Rotary Club of Asheville, Community Service – 10/31/2022

Topics to discuss at the board meeting:

1. Holiday service project. Ideas thus far:
   1. Supporting an Afghan refugee family
   2. Sponsor a family of a Verner Learning Center student
   3. Blanket drive for Haywood Street Congregation
   4. Food drive
   5. Shoes for The Church of the Advocate
   6. Toys for Tots

Ross has shared that he would like for us to focus on our time and donating items instead of money. Focusing fundraising efforts on broader club fundraising initiatives.

1. Ideas regarding ongoing regular volunteer service projects
   1. Is monthly too often (quarterly?)
   2. Keep on the same day or alternate?

The Morrill Grant committee is accepting application from non-profits for 10 grants of $1,250 each as well as an opportunity to present their project and organization to our club during a meeting. David announced that we have only received 3 applications and asked everyone to spread the word in the non-profit world.

Community Service Mondays has been paused through the end of the year with Kelly’s departure and the upcoming holidays. We are planning for a holiday project to be determined.

Kelly and I are planning to have a short meeting after Rotary on Thursday with anyone interested to talk about ongoing community service projects and the holiday project.

We will continue conversations with the Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club and other Buncombe County clubs about coordination of efforts for volunteer projects.

We have the ABBCM Veteran’s Restoration Quarters Thanksgiving breakfast coming up led by Tom Leavesly.

We will also have Salvation Army bell ringing again led by Alex Pence.