

Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Phil Pratt, What is Rotary?

By Nathan Patrick Moran on Sunday, September 3, 2023



Long time breakfast club member Phil Pratt spoke to the club about what Rotary is, but maybe a better question is who is Rotary? Rotary is 1.4 million people organized through 46,000 clubs around the world volunteering their skills and resources to solve issues and address community needs. The clubs are split into 529 districts and 34 zones. Around the world Rotary clubs have given 47 million volunteers hours per year.

We are in district 7670 in which there are 55 Rotary clubs and 5 Rotaract clubs. Some of the problems we have participated in solving have been in San Cristobal, Mexico where we worked with a Rotary club there to install clean water access, and partnered with Asheville Sister Cities to deliver hundreds of wheelchairs to those in need. Our International committee is currently working on funding and installing several composting toilets in San Cristobal through the power of Rotary. Our club voted to use \$9000 of club money for the project. Asheville Sister Cities is contributing \$500 and the club in San Cristobal is providing \$500. That total of \$10,000 is enough to apply to the District for a \$20,000 Global Grant from Rotary for the rest of the cost of the project. Our club has also helped by assisting in sponsoring two global scholars Xela and Emma. Our club contributed \$4000 which has been levered up by district and Global grants to a total of \$60,000 dollars towards their



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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international educations over the next few years.

Those grant dollars come from contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. It is asked that each club member give \$100 per year to the Foundation. Once a club member reaches \$1000 dollars cumulative over time they are celebrated as a Paul Harris Fellow member. Paul Harris was Rotary's founder back in 1905. With each successive additional \$1000 given, a member is celebrated as a Paul Harris Fellow plus 2, plus 3 etc. There is also a bequest society for members promising to give \$10,000 or more after their passing, and the major donors society is for those who give large financial gifts. The money given is held by the International foundation and used for other causes for three years. Then 50% of the funds come back to the district to be used for projects and causes through district designated funds or DDF's.

Rotary has seven causes which grant requests typically have to align with:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment

Our club was founded May 9th, 1986. We have 51 active members, and 19 of our members are officers or club committee chairs. We also have a club foundation which has more freedom to use funds outside of the 7 Rotary causes. Almost half of our club has been with the club 5 years or less. About 25% of the club has 11 years of service or more. 27% are female which is a great improvement over former years. For members there is a ton of information available at www.dacdb.com including the calendar, club roster, contact information and more. We are also active on our club website (<https://ashevillerotarybreakfast.org>), Facebook, and most recently Instagram. We are very active with different causes including running a hygiene project using \$4000 this year to purchase and give hygiene items for those in need. We partner with local schools and non-profits to provide volunteer hours to upkeep their properties, and give as organizations have a need. Over the last year we have participated in events to bring awareness to human trafficking, and raised funds for our club's Dr. Bruce Elliston Foundation to provide scholarships to local kids in honor of our late Dr. Bruce Elliston. We meet once a week and share fellowship and have a social event about once per month. There is so much more done as a club and as individuals to help our community so thank you to all members, and to Phil for speaking last week!

Meeting Notes 8.30.23

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We had a great turnout with lots of guests last week. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Helpmate to volunteer last Saturday and to Don for organizing. As a reminder, the Help Rising event will be October 4th at AB Tech from 8 to 9 am. There is no cost for breakfast but it is a fundraising event so please bring a check or donation with you. We will have 40 seats to fill with Rotarians.

Cindy announced our district is number 2 in the USA for membership which is very promising for our organization.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the flag project for Labor Day and to Rod for organizing as always.



Patrick J. Blackburn
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Doug Hutchman
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Youth Services

The club picnic will be this coming Sunday the 10th. Please sign up at DACdb, the Ignite app, or by letting Rod know. Rod would also like to know what you can bring.

Birthdays



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



[Rodney Douglas](#)
September 12th



[Andrea M. Penson Block](#)
September 17th



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



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



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

Speakers

September 6th
[Tracy Buchanan](#)
Watson Jordan Hat Duty
September 20th
[Jan Lowe](#)
Danny LaSure Hat Duty

September 13th
[Cindy & Program Leads](#)
Chuck Killian Hat Duty
September 27th
[Rod Douglas & David Lamotte](#)
Matthew Lehman Hat Duty

Events

September 4th, 8:00-5:30 PM
[Labor Day Flag Project in Weaverville](#)

September 6th, 9:00-11:00 AM
[Manna Foodbank with Tom Kelly's Church Group](#)

September 10th, 4:00-7:00 PM
[Club Picnic](#)
Sunday, September 3, 2023



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