

Rotary

Club of Asheville Breakfast



Meeting Notes 8.14.24



Thank you to all the volunteers for the service project on Saturday the 17th. Painting bee boxes, weed whacking and an initial installation of the peace pole is a big day!

Rod announced for the Tourists game on the 19th we have 30 signed up but will be paying for 35. Please invite friends, family, and potential members to the club and Carla will be the point of contact to collect payment at the meeting on the 21st.

Rod also announced the Labor Day flag project is upcoming. We are in need of volunteers, especially for the afternoon shift. Please email Rod ASAP if you can help and remember we voted that we are at our best doing projects like this one. Please consider helping if you can.

David Hayes announced our former club member Lacey, who is an official Rotary swag provider, will be at the club meeting on the 28th to show some of the shirt options, collect orders, and payment. Most options run between 35 and 50 dollars, and you will be able to pay with credit card or cash. Consider coming to that meeting a little early and the turnover time between order and receipt of your shirt will tend to be about two weeks.

There is a board meeting on the 28th. Please remember you do not need to a board member to attend so consider joining to learn a bit more about the behind the scenes work that happens for our club.



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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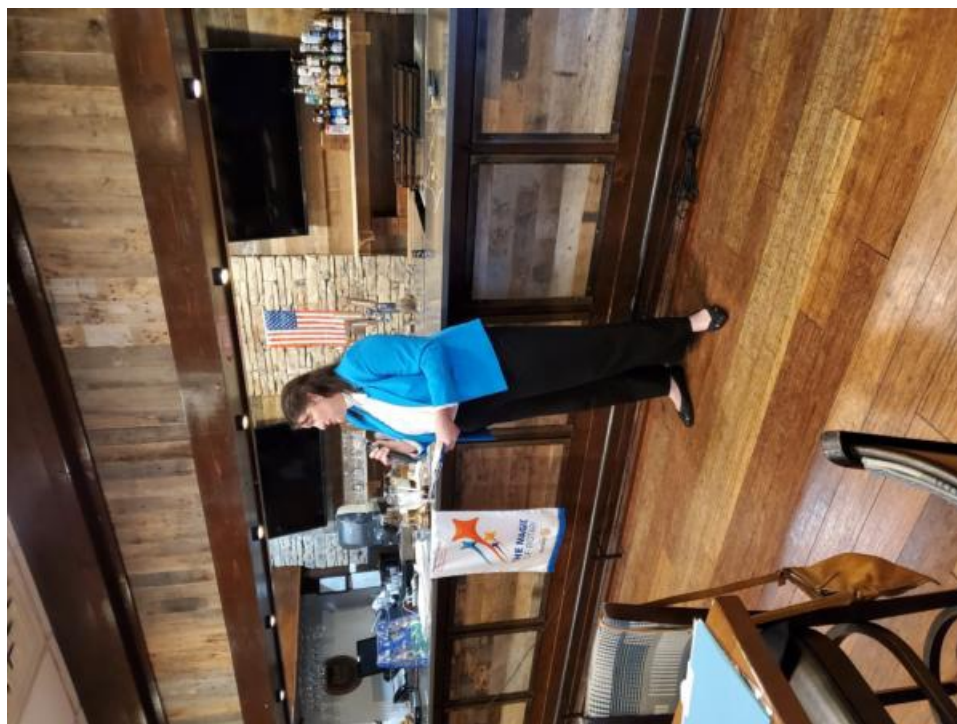


[David L. Hayes](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



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

Carla Jones, Interim Executive Director with Mountain Child Advocacy Center



Carla Jones with Mountain Child Advocacy Center spoke to the club last week. Their mission is to prevent harm, protect children, and heal families. Child abuse is hard to discuss, and it is costly to victims and to society at large. Child abuse victims experience a higher likelihood of alcoholism, drug addiction, lung cancer, depression, childhood pregnancy, and much more. The Advocacy Center firmly believes in the need to invest in evidence-based treatment and prevention methods. Treatment and prevention also needs to extend to the families of victims. Mountain Child Advocacy Center's process allows victims to only have to tell the story of their trauma once, which can be a huge benefit to these young people.

The organization's prevention programs include teaching society to recognize discipline versus harm. They help kids to recognize what is good touch versus bad touch, and teach kids to have a safe adult. If kids don't have a safe adult they try to serve in that role. Presentations are put on for adults to help recognize abuse and sexual abuse that could be happening around them. In general, healthier children lead to healthier societies and we can all play a part to help healthier children be a reality.

Alongside Carla was Ella. She shared her experience and how Mountain Child Advocacy Center helped her after her traumatic experience. Ella was raped by a family friend, which was followed by a series of manipulations, harassment, and mistreatment by this entire other family. Years following this trauma, Ella went through the process of disclosing what happened through Mountain Child Advocacy Center, and it was found there were likely 6 other victims of the same male. Counselors helped her with school changes, cognitive behavioral therapy, and more to help her heal and to work through her PTSD. Now she dreams to be a director of a non-profit to help other kids. Thank you to Carla, Ella, and Kiki (who was working photos and video) for attending and sharing with the club.



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Club Programs Chair

New Members!



We welcomed our newest members Jonathan Holloran, and Marie Anderson to the club last week! Members please make sure to introduce yourself when you have the opportunity and welcome to Jonathan and Marie.

Don Swaby Paul Harris Plus SIX recognition



Watson congratulated and thanked Don Swaby for achieving the level of Paul Harris Plus Six. Don gives a ton of time organizing the majority of our club's service projects and also gives financially. The recognition is well deserved and we are lucky to have Don as part of our club!

Birthdays



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



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



[Rodney Douglas](#)
September 12th

Speakers

August 21st

[Lexie Wilkins: Love and Respect
Community for Recovery](#)

Carla Hughson-Schmitt Hat Duty

September 4th

[Holly Jones](#)

Cindy Ireland Hat Duty

September 18th

[Carl Chesick](#)

Chuck Killian Hat Duty

August 28th

[TBA](#)

James Hylemon Hat Duty

September 11th

[Keith Campbell: The Asheville Watchdogs](#)

Tom Kelly Hat Duty

Events

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

[Asheville Tourists Game](#)

Monday, August 19, 2024

