

Meeting Notes 8.7.24



Gary Bockhold received his certificate for joining the Polio Plus Society pledging to give at least \$100 per year until Polio is eradicated.

The club Foundation board met and decided the Fat Tuesday Fiesta will be on again for next year on March 4th. The hope is to make it a bigger event so please be ready to volunteer, and let Cindy know if you would like to take on a bigger role if you are able.

Don announced the next service project will be painting boxes and weed whacking at the Center for Honeybee Research Bee Farm in town. It will be August 17th at 9:30. Please see Don to volunteer.

Rod needs help organizing the Flag Project for the next couple of holidays as well as the Baseball game on the 29th. Please let Rod know if you can help out.

There will be a mental health walk upcoming so be on the lookout for details on that if you would like to participate.

Watson asked for a few volunteers to help get shirts made and we'll need to organize collecting sizes and orders. Please let him know if you can help.

Tuesday October 1st is the Helpmate Hope Rising breakfast and Don has a table. If you would like a seat let Don know.

September 9th is the Child Advocacy Center Golf Tournament fundraiser. Please see Don if you want to participate.

The last week to pay for the Tourists game tickets is next Wednesday, August 14th. Bring your \$40 per person so Rod can make sure you have a ticket.



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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Bill Biddle, Providing Mobility and Aid to Indigent Citizens of the Philippines



Our own club member Bill Biddle spoke last week about his ongoing projects in the Philippines. He has been doing projects since 2014 and many of them have been bringing wheelchairs to those in need. Last year, in partnership with a Rotary club in district 3810, they delivered over 400 wheelchairs. Many people there live on 2 to 4 dollars per day. Healthcare is challenging, and sometimes just finding a good place to lie down on the concrete sidewalks is challenging. Many have been waiting years for the chance at mobility. The second phase of Bill's trip was a feeding project where they gave our porridge starting at 5:00 am largely feeding children and the elderly.

The Biddles have been doing this a long time and have built relationships with families and individuals that have lasted. Bill shared the story of meeting a very young girl on a project in the past, then reconnecting with her at a wedding they were both invited to, and building such a strong relationship that they funded a scholarship for her to get her bachelors of science in nursing. The projects they work on are not funded by Rotary. The funds are achieved by Bill asking for donations and once they have enough to run another wheelchair delivery they go again. If you have the ability or interest in helping, please reach out. Thank you to the Biddles for all the good they are doing in the world through Rotary.

Birthdays



[Carl T. Chesick](#)
August 13th



[Charles E. Killian](#)
August 15th



[William Taylor Biddle Jr.](#)
August 19th

Speakers



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August 14th
[Carla Jones: Mountain Child Advocacy Center](#)
Gwen Hughes Hat Duty
August 28th
[TBA](#)
James Hylemon Hat Duty

August 21st
[Lexie Wilkins: Love and Respect Community for Recovery](#)
Carla Hughson-Schmitt Hat Duty
September 4th
[Holly Jones](#)
Cindy Ireland Hat Duty



Events

August 17th, 9:30-11:30 AM

[**Honeybee Research Bee Farm Service Project**](#)

Saturday, August 10, 2024

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

[**Asheville Tourists Game**](#)