

# Rotary

## Club of Asheville Breakfast



## Rodney Embler, NCWorks Career Center Manager

By Nathan Patrick Moran on Saturday, January 14, 2023



Thank you to Rodney Embler, NCWorks Career Center Manager, who spoke with the club last week. NCWorks is the official workforce system for the state of North Carolina. They help people looking for work, and for employers needing employees. The local workforce board serves Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties. Services are free of charge and are provided to unemployed individuals but also people who are looking for a change to better themselves. The typical visit for an individual customer includes a visit with a career advisor and could also include filing for unemployment, a resume review, career assessment, career counseling, financial assistance for training, and more. Employer services include the ability to post job openings, search resume databases, conduct hiring events, participate in job fairs, and providing on the job training and workforce grants if the employers meet certain criteria. NCWorks also provides rapid response to business closures and downsizing.

The service area had a population of 442,971 which is about a 3.8% increase from 5 years ago. The age group of 25 to 54 is the largest population which is great for now but could provide some challenges in the future. We have a significant older population and the 18 to 24 age group is not tending to stay in the area when they finish their educations. The unemployment rate for Buncombe county is the lowest in the state at 3.0% and over the next 10 years as people from the older end of the



## 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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workforce retire, the difficult environment for employers to find enough workers that exists today could get more challenging. Rodney also shared Asheville is one of the smaller major cities in the state but high the highest cost of living by many metrics. Employers state housing costs as the biggest challenge to hiring in the area, followed by lack of affordable childcare, transportation issues, and caring for an older or sick family member. Businesses are having to do more to source new employees like increasing pay and benefits, offering flexible schedules, and opening themselves to new employment pools. The local office is at 48 Grove St. and their website is [www.ncworksasheville.com](http://www.ncworksasheville.com)

## Meeting Notes 1.11.23

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Shannon Boyd, Director for the Buncombe County schools family resource center, stopped in to share what they do and to thank the club for the hygiene item donations over the last several years. They have identified 478 students who are experiencing homelessness this school year attending Buncombe County schools. Located at Enka Middle School they work on case management and help families apply for food stamps and Medicaid. They refer mental health resources if needed, help people find rental housing, give food, give clothing, and provide hygiene items in many cases. They have given out 1758 hygiene items since July of last year and many came from our club's donations. They can also accept donations of clothing and are a Manna foodbank partner providing about 100 food deliveries per week. There are 8 staff members working to be a one stop shop to help people in need and make sure when they leave they feel loved and they have a plan. Thank you to Shannon for the work they are doing.

Cindy announced the Feb 3rd transformation village service project has been postponed so stay tuned for more details in the near future.

Watson Jordan was announced as the president elect for the year following Cindy who will be our club president next year! Thank you to both Watson and Cindy for



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their willingness to serve the club.

Linda gave us an update on the project she has headed to bring awareness to human trafficking and the need for work towards its prevention. Last week a dozen artists were expected to create works to display in the Asheville Mall for the next several weeks. Thank you to Linda for all her work on this and everyone else who has stepped in to help as well.

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## Birthdays



[David L. Hayes](#)  
January 31st

## Speakers

January 18th

[Club Assembly led by Frank](#)

February 1st

[Judge Pope & Kevin Rumely, Veteran Treatment Court](#)

January 25th

[New Member Talk, Ryan and Arlene](#)

## Events

February 11th

[Tentative Club Party, Weaverville Community Center 6:00 pm](#)

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