

Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Tracy Buchanan, CEO Carepartners



Tracy Buchanan the CEO of Carepartners spoke to the club, and we also had Kim LaSure the director of Home Healthcare with Carepartners in attendance. They serve 3500 patients per day in 10 counties of Western North Carolina through their 900 dedicated employees. Their Mission is "above all else we are committed to care and improvement of human life." The vision is to bring exceptional healing to all human beings. They can trace their beginnings to a connection with Rotary. Asheville Rotary Club and the Junior League of Asheville purchased a building on the current campus and started the children's hospital. Eventually that hospital became the adult rehab hospital, and Carepartners started in 1996. They were recently purchased by HCA in 2019.

Today they serve patients through rehab, home health, hospice, and adult care. Much of the care in surrounding areas is accomplished through home healthcare that Kim leads. Collectively 2 million miles per year are driven to serve in people's homes. 1400 patients per day are served through home health. Rehab sees the highest number of patients from stroke and the typical stay is a few weeks. Commonly this is followed by more care which is provided in the home. Hospice care is provided in their 27 room facility called Solace, and in the home which is what many people prefer. They also have 354 volunteers who help with the hospice program in many ways including sitting with people, and preparing meals. Tracy also highlighted their PACE adult care program for the elderly. They help people who would otherwise need



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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to be in a nursing home. The program provides wrap services to allow participants to safely receive care in the home. Carepartners is paid by Medicare and Medicaid and then the program takes care of all their needs. This can be from taking care of a broken bone, to transportation, to installing an air conditioner for someone dealing with Asthma as examples.

Carepartners has been highly awarded and has been named one of the top rehab hospitals in the nation by Newsweek for a 3rd straight year. They have also been named best in hospice by the Marion area, and received many more accolades in the recent past. Tracy is proud of the many tenured employees with 112 of their current staff having 20 years of service. She is also proud of the lower than national average turnover rates seen on a consistent basis which she attributes to the culture that has been built within the organization. Thank you to Tracy and Kim for spending time with the club last week.

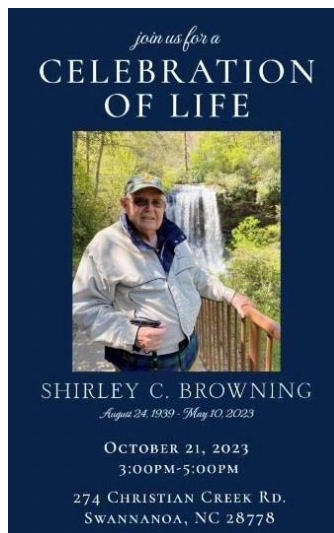
Meeting Notes 9.6.23


Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Helpmate a few weekends ago and to Don for organizing!

Please see Don to sign up for a seat at the Hope Rising event which will take the place of our regular meeting on October 4th.


Dr. Henry our CART chair updated the club on some research being funded by CART funds. Dr Frank Wong with John's Hopkins is challenging the long standing thought that Alzheimer's is a single entity. They now believe there are 4 or 5 different subtypes of the disease and to effectively treat it there needs to be better knowledge about how to identify and approach the different types. You can help support research like this by giving to CART and consider becoming a sustaining donor through the Roger Ackerman Circle. Please see Dr. Henry if you would like help getting signed up.

Shirley Browning Celebration of Life




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September 11th



September 12th



[Andrea M. Penson
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September 25th



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October 3rd



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Speakers

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

September 20th
[Jan Lowe](#)
Danny LaSure Hat Duty
October 4th
[Helpmate Hope Rising Breakfast](#)
Alternate Club Meeting Event

Events

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