

Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Meeting Notes 11.20.24

The club will host our second Fat Tuesday Fiesta as our spring fund-raiser March 4th at The Grey Eagle. Please start to think about sponsors, guests, donations, and more.

We will participate in Sweats for Vets. Linda has spoken to Sun Soo Martial Arts to partner for donations, and is speaking with Tanger Mall to get communications to the stores there to possibly accept donations. Please see Linda with any ideas to expand our efforts.

Don and Watson plan on working this week to put together a list of possible organizations we could partner with to help with post-hurricane efforts. Please see them if you have ideas.

Linda brought a guest Carrie Myers who has a passion for children. She is the author of a program called self-spirit, empowerment, love, foundations. It is a post hurricane yoga, meditation, and journaling program for kids. There is a journal / book that is 40 pages long covering grief, sadness, how to move the body, joy, and happiness. Her goal is to start distributing the journals to fifth graders, and is going fundraising to get these journals to the kids. Visit [Be The Spark Movement | Change the World](#) to purchase a shirt or to donate funds.

Congratulations to Danny! He is a grandfather to a happy healthy granddaughter born over the last few weeks.

Congratulations to Don for his 58th wedding anniversary.

The Hat Drawing Pot is \$1405. Bring your dollars next week as we will be meeting.

Emma Appleby, Rotary Global Scholar



Club Meeting Place & Time

Asheville Breakfast Meets at Renaissance Hotel Downtown Asheville
31 Woodfin Street Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Wednesday at 07:30 AM

Club Officers



Henry Watson
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Emma Appleby was a global scholar our club sponsored, along with the district, about a year and a half ago. She spoke last week and shared her experience with the program in addition to her plans from here. She is from Raleigh, and moved to Asheville to start her undergraduate degree in 2019 at UNCA in political science. She was able to do an undergrad research project on global human rights and really enjoyed what she learned. The University of Essex has the oldest human rights program in the world. About 2 years ago, she applied and was accepted to their masters degree program in human rights. One of her UNCA professors brought to her attention that Rotary provides scholarship money and was put in touch with Rick Molland.

Rick helped her through the application process for the global grant and.... she was denied. The sticking point was Emma has dual citizenship in the UK and USA. She was able to work with Rick to go back to Rotary and have the reconsider because she wasn't able to receive any help from being a citizen of the UK. Academically, she focused on immigration and asylum seeker rights. Her dissertation was on US and UK immigration policy and how those policies compare to international standards. She also learned some life lessons, like to take burns seriously after dropping hot pie on her foot and not being able to wear shoes for several days (we've all been there). She also learned more about Rotary as she attended several club meetings while in England. Emma was very disappointed in the lack of breakfast at those clubs. She is looking forward to putting her education into practice and is hoping to start in the think tank space in DC. If you have connections please reach out to Watson who can put you in touch with Emma, and thank you to Emma for speaking.

Birthdays

[Donald R. Swaby](#)
November 23rd



[William T. Biggers](#)
November 28th



Rotary
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[Nathan
Patrick
Moran](#)
CCO-Club
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Biddle Jr.](#)
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Service
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Swaby](#)
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Chair



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Zaremba](#)
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Chair



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Services
Chair



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Ireland](#)
Club
PolioPlus
Chair
iPast



[James O. Efland](#)
December 15th



[Carla Hughson-Schmitt](#)
December 1st



[Jeffrey Owen](#)
December 22nd



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



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

Speakers

November 27th
[Circus Anyone? Sara Purser](#)
Jeff Owen Hat Duty

December 11th
[Jennifer Bauer: Landslides in WNC](#)
Phil Pratt Hat Duty

December 18th
[Amanda Wrublewski: Literacy Together](#)
Jenn Maneely Hat Duty

Events

October 15th, 5:00
[Fundraiser for Helene Relief](#)
Saturday, November 23, 2024

March 4th, 5:00-10:00 PM
[Fat Tuesday Fiesta!](#)