

# Rotary

## Club of Asheville Breakfast



### Meeting Notes 8.21.24

Thank you again to all the Bee Farm Volunteers from a few weeks ago. The peace pole is up and was recognized on the world peace website.

Rod needs one or two more volunteers for flag duty on Labor Day in the morning. Please reach out if you can help.

The tickets for the Tourists game have been emailed out to those who purchased them. Thank you to Rod for organizing as always!

The board meeting tomorrow is open to all members. The board will discuss an interact club and a new member initiative.

Watson asked for volunteers to help Jen with getting speakers scheduled for our meetings. Please consider helping and speak with Jen or Watson.

We also need someone who has a relationship with a print company or someone who can print labels for our rotary magazines to cover up our names and addresses so we can share Rotary with barber shops, doctors offices, dentists etc. Please see Watson if you know someone who could help.



### Club Meeting Place & Time

Asheville Breakfast Meets at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel  
22 Woodfin Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM

### Club Officers



[Henry Watson](#)  
Jordan II  
President



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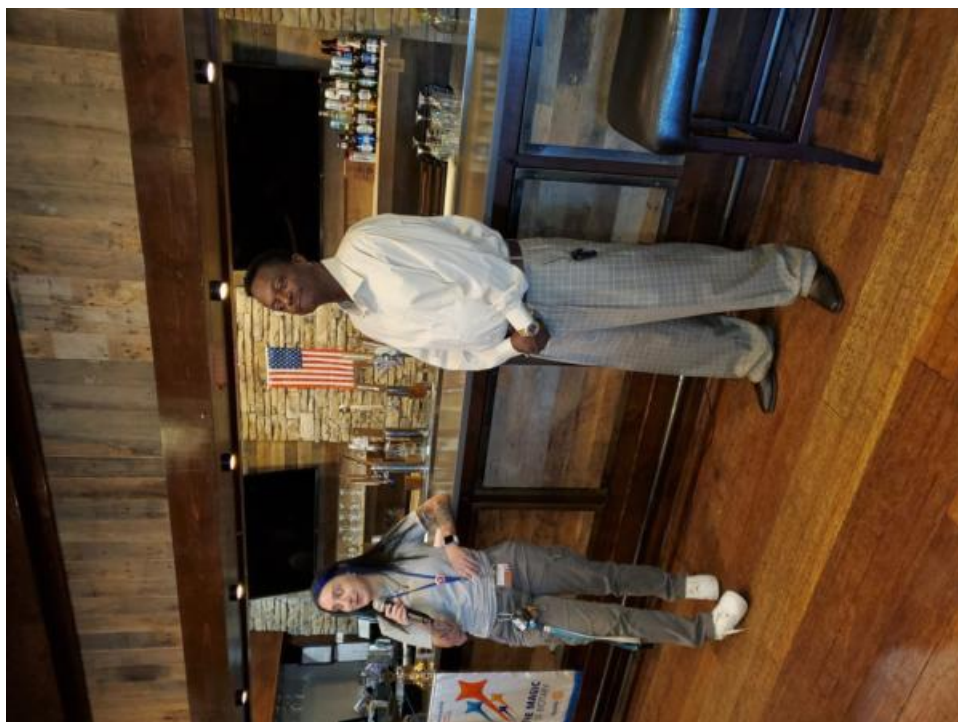


[David L. Hayes](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Nathan Patrick Moran](#)  
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr

## Lexie Wilkins and Olivia with Love and Respect Community for Recovery



Lexie Wilkins and Olivia spoke to the club last week about what Love and Respect Community for Recovery does. They have a drop in center in Hendersonville and they represent the population of people who live with substance abuse disorder and mental health diagnosis. All the employees are trained and certified through UNC Chapel Hill to be peer support specialists. The goal is to humanize this marginalized population and treat these people like people. They want to be a beacon or hope and an example to society that these people do recover, and become productive members of society. The drop in center opens at 9 am Monday to Friday and serves as a safe space. Each day is different for Olivia and Lexie. One day they could be in the woods speaking to the unhoused population, or in a presentation for a Rotary club, or leading a group playing board games together.

In addition to the walk in center, they put on presentations for the community and even with law enforcement. They try to encourage understanding and humanization. The hope is that officers understand that these people they are interacting with may be having one of the worst days of their lives, and they just want to get home to their families. Love and Respect also helps with workforce readiness (mock interviews and applying online for people who don't have the tech skills), finding shelter for the unhoused and their animals, and finding and checking on the unhoused to make sure they are okay, especially during code purples. The ask from Lexie and Olivia is to go somewhere and start a conversation about substance abuse disorder or mental health issues. They are hard conversations, but society won't change how these issues are viewed if we do not speak about them.

### Birthdays



[Jeffrey A. Gould](#)  
September 11th



[Rodney Douglas](#)  
September 12th



[William Taylor Biddle Jr.](#)  
International Service Chair



[Donald R. Swaby](#)  
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[Linda J. Ruhland](#)  
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[Rodney Douglas](#)  
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iPast President



[James Walter Shelton](#)  
RYLA Point of Contact



[Jennifer L. Maneely](#)  
Club Programs Chair



[John M Hajewski](#)  
September 21st



## Speakers

August 28th

[TBA](#)

James Hylemon Hat Duty

September 11th

[Keith Campbell: The Asheville Watchdogs](#)

Tom Kelly Hat Duty

September 4th

[Holly Jones](#)

Cindy Ireland Hat Duty

September 18th

[Carl Chesick](#)

Chuck Killian Hat Duty

## Events

August 29th, 5:00-9:00 PM

[Asheville Tourists Game](#)

Saturday, August 24, 2024