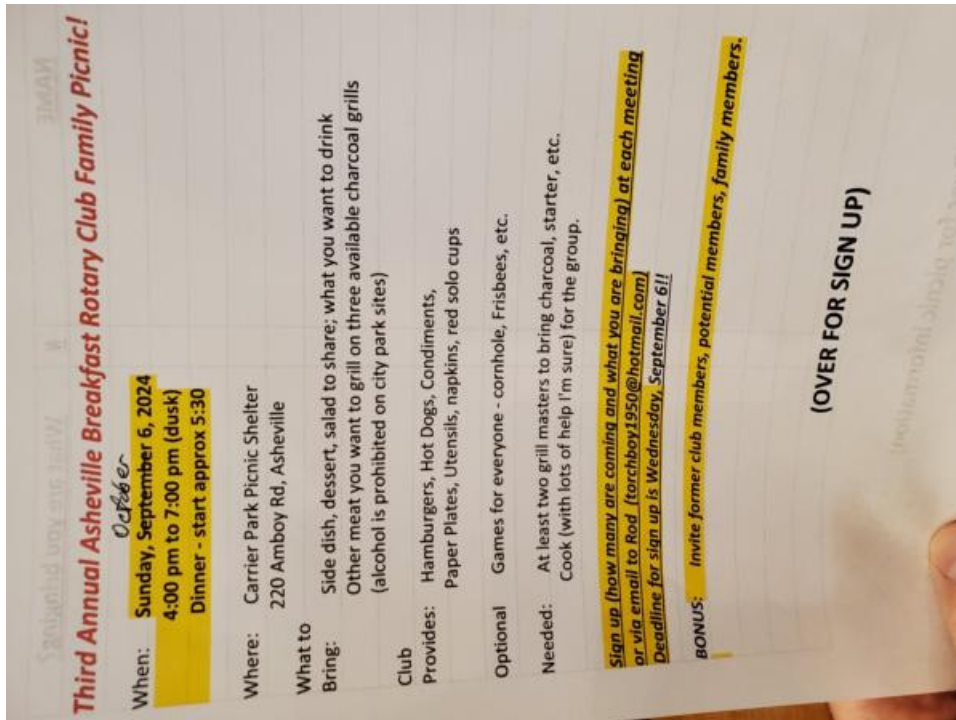


Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Meeting Notes 9.11.24



Rod shared the details for the club picnic coming up. Please consider inviting guests and former members to join us as well.

Thank you again to a great group of guests and to all members who are sharing the magic of Rotary with people in our community.

Stephanie announced the Local VA was voted the best place to work in the VA system. Thank you to Steph and the staff of the VA for all they do for our veterans.

Thank you to all the Helpmate volunteers last weekend and to Don for organizing.

Cindy announced we received approval of our grant for the hygiene project for this year in the amount of \$2000.

Randy shared all the paperwork for Nick, our next Rotary International Scholar, has been approved and he should have his funds soon.

Don announced October 12th at 10:30 we will be serving lunch at Transformation Village so please mark it on your calendar.

October 24th is world Polio Day and we are planning to spend 3-3.5 hours at a local brewery sharing news about Polio and collecting donations. October 26th we are also planning to spend about 3-3.5 hours at an ice cream shop doing the same for the Pints for Polio event with other clubs. We will need about 4 people each day so consider volunteering and let Cindy know if you can



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



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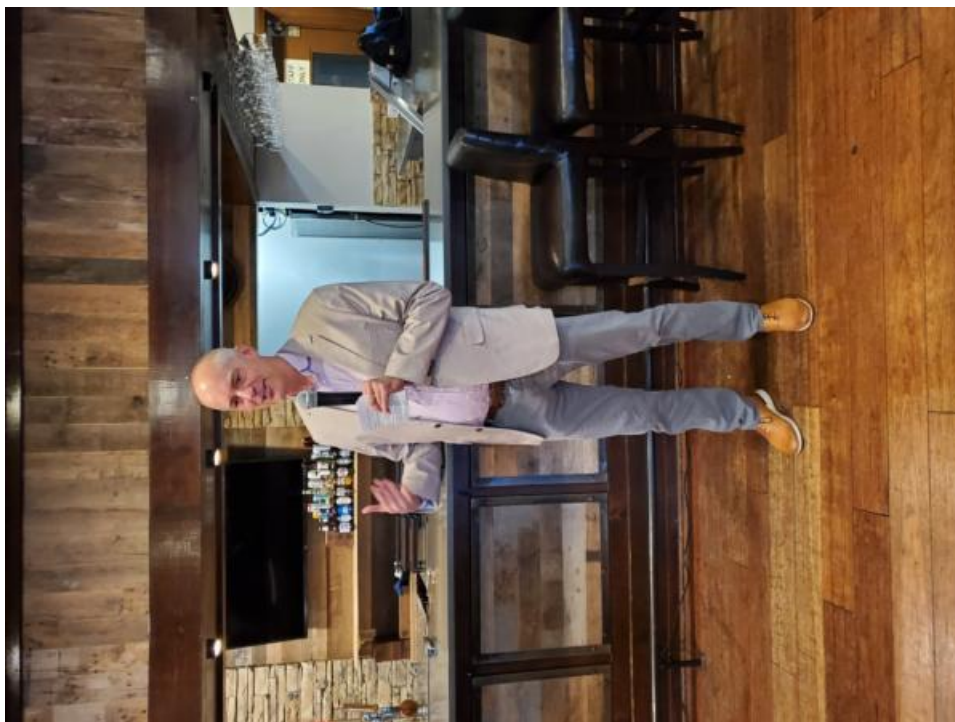


David L. Hayes
Rotary Foundation Chair



Nathan Patrick Moran
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr

Keith Campbell, Asheville Watchdog



Keith Campbell is the Managing Editor of Asheville Watchdog. Asheville has been fortunate to have many very accomplished journalists retire to the area and not be quite done with their careers. Keith comes to us after 31 years working for the Dallas Morning news, culminating in his role as the Managing Editor. He has watched the journalism industry evolve and major news outlets purchased by big corporations. Many of these outlets have seen cut after cut in budget and staff in pursuit of profit/ The quality, breadth, and depth of reporting has likely suffered. Keith shared how dangerous this can be for society and democracy. It is really important to have a successful free press to be sure people can get accurate information to make decisions around.

Launched in 2020, Asheville Watchdog aims to fill some of the void. They mainly publish in depth investigative journalism that most news outlets do not have the time and staff to pursue. Because of the depth, they do not publish dozens of stories per day (which is much different for Keith compared to the Dallas Morning News). The stories they publish are 100% free to read, and they try to distribute the content to other outlets to reach as broad an audience as possible. Some of the biggest stories covered in the past have been related to HCA's buyout of Mission Health. This impactful work was cited multiple times in Attorney General Stein's recent lawsuit against HCA.

Asheville Watchdog has 4 paid employees, including Keith, and many many volunteers. They are funded by donations, so please consider giving even just a little a month so they can continue and expand their work. There are many stories out there they would like to cover if they have enough resources. The other way you can help is by volunteering. They always need help putting on events, fundraising, and getting the word out about the organization. Thank you to Keith for speaking! Learn more at <https://avlwatchdog.org>

Birthdays



[John M Hajewski](#)
September 21st



[Leslie Brazil](#)
September 24th



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



[Donald R. Swaby](#)
Community Service Chair



[Linda J Ruhland](#)
Club Public Image Chair



[Rodney Douglas](#)
Club Social Chair



[Henry P Zaremba](#)
CART Fund Chair



[James Hylemon](#)
Youth Services Chair



[Cynthia K. Ireland](#)
Club PolioPlus Chair
iPast President



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



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



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



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



[Randle T. Middleton Jr.](#)
October 3rd



[L. Thomas Kelly](#)
October 12th

Speakers

September 18th

[Carl Chesick](#)

Chuck Killian Hat Duty

Events

September 14th, 9:00-11:00 AM

[Helpmate Clean up Project](#)

October 12th, 10:30-12:30 PM

[Serve Lunch at Transformation Village](#)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

October 6th, 4:00-7:00 PM

[Club Picnic](#)

