

Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Meeting Notes 8.28.24



See the attached photo for the next National Speakers event in September. Watson and Jenn will be speakers among others. The organization has been really generous raising funds for this club's foundation in the past, so please consider buying a seat if you can make it.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Tourists game and to Rod for organizing as always.

Thank you also to the volunteers for the Labor Day Flag project in Weaverville and to Patrick and Phil for being team leads while Rod is out of town.

The club picnic is very likely going to be held on October 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 at Carrier Park so please mark your calendars.



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

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Don Swaby Member Talk



Last week we had member talks and Don Swaby led off. He was born a farm boy in Arkansas. They raised rice, soy beans, and mosquito so Don quickly figured out farming wasn't for him. In the 9th grade he decided he wanted to fly jets and that is what he did. After college, he joined the Marine Corps and went to flight school. He got his pick of aircraft and chose to fly jets. He served in the Vietnam War and flew 275 missions. He also got his MBA while in service to the Marines and at one point switched to flying the Harrier which had the capability for a vertical take off. When finished flying Don taught at the Naval Academy for 3 years. His second career was as a CFP ending with owning his own business. He and Suzanne will have been married 58 years in November. They have gotten to travel together and have lots of experiences and have loved their lives!



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Marie Anderson



Marie Anderson also shared some of her story last week. Born in Long Island, she and long standing club member Rich met in college. Before they married, she worked as a secretary then stopped when they started their family. They had 2 children who have children of their own. She was doing some proofreading work and found she was correcting a lot of grammar and typing issues in court reports. She decided she would pursue court reporting, which she did for years. She enjoyed sitting and listening. They lived in New York until Rich's retirement from his career as an educator, moving in 2001 to the area to be nearer their daughter in Asheville. They got to help their daughter raise her 2 children until they moved to Nashville, TN. After moving to Asheville, one of her former contacts reached out to see if she would do some proofreading for a court reporter who had too much on her plate. Several other court reporters came on board using her services. She proofread for the most recent 21 years and recently decided it was time to end that career. She joined our club because she wanted to be here doing something good. Welcome to Marie!

Max Fink



The final Member share of the day was from Max Fink. Max grew up in Boulder, CO which he found to be a pretty liberal upbringing, societally speaking. In high school he received a Rotary scholarship to study abroad and used that opportunity to spend a year in Germany. This helped set him on the path to be a traveler and he traveled a lot. His college was completed at St. John's College with 2 campuses, one in Santa Fe and one in Annapolis. His first job out of college was selling tickets and being in charge of the box office for a small business that brought in Spanish Flamenco dancers over the summer. He really enjoyed part of his job getting to sit back and watch the show. The first "real" job he took was working for an employment agency in Chicago. There he got to see first hand some of the injustices and discrimination that happen in this country. He did try to do some work there helping people gain employment out of difficult or discriminatory conditions and feels good about that. From Chicago was a move to Argentina as a tour guide for almost 10 years. He has also lived in Las Vegas, and Park City. Max enjoys moving around, enjoys this club, and likes the energy and the room to develop further. Thank you to Max!

Birthdays



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



[Rodney Douglas](#)
September 12th



[John M Hajewski](#)
September 21st



[Leslie Brazil](#)
September 24th



[Patricia A. Hord-Heatherley](#)
September 24th



[Boyce Allen Brasington, III](#)
September 25th



Speakers

September 4th
[Holly Jones](#)
Cindy Ireland Hat Duty
September 18th
[Carl Chesick](#)
Chuck Killian Hat Duty

September 11th
[Keith Campbell: The Asheville Watchdogs](#)
Tom Kelly Hat Duty

Events

October 6th, 4:00-7:00 PM
[Club Picnic](#)
Friday, August 30, 2024