school children. She volunteered at a Nature Wildlife Rehab Center, had an internship at the French Embassy in NYC, and waited tables to help pay her tuition fees. As part of her Master's internship, Marcia traveled to Rwanda in January 1994 to become a part of the Nyungwe Forest Conservation Project. After only three months, Civil War broke out. It was a pretty traumatic experience, especially since they had no electricity, and their only means of communication was a shortwave radio. Without an official evacuation plan in place, they made their way to Burundi and joined up with a caravan of around sixteen vehicles of Dutch and other ex-patriots. They eventually boarded a US marine aircraft bound for the US. But that is not the end of the story. When the plane made a stop in Nairobi, Kenya, Marcia decided it was an excellent opportunity to explore Africa. So she back-packed for a month before finally finishing her internship on a project in Uganda. When asked about the most challenging part of her ordeal in Rwanda, without hesitation, she said, "Having to abandon two orphaned chimpanzees that we had been caring for was heartbreaking."



After moving back to the US and living in Vermont for nine years, Marcia and her then husband, decided that thirteen feet of snow in winter was enough, and they chose to move to Asheville. She served with a couple of nonprofit agencies before becoming President & CEO of Verner Center for Early Learning, and asserts, "This is where I hope to be for the rest of my career."

Even after all Marcia's accomplishments and achievements, she is most proud of

her two children. Emma is seventeen and a Senior at Nesbitt Discovery Academy, and Abby is thirteen and attends Owen High School.

After three years in Rotary in Vermont, she joined the Rotary Club of Asheville sponsored by Karen Hultin while working at The Rathbun Center. However, she was destined to become a Rotarian since her father, aunt, and uncle are life-long Rotarians.

Marcia is multi-talented. she is fluent in French; she studied Russian for two years, and she's a mean racquetball player! In her spare time, she enjoys exercising at the YMCA, getting together for dinner with her girlfriends (via Zoom during COVID), playing cards, doing jigsaw puzzles, and playing cards with her children.

We are so blessed to have her as part of our club. Thank you for your service Marcia.

FOUR WAY TEST



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?