

## Meeting Notes 1.31.24



Thank you so much to Linda, Watson, and Jenn for participating and putting on the Voices Of Asheville speaker event which was the inaugural event for that club. The proceeds were donated to our club and they raised \$420 and accepted donations of hygiene items to go with!

Don gathered volunteers for various duties at the upcoming Fat Tuesday Fiesta. There is still a need for a few people to do a final clean up around 10 or 10:30, and make sure we get everything out of the venue. Please contact Don if you can help.

Danny needs 3 or 4 people to help purchase hygiene items, inventory the order, and keep receipts to work towards our hygiene project completion. Don knows where to order items from at bulk prices, and it is a project you can do on your own time so please see Danny if you can help. Once the items are ready to be sent they will go to the family resource center which support 3-400 families right now.

Club member Brent Wyatt needs a few volunteers to help bag and prepare hygiene items to deliver to Loving Food Resources clients. The organization delivers these packages to clients at their homes.

North Buncombe High School is looking for a volunteer to track state for the Volleyball team. Please see Cindy if you can help there.



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### 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



Cynthia K. Ireland  
President



Henry Watson  
Jordan II  
President-Elect



Gary K. Bockhold  
President-Nominee



Ruth T. Summers  
Vice President



Randy S. Lehman  
Treasurer



Carl T. Chesick  
Secretary



Richard Anderson  
Club Admin Chair  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Patrick J. Blackburn  
Membership Chair

## Major Kenny Clewis with the Salvation Army



Major Kenny Clewis started with the Salvation Army in 1999. Much of his time has been in Western North Carolina but he has been back and forth to other places on the coast. He returned in 2022 as he and his wife are planning to retire to the area. Salvation Army is foremost a church and when it expands into an area an advisory board is established. This board determines what is needed by a specific community and the activities are determined from those needs.

In the Asheville area there is a shelter which has 85 beds. The goal is to get people in, supported, and out in 90 days. Case managers help with finding employment, getting people back onto meds, and finding housing. At the end of 90 days they assess the situation and some people end up staying longer. The shelter is open to all races and genders. The only situation they cannot accept is sex offenders. In the area they also have a food pantry, social services, and client services staffed by volunteers. They used to have a boys and girls camp but are figuring out what supporting the area's youth looks like in the future.

Kenny told a story about how when he was out at the Outer Banks he and 2 other people accidentally ordered large amounts of toilet paper. At first they were at a loss as to what to do with it and then Covid happened. The toilet paper shortages ended up creating a lot of relationships in the area by the organization being able to provide toilet paper and a conversation. His point was he feels God provides daily bread, what we need in the short term. Rotary has partnered with the Salvation Army by helping with bell ringing and collecting funds around the Christmas holiday to provide what is needed. Thank you to Kenny for the update on the Salvation Army in Asheville.

### Birthdays



[Jennifer L. Maneely](#)  
February 18th



[Patrick J. Blackburn](#)  
February 20th



[Henry P Zaremba](#)  
February 29th



[Sara K Purser](#)  
March 3rd



[David L. Hayes](#)  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



[Nathan Patrick Moran](#)  
CCO-Club  
Comm.  
Offcr



[Stephanie Young](#)  
Club  
Programs  
Chair



[William Taylor Biddle Jr.](#)  
International  
Service  
Chair



[Donald R. Swaby](#)  
Community  
Service  
Chair



[Linda J Ruhland](#)  
Club Public  
Image Chair



[Rodney Douglas](#)  
Club Social  
Chair



[Henry P Zaremba](#)  
CART Fund  
Chair



[James O. Efland](#)  
Club  
PolioPlus  
Chair



[Doug Hutchman](#)  
RYLA Point  
of Contact  
Interact  
Club  
Sponsor



[James Hylemon](#)  
Youth  
Services  
Chair



[Frank Ungert](#)  
iPast  
President

## Speakers

February 7th

[Pop Service Project](#)

Don Swaby Hat Duty

February 21st

[LEAF-Jennifer Pickering, Exec Director](#)

Ryan Tarrant Hat Duty

February 14th

[No Meeting-Due to Fat Tuesday Fiesta on the 13th](#)

## Events

February 13th, 6:00-10:00 PM

[Fat Tuesday Fiesta - Asheville Breakfast Fundraiser](#)

August 29th, 5:00-9:00 PM

[Asheville Tourists Game](#)

Monday, February 5, 2024

February 19th, 7:30-6:00 PM

[Weaverville Flag Project President's Day](#)

