

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, November 26, 2024



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

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

December 4th
Urban Hike
December 8th
Annual Holiday Party
December 18th
Thirsty Third Wednesday

Club Leaders



[Eva-Michelle G. Spicer](#)
President



[David Mans](#)
President-Elect



[Michelle Daniels](#)
President-Nominee
Club Director
International Service
Chair



[Betty A. Doll](#)
Secretary

No Meeting this Week - Happy Thanksgiving!

Given the Thursday holiday, we're sending out the COG a day early. Congratulations to Marvin Thomas, Janet Whitworth, and their entire Songwriters committee for a fantastic show last Thursday night at Highland Brewing!

As a reminder, there will be no meeting tomorrow, November 28. **Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!**



Meeting Summary - November 21, 2024

Wow--what a meeting! BIG news: **Ross Sloan was announced as the District Governor-Nominee Designate**, meaning that he'll be the District 7670 Governor for the 2027-28 Rotary Year. Congratulations Ross! Also announced were nominees for President-Elect Dave Mans' 2025-26 Board of Directors and our **club President Nominee-Designate for 2027-28, Anthony Lynch!** Congratulations to all!

You can read all the details by [clicking on this link to the two-page meeting summary](#).



Cathy Early
Treasurer



Anthony D. Lynch
Attendance Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Alvin Ward Peacock Jr.
Club Director
Membership Chair



Janet L. Whitworth
Treasurer



Timothy L. Owings
Club Director
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Steven Shreiber
Sergeant-at-Arms



Tracy Eames
Club Public Image
Chair



Alexander P. Pence
Club Director
Community Service
Chair
Club Service Chair



Zachary F. Lamb
Club Director
Vocational Service
Chair



Marcia Whitney
Club Admin Chair
Club Director

Richard T. Devereaux
Diversity Equity &



Our guest speaker was Debbie Sprouse, the Executive Director of one of Asheville's most prominent helping agencies, Meals on Wheels! Debbie provided an overview of the organization, its Hurricane Helene response, and led us through a fun and educational interactive "hands-on service activity."

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.



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Birthdays

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

HELENE REBUILD COLLABORATIVE

[Helene Rebuild Collaborative](#)



[Beloved Asheville](#)

Beloved is looking for volunteers to sort donations. It is at [Highland Brewing Co.](#) in the warehouse on the far left side of the building. Tuesdays through Saturdays between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00. They'll take any help they can get!

Sign Up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing



It's time to sign up for Salvation Army Bell Ringing! We'll be looking for members to sign up for 2-hour shifts from 10am to 8pm on Thursday, December 19 at Sam's Club. If you'd like to volunteer, [click on this link to email Alex Pence](#). Thanks!!

Rotary Club of Asheville Offers Disaster Relief Grant

Friday, November 22, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Rotary Club of Asheville Offers Disaster Relief Grant to Support Recovery Efforts in Western North Carolina

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (November 22, 2024) — The Rotary Club of Asheville has launched a Disaster Relief Grant program to aid in the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation caused by Tropical Storm Helene.

Rotary Clubs and individuals in the United States and Canada have contributed more than \$150,000 in donations to help support this initiative, which will provide financial assistance to eligible organizations in our community.

Nonprofits, schools, and government agencies with 501(c)(3) status are invited to apply for grants of up to \$5,000. The Rotary Club of Asheville Disaster Relief Committee will evaluate applications on a bi-weekly basis, ensuring that funds are distributed efficiently to those with the greatest need.

"Our mission is to support recovery and rebuilding efforts for those affected by Tropical Storm Helene," said Janet Whitworth, chair of the Rotary Club of Asheville's Disaster Relief Committee. "We are proud to collaborate with Rotary Clubs across North America to help Western North Carolina."

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

Donald K. Reback
December 25th

Carolyn Cronin
December 26th

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Interested organizations are encouraged to submit a project budget, their most recent IRS Form 990 or year-end financial statements, and any supplementary materials. Applications can be [submitted online](#) or emailed directly to Janet Whitworth at jwhitworth711@gmail.com.

The Rotary Club of Asheville will continue the grant process until the funds have been fully utilized, to make sure that the community receives the necessary support to rebuild and recover.

For more information or to submit an application, visit www.rotaryasheville.org

About the Rotary Club of Asheville:

The Rotary Club of Asheville is a service club of engaged and passionate members who desire to do good in the community and world while honoring shared ethics and core values. The club, which has over 165 members from a wide range of backgrounds, finds ways to help the community at local, national, and international levels. This can involve anything from doing volunteer projects overseas to finding ways to support nonprofits in Asheville and Buncombe County. For more information, visit <https://www.rotaryasheville.org/>.

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 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

Beloved Asheville

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. [Read More](#)





Asheville Rotary - Aiding in Recovery of Our Town

By Eva-Michelle G. Spicer on Friday, October 18, 2024

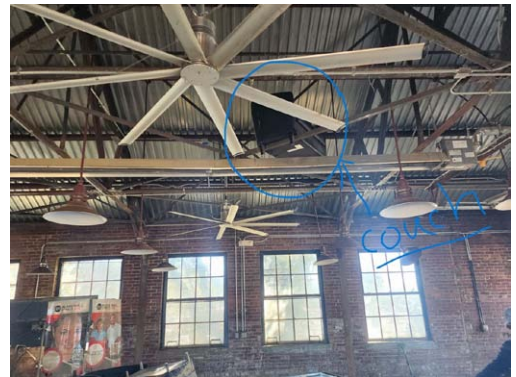
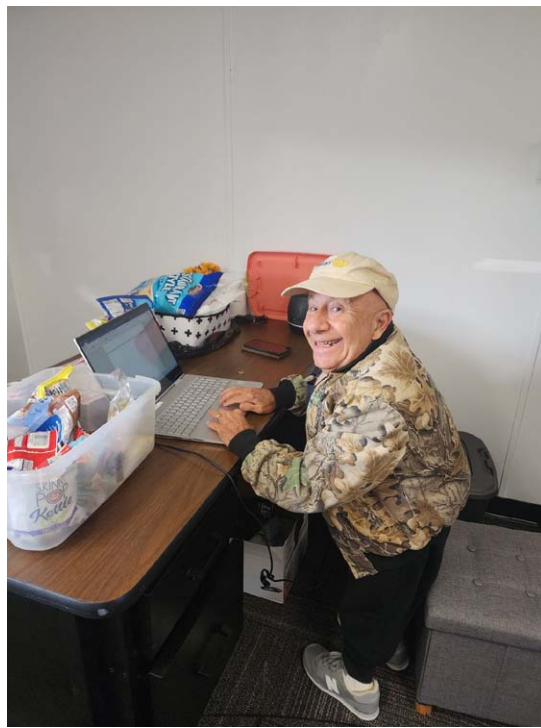


Wow! What an eventful beginning of fall in WNC. At a time when we are usually busy picking apples and peeping at the leaves, we are busy picking up pieces of the places that so many of us loved spending time and peeping at the mass destruction of our mountain home. Since Helene arrived on September 27th, members of the Rotary Club of Asheville have been hard at work at SO MANY organizations across the area. I'm so humbled and in awe of the work our members do.

In lieu of our meetings for the past 2 weeks, we have volunteered together moving donated supplies to Asheville City Schools resource center and cleaning up the Black Wall Street AVL



building. Both of these opportunities were meaningful and highly emotional as we assess and attempt to fill the needs of our community. There is so much yet to be done but we are People of Action, and we will be here to do the work.




[Read More](#)

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**
