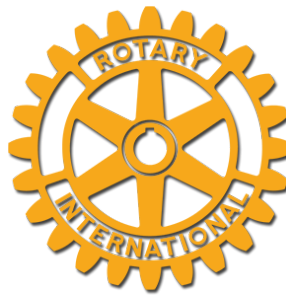


# Rotary

## Club of Asheville Breakfast



## Dr. Jim Lenburg, Thucydides trap, China and USA

By Nathan Patrick Moran on Monday, November 21, 2022



Dr. Jim Lenburg, 30 year professor largely at Mars Hill University and current OLLI instructor, spoke to the club last week about China USA relations and the Thucydides Trap. The Thucydides Trap thesis argues that when an established power meets a rising power war is inevitable and there are a host of examples through history where that has been the case. Russia and some others argue China should be the leader of the international community and China has done some things in attempt to move towards that. They have established a bank to rival the international monetary fund and the World Bank, they are growing military strength, and establishing way to run trade markets outside of the United States.

There are many different risks that could lead to conflict that Dr Lenburg shared with the club. The war in Ukraine could cause issues as China has not to this point provided military aid to Russia, but it has been buying Russian fossil fuels at very high prices as well as publically blames the war on Ukraine. Taiwan is another risk with their very advanced economy and agreement in 1972 which stated China would integrate Taiwan peacefully. Since 1972 the USA has made an agreement to sell defensive military equipment to Taiwan and there are ongoing challenges between China and Taiwan and President Biden has said the US would come to Taiwan's aid in a military conflict. The South China sea has been another issue in the news. International agreements say the waterway belongs to several different countries yet



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### 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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China argues it has been theirs for centuries. The US argues other countries have right of passage through and just about every president has sailed through the area to show that policy. The Chinese are now building military bases on the small islands in the South China sea. The risk of a crash between military vessels is increased in that environment as well. A rising risk is what is referred to as Wolf Warrior diplomacy from the Chinese. This stems from a Rambo like Chinese figure in Chinese entertainment which has spilled into some Chinese diplomats being very aggressive in talks with the Western world. Other risks include Hong Kong policies, human rights concerns, trade cheating, and technology. There is hope the recent meeting between leaders at the Bali conference will tone down some of the rhetoric and the Thucydides trad will be avoided. Thank you to Dr. Lenburg for sharing his insight.

## Meeting Notes 11.16.22

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Dr. Henry gave us an update on CART. Since 1999 CART has raised over a million dollars that has been used as seed money for early research on Alzheimer's. Some recent grants have been used for Tau protein research, and how the innate immune system may contribute to the disease. Our club raised over 1500 dollars in the CART jar challenge. Thank you to Danny (who couldn't make last meeting so is not pictured), Carla, and Gary who were our prize winners! Thank you as well to Randy who counted the contents and to Dr. Henry for serving as our club CART chair.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Red Sands event, and to Linda for heading our club's participation. If you missed it and would like to participate there will be another opportunity January 19th. See WLOS's article below.

<https://wlos.com/news/local/red-sand-display-in-asheville-used-to-raise-awareness-about-human-trafficking#>

Allen auctioned off Don's beautiful coat which Carla won in a battle with Rod to raise funds for Helpmate as they do not have any coats currently for the women and



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children they serve. Allen was also able to raise over 400 dollars in impromptu donations for the cause. Please bring in any women's and children's coats you can give to tomorrow's meeting.

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## Birthdays



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



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



[Doug Hutchman](#)  
December 12th



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

## Speakers

November 23rd

[Bill Biddle, Member presentation](#)

December 7th

[Dr Elizabeth Lima, Whole Health](#)

November 30th

[Wyatt Chocklett, COO Mission Hospital](#)

December 14th

[Bill Biddle, International Wheelchair Project](#)

## Events

December 3rd

[Salvation Army Bell Ringing](#)

February 3rd

[Serve dinner at Transformation Village](#)

Monday, November 21, 2022

December 3rd

[Weaverville Christmas Parade](#)