

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Wednesday, November 20, 2024



### Today's Meeting - November 21, 2024 - Meals On Wheels

By Richard T. Devereaux on Friday, November 15, 2024

Good morning Fellow Asheville Rotarians! This week our program will involve one of Asheville's most prominent helping agencies, Meals on Wheels! Executive Director, Debbie Sprouse will provide an overview of the organization and direct us through a "hands-on service activity." Should be fun!



**Debbie Sprouse is the Executive Director of [Meals on Wheels, Asheville and Buncombe County](#).** She is an Asheville native and graduate of Montreat College. She has over 30 years of experience in nonprofit service. Meals on Wheels provides hot, prepared meals to 600 homebound seniors throughout Buncombe County with a small staff and a large base of meal delivery volunteers!

Join us in person and enjoy a great lunch, or [virtually via this Zoom link](#).

**Donate:** Click on the button to electronically contribute Happy Dollars, Fines, and donations to our Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation, Inc.

**Donate**



#### Club Meeting

Asheville  
Meets at TUTION HALL,  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH. To request a  
Zoom simulcast link email  
avrotary1915@gmail.com.  
60 Church St  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Thursday at 12:30  
PM

#### Speakers

**November 21, 2024**

Debbie Sprouse, ED  
Asheville-Buncombe  
Meals on Wheels  
Meals on Wheels  
Overview and Service  
Activity

**December 05, 2024**

Millie Farmer, Sarah  
Cockman  
New Member Talks

**December 12, 2024**

Dr. William McLean  
Silver Tsunami

**December 19, 2024**

Paul Keckley  
Landscape of Healthcare  
Today

#### Coming Events

November 20th

Thirsty Third  
Wednesday

November 21st

Songwriters in the  
Round Fundraiser

December 4th

Urban Hike

December 8th

Annual Holiday Party

December 18th

Thirsty Third  
Wednesday

#### Club Leaders

Eva-Michelle G.

# Rotary Club of Asheville



## Doors open at 6:00PM for Nashville Songwriters in the Round

We are looking forward to having you tomorrow night, Thursday, Nov 21st for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Nashville Songwriters in the Round performance at Highland Brewing's Event Center. Dress is casual. A buffet catered by Bears Smokehouse BBQ will be available at 6:15. Our songwriters will begin playing around 7:15 pm.

Bring cash or a credit card to buy raffle tickets and a chance to win a Fender guitar signed by the songwriters or a gift bag from Chemist Spirits.

***If you are a sponsor, join us for a private VIP Party from 5:00-6:00 in the Barrel Room.***

Because this is an intimate musical setting we want to minimize the noise once the performance begins. The bar on the main level will be closed, as will the clanky metal stair. The Barrel Room bar will remain open and accessible to all. We will also have several Rotary members available to fetch drinks for you, so flag one down and don't miss a moment of the incredible music.

Thank you for your support of our Tennent Scholarship Fundraiser! And thank you for another sellout!

## Help Replenish Owen Middle's Flood Damaged Library

**Our Rotary club has an opportunity to help children in the Swannanoa community.** Owen Middle School needs to replenish their books. See message below from the school's resource coordinator:



1. We are replenishing books that students had checked out from our school library, but were lost or damaged by the storm.
2. Building up our school library (we had a bit of a mold issues a couple years back, so we're slowly stocking up the shelves again)
3. We had to cancel our Scholastic Book Fair this year, but through these donations and some support from a couple other schools, we will be doing a FREE book fair for all our kids the week of Dec. 9th. This way kids can still have the same fun of a book fair, but without any cost to them or their families.

A registry of books their media specialist would like is on [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org) and titled Owen Middle Helene Book Fair. [Here is link to go there directly.](#) Books will ship directly to Owen Middle School in Swannanoa.

Thank you!  
Rotary Club of Asheville Disaster Relief Committee

## Last Week's Meeting Summary - November 14, 2024



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By Richard T. Devereaux on Friday, November 8, 2024

We had a great meeting last week that featured Jenn Bauer's awesome program on landslides. You can [click on this link to get a summary](#) of the program, along with the various announcements that were made from the podium. Below is Jenn's bio and a link to her company website.



**The guest speaker will be Jennifer Bauer, the co-owner and principal geologist for [Appalachia Landslide Consultants \(ALC\)](#).** ALC's mission is to help protect life and property by identifying landslide hazards. Jenn Bauer began her engineering geology career in 2001, and in 2005, began specializing in landslides and landslide mapping. She became a licensed geologist in 2005 in N.C., and is also licensed in TN. and GA. Jennifer graduated with highest honors in Geology from UNC-Chapel Hill and is a past President of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG). And most important of all, Jenn is a fellow Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Asheville-South. She'll speak to us about the landslide impacts of Hurricane Helene and what this means going forward for our region.

## Beloved Asheville Outing

On Saturday, November 9th, 36 Rotarians and friends gathered at Beloved Village to help clean up the site post-construction. We coordinated with the local non-profit, Beloved Asheville, on this community service project. Beloved Village provides a solution for those struggling in the housing crisis by providing affordable tiny homes situated in a village format with shared gathering spots. The homes are targeted for lower income families and are nearby to public transportation within the city of Asheville. Our group enjoyed



fellowship and service while helping our community. We included recycling efforts as well -- even for the styrofoam.



Mark A. Knollman  
 November 21st  
 Maggie Fehrman  
 November 23rd  
 William C. Rawlings  
 November 24th  
 David G. Worley  
 November 27th  
 Michael E. Greene  
 November 28th  
 Lacy A. Hagan  
 November 29th  
 Skyler Duncan  
 November 30th  
 David A. Kozak  
 November 30th  
 Celeste B. Collins  
 December 3rd  
 Kevin R McRae  
 December 4th  
 Brandon E Oliver  
 December 4th  
 Bruce G. Clark  
 December 6th  
 Zachary F. Lamb  
 December 6th  
 Steven B. Shechter  
 December 7th  
 John C. Palmer  
 December 10th  
 Margot Baron  
 December 11th  
 Glenn W. Wilcox  
 December 11th  
 Paul Hyler  
 December 12th  
 Carol C. Hensley  
 December 13th  
 David K Snider Sr.  
 December 13th  
 Lawrence E. Thompson  
 III  
 December 14th  
 Edward Broadwell Jr.  
 December 17th  
 Mark E Chase  
 December 18th  
 Robert C. Kendrick  
 December 20th

**Wedding**



## The Show Must Go On! Rotary Songwriters Set for November 21, 2024



We hope this finds you and your family safe. Our community has been blessed by the generosity of neighbors near and far. Cameras will leave but the needs will be ongoing. And we believe we must work even harder to insure our area students can attend college in 2025.



## Anniversaries

Stephen E. Aschmann  
November 20th  
Mary Wood Brown  
November 24th  
Oscar P. Wong  
November 25th  
Sharon Kay LeDuc  
November 28th  
Louise C Bijesse  
December 5th  
Denise M Lawson  
December 9th  
Tanya N. Fletcher  
December 12th  
Bruce L Waller Jr.  
December 18th

**Therefore, the show must go on!**

The Rotary Club of Asheville will host the 7th annual Nashville Songwriters in the Round, an intimate concert experience to benefit the Tennent Scholarship Fund. Renowned singer/songwriter [Phillip Lammonds](#) will travel to Asheville with [Shawn Camp](#), [Steve Azar](#) and [Tiffany Goss](#) for an evening of song and entertainment in the Highland Brewing Event Center on Thursday, November 21st.

Tickets are \$150 each and include a dinner buffet, Highland Brewing's award-winning beer and unforgettable, world-class entertainment. A limited number of tickets are available. We expect to sell out quickly so don't delay! Purchase your tickets online or donate at

<https://givebutter.com/NashvilleSongwriters>

Want to help even more AND attend the VIP party? [Click this link](#) for a flyer describing the levels of sponsorship available.

Since 1998, the Rotary Club of Asheville has been providing scholarships to financially challenged high school seniors in Buncombe County. Last year we awarded a total of \$49,000 to 13 students. To meet and hear from those helped, please [click this link](#) to a feature done by WLOS in 2022.

Thank you for considering us for your charitable donations – our club foundation is a 501C-3, non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. Please also share this opportunity with your friends – here is [a link to a video](#) from our 2018 event and [a link to an event flyer](#)

A SPECIAL THANKS TO SOUTHEASTERN CONTAINER FOR BEING OUR CENTERSTAGE SPONSOR AGAIN THIS YEAR



## Helene Volunteer Opportunities

By Richard T. Devereaux on Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Here are some Helene volunteer opportunities suggested by our members:



[Veterans Restoration Headquarters](#) was flooded and most of the cars belonging to the veterans as well as the staff cars were destroyed. They need a pool of volunteers they can call when a veteran needs transport to appointments or errands. An example of a need is a blind veteran needs transport to dialysis 3 times per week. Please [e-mail Janet Whitworth](#) if you are willing to be on the list of volunteers willing to provide assistance. She will give this list to Ruth Lolo at ABCCM and she will handle everything from that point forward.

**HELENE  
REBUILD  
COLLABORATIVE**

[Helene Rebuild Collaborative](#)



[Beloved Asheville](#)

**Water Filtration Disaster Relief Trailer Delivered to Verner  
Center for Early Learning**



As part of District 7670's disaster relief efforts, DG Connie Molland was able to arrange for the delivery of a trailer containing a water filtration system to Verner School of Early Learning. It can filter up to 20,000 gallons of water per day. It will provide potable water for at least 300 families and will allow Verner to begin using its kitchen for cooking.

It all began when DG Connie was contacted by her Governor classmate DG Kelsey Mitchell from District 6960 in Southwest Florida to see if she could make use of the trailer. The trailer had been shuttled up to Tennessee and was scheduled to be returned when Kelsey called Connie. The Rotarians using the trailer in Tennessee, arranged for it to be delivered to the home of Dave Mans. Steve and Gina Schmitt (who are not Rotarians) had been on a retreat there and were kind enough to bring it to Dave on their way home to Lake Norman. Dave then had the honor of delivering it to Verner and was met by Jessica May, Verner Vice President of Philanthropy & Marketing.



In order to easily access and distribute the filtered



water, Our Club has received a \$10,000 Disaster Relief Grant and will purchase the necessary water bags from KRW Packaging Machinery, Inc. Verner will be holding its first water distribution event with the newly filtered water on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Poem post Hurricane Helene

Saturday, October 26, 2024

by Barbara Bowers

**Our mountains call to us  
As they always have and always will**

Rotarians come together  
As the winds and waters still  
We mourn what was,  
But we unite to build tomorrow  
Our neighbors pain  
Is now our personal sorrow  
This is what it means to be North Carolinian  
and human kind  
Needs will be met  
Help we will find  
Hands and Hearts become one  
When we need it the most  
I am a Rotarian,  
Its ok to boast  
No mouths unfed  
No homes not warm  
Its true of all of us  
Whether or not we are Appalachian born  
The Four Way Test  
will guide us to your doors  
With our boots on the ground  
We will scrape the mud from your floors  
Join with me Rotarians  
It is our time to do what we do best  
Nothing will stop us  
We will not rest

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## Rotary Four Way Test



### The 4-Way Test

*of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
  2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
  3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
  4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
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