

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, May 15, 2023



### IMAGINE ROTARY

#### Club Meeting

Asheville  
Meets at TUTION HALL,  
TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH. To request a  
Zoom simulcast link email  
avlrotary1915@gmail.com.  
60 Church St  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Thursday at 12:30  
PM

#### Speakers

**May 18, 2023**

Dr. Rob Jackson

Buncombe County School  
Superintendent

**May 25, 2023**

Marielen

Rotary Youth Exchange

**June 01, 2023**

Dave Erb

Electric Vehicles: The  
Future is Now

**June 08, 2023**

Nora Scheff

ASAP - Appalachian  
Sustainable Agriculture  
Project

#### Coming Events

May 18th

**Thirsty Third Thursday**

June 6th

**Board Meeting**

June 11th

**Rotary Bark in the  
Park**

#### Club Leaders



Ross Sloan  
President



Patrick A. Snyder  
Attendance  
Secretary  
President-Elect  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Betty A. Doll  
Secretary

## Programs

### This Week's Program - May 18, 2023



One benefit of a Rotary Club is the rare opportunity to meet and hear from the leaders of our community. Join us this week as we hear from **Rob Jackson, the Superintendent of Buncombe County Schools**, Asheville, NC. [Learn about his background here.](#)

### THE 2023 MORRILL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER PRESENTATIONS

This week's meeting will include the introduction of our five Morrill Scholars picked annually by a joint committee comprised of two members of this club and three members of the Community Foundation of WNC.

Each year since 1981, the Rotary Club of Asheville has awarded four or five merit-based scholarships to Buncombe County high school seniors. The yearly scholarship was established under the will of the late Rotarian, Harry R. Morrill.

The recipients and their parents will be coming to the club this Thursday, May 18. Each student will receive \$5,000 paid to their college of choice. Join us in welcoming this amazing group of young scholars.

### Last Week's Program - May 11, 2023

Our fellow club member **Jim Davidson** runs the **Interact Club** at Asheville High School. Last week, Jim arranged for us to "get an update" from three Interact Leaders and their School Advisor, **Jacob Kerber**.



## SERVICE Above Self

Jim



The meeting today was packed with "people of action" telling us their stories of "doing good in the world." The positive energy was palpable—even on Zoom!

Our club's **Interact Leader, Jim Davidson**, introduced the School Advisor, Jacob Kerber, and three Interact Club members at AVL High School.



Janet L. Whitworth  
Past President  
Treasurer



Celeste B. Collins  
Club Admin  
Chair  
Club Director



Michelle Daniels  
Attendance  
Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Tanya N. Fletcher  
Club Director  
Youth Protection  
Officer  
Youth Services  
Chair



David T. Kaverman  
Membership  
Chair  
Club Director



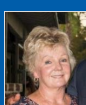
Kevin R. Montgomery  
Club Director



Rachel Rion Moran  
Bulletin Editor



Linda Nelson  
Club Director  
Communication  
and Outreach



Maxine O. Parsons-Kogut  
Club Director  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer  
President-  
Nominee



Kristy Wilson  
Club Director  
Vocational  
Service Chair



Albert Davis  
Club Service  
Chair



Richard T. Devereaux  
Webmaster



David Andrew Mans  
International  
Service Chair



Andrew Mercurio  
Club Fund  
Raising Chair



Marcia Whitney  
Diversity Equity  
& Inclusion

Daniel M. Crupi  
RYLA Point of  
Contact

Mr. Kerber has been recognized as an Honorary member of our club for his service to Interact. He praised Jim Davidson for his dedication to the club, which includes arriving at the school before 8:00 am for their meetings.

The students' presentation was impressive!

## Yearly Report

- We have served collectively over 1000+ hours
- Met as a full team over 20 times this year
- Helped serve, cook, clean, build and volunteer all around Asheville and the Buncombe County area
- Just this school year we have over 50 active members
- Big plans for next year....



## And so many more...

Other things that weren't included:

- Painting world mural
- Fall carnival
- Foreign exchange program
- Salvation army winter volunteering
- Project linus
- Sandy Hook promise
- The center for honeybee research
- AHS sustainability clothing swap
- NHS & NAHS
- Freshen up friday
- AHS & SILSA boosters
- Deodorant drive
- Shoe drive
- Consider Haiti
- Pumpkin unloading for Haiti
- Veteran honor flight
- Bark in the park (2022)



The list of service projects was long! Joe Hutton said that the Hayward Street Community Church is a favorite. Also, one club member participated in the RYLA weekend program. This Interact Club also participates in the Interclub Council to plan school unity events such as Bingo Night.



After the standing ovation for these guests, the audience asked some questions. To answer one of them, the students explained that **"Homework Diner"** is a weekly Wednesday night event where families come to the school for a dinner donated by local restaurants while teachers and volunteers are there to offer tutoring. These sessions are counted as attendance for students who have had to miss their daytime classes.

Another question was "Do you eat dinner at the table with your family every night?" Each student replied "Yes." [This is a hyperlink](#)





Jacqueline Boone  
Club Public  
Image Chair



Katherine Morosani  
iPast President



Lynne Porter  
Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

David Andrew Mans  
May 15th  
Albert Davis  
May 15th  
Kirk Borland  
May 18th  
Timothy L Owings  
May 19th  
Paul David Hatfield  
May 20th  
William C. Bass  
May 24th  
Herman S. Turk  
May 26th  
James T. Deuel  
May 26th  
Melissa R. Drennan  
May 27th  
Grant B. Osborne  
May 27th  
Michael S Trayford  
May 29th  
Catherine Jo Early  
June 4th  
Edward J. Sullivan  
June 6th  
John S. Donahoe  
June 8th  
Jerry W. Smith  
June 10th  
Jenny Bunn  
June 11th  
Coranna B Adams  
June 12th  
Carolyn J. Ward  
June 13th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Edward L Bleynt Jr.  
May 19th  
Joseph Benjamin Burrell  
May 21st  
Bradley A. Arnold  
May 22nd  
David T. Kaverman  
May 24th  
Ross Sloan  
May 26th  
Carter B. Webb  
May 30th  
Daniel M. Crupi  
June 4th  
James W. Zumwalt  
June 8th  
Carol L. King  
June 9th  
Wayne A. Roddy  
June 10th

[to an article that details those benefits.](#)

There were several comments about the Interact Club and Rotary Club combining to work together on various projects. The next one will be our club's annual fundraiser, "Bark in the Park." Jim Davidson is also leading this event, which premiered in 2022.

Club President Ross Sloan commented on the uplifting program and international visitors at the meeting. There were even two dogs! And he closed the meeting with this quote:



## Plan Ahead - Invite Guests

On the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month** this Rotary year, we will be offering an exciting new way for potential newmembers to learn about Rotary and whether it's a good fit for them. **The final session will be June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 in the main conference room at Trinity.**

We will finish by noon, so any guests can join us for lunch if they would like.



## Announcements

### What do you think? Please Complete This Survey

Our club board is committed to making sure our members are engaged and passionate. To help the board focus for the upcoming year, we'd like your input! The link below will take you to a survey about our club.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

The incoming board will use your inputs as we plan for next year and this survey will be open for input until May 21st, so please take a few minutes to complete it soon.

Thank you,

**Pat Snyder**

Rotary Club of Asheville, President-Elect

Pat will be our Club President starting in July.

Jennifer Clarkson Soster  
June 11th



The Rotary Year runs from July 1 - June 31. At that time, **Ross Sloan** will "pass the gavel" to **Pat Snyder**. Most roles in the club will change to new leaders. So now is a great time for you to "Jump In" and ask about where you may want to serve.

Every club committee is listed under the "My Club" tab of DACdb. [Click here to see it](#). Every committee would like to have additional committee members. To learn more, contact the Committee Chairs shown when you click on the committee name.



Also at the May 18, 2023 meeting, **Mary Michael, the new Chair of the Program Committee**, announced the need for members to "Jump In" to help this committee.

The first Program Committee meeting for the 2023/2024 Rotary Year will be Thursday, May 25th immediately following our Thursday Rotary meeting. It will be an Intro & Orientation session from 1:30 until 3:00pm. Future Program meetings will occur immediately after Rotary meetings and only last 30-45 minutes.

The May 25 Intro & Orientation meeting (1 - 1 ½ hrs) will include:

- Committee Member Introductions
- Review & Discussion of a Committee Member Job Description
- A New Program Interest Submittal Process (Online)
- Previous Speaker Review/Speaker Ideas for the Upcoming Year
- Introduction to a Documented Program Scheduling Process
- Our Meeting Schedule for the Upcoming Year

For anyone that can't make this first meeting and would like to be involved, they can reach out to me directly at [mary@mmstrategicsolutions.com](mailto:mary@mmstrategicsolutions.com).

#### LEADERSHIP ASHEVILLE - GRADUATES AND IT IS TIME TO APPLY FOR THE NEXT SESSION



Shown above with Club Pres. Ross Sloan on the far right:

1. Jackie Boone
2. Eva-Michelle Spicer
3. Patricia Waters
4. Andrew Mercurio
5. Jim Davidson (not shown)

- Leadership Asheville is a prestigious program that offers individuals in the Asheville community the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and contribute to the betterment of the area. Participants engage in a comprehensive curriculum that focuses on personal development, community engagement, and networking.

- The program aims to cultivate a diverse group of leaders who are knowledgeable about local issues and committed to making

positive changes. Through a series of workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions, participants gain a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by the Asheville community.

- Leadership Asheville fosters collaboration and teamwork, encouraging participants to work together on projects that address specific community needs. These projects often involve partnering with local organizations and stakeholders to effect meaningful change.

- Overall, Leadership Asheville provides a transformative experience for participants, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and connections necessary to become effective leaders in Asheville. Rotary's support of this program reflects its dedication to fostering leadership and community engagement, making a positive impact on the city and its residents.

Interested? Questions? Contact Sophia Ungert.



## Your Profile Photo in DACdb System

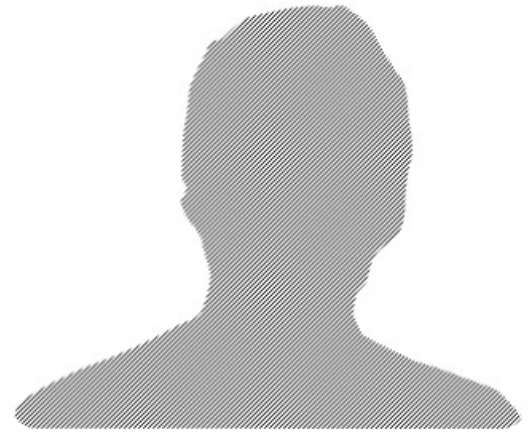
DACdb is our club's database. Each Rotarian has access to their own profile. If yours shows a shadow like this, please upload a headshot

How To....

Start at the club webpage, [www.rotaryAsheville.org](http://www.rotaryAsheville.org).

- Click the hyperlink in the top border
- Login to your personal account
- Use the Search feature to find your profile
- Click on "Photo" then follow the steps there.

You are welcome to call me or to text me the headshot and I will upload it for you.  
828.214.9503



Rotary Club of Asheville

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## Sign-Up for CART \$\$ Match

We have increased our CART bucket donations impressively in the last several months! One of our methods is the "matching donor" program. You simply pledge to match all CART donations for a single meeting. The top you would be asked to match is \$50 and - it is usually less than that.



If every member gets on the list, each name would come up once every three years!

Let's make this list long!

Send a quick email to [michelle4rca@gmail.com](mailto:michelle4rca@gmail.com)

[Read More](#)



## Community Events To Check Out

**EVENT DATE: Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 4:00**

**LOCATION: Start at the Art Museum, Procession to Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria**

The public is invited to another event to honor our fellow club member **Oscar Wong**. A plaque honoring Oscar and the birthplace of Asheville craft beer will be unveiled at **Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria**, 42 Biltmore Avenue. Oscar started his brewery at that location.

As Ross mentioned at our meeting last week, **Oscar Wong**, Rotarian and former Club President, as well as the founder of Highland Brewing and the "Godfather of the Brewing Industry in Asheville" was honored by the Boy Scouts on May 3rd. He was honored as their 2023 **Citizen of the Year**. Many Rotary Club members were there to celebrate! (See those photos below.)

Also that evening, Oscar was awarded the **Order of The Long Leaf Pine**, an award reserved "for persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments." It is the highest award for a civilian in North Carolina. Congratulations, Oscar!





## REPORT ON ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



### Report from Red Cross:

Thank You, Dustin, for coordinating the Thursday, May 4th, 2023, blood drive. We are always grateful for the efforts made and the valuable life-saving blood collected. Although we didn't reach our goal of 29, you will be pleased to know we were able to collect 21 units. This amount has the propensity to save many lives. We are thankful for you and your team.

**Spread the Word**



# Annual Fundraising Event - "Bark in the Park" Dog Walk



2nd Annual Event Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Carrier Park 220 Amboy Road Asheville, NC 28806

Event Chair: Jim Davidson Food Vendors Coordinator: Michelle Daniels

[Details are on this website.](#)



## BARK IN THE PARK IS BACK!

June 11th | 11am-2pm  
Carrier Park



## Rotary Bark in the Park - Dog Walk Event

June 11

The Rotary Pavilion, Carrier Park

Tickets

Jim



[Click here to read about fundraising on the Rotary International website.](#)

## GUESTS

# Guests





Musical students from one of David LaMotte's PEG Partners' schools in Guatemala.

## Thank You Meeting Support Volunteers for May 11, 2023



"Thank You" to all the volunteers it takes to achieve a meaningful meeting experience.

**Meeting Date: May 11, 2023**

**Desk Workers** - Please introduce yourself to these newly inducted members who are volunteering at the Desk as part of the "Blue Badge Checklist."

- **Allison Krivatch** - She also introduced guests.
- **Jenny Bunn**
- **Rebecca Robinson**

### Music

Isn't it wonderful to have **Don Wideman** back playing the piano before the meeting starts! He avoided crowds during the COVID pandemic. His music helps to make the fellowship hall our Rotary space!



## END NOTES



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CLUB PROJECTS

Donations to our **Club Foundation** can now be made directly online on our website.

- Couldn't make the fundraiser but want to contribute to our projects this year?
- Owe happy dollars for birthdays and anniversaries?
- Been fined for looking "too good" in the media?

Hit the EASY button by going to [RotaryAsheville.org](http://RotaryAsheville.org).

Or mail your check to

**Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation**

**P.O. Box 1954**

**Asheville, NC 28801**



Do you have Good News to share???

A new grandchild?

Something to celebrate about your career?

Did your favorite sports team win a big game?

Every member is invited to make an announcement when "the Call goes out" from the podium for **Happy Dollars**. Then give your donation to the Sergeant-at-Arms at the desk--NOT in the CART bucket on the table.

How many Happy Dollars? All donations are welcome--from \$1 to \$5 to \$20.

Celebrating your birthday? The suggested donation is 1/2 your age.

Celebrating your wedding anniversary? The suggested donation is that number.



### COG Corrections? Suggestions? Compliments?

If you would like to add an announcement to an upcoming COG, please email [RachelRionMoran@gmail.com](mailto:RachelRionMoran@gmail.com) no later than the Saturday before the Monday of publishing.

If you don't like the photo of you that I used here in the COG? You are welcome to email me the headshot of your choice. I will update your DACdb listing. That is where I copy them from.

## May is Youth Service Month

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Rotary's programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service. A few ways for youth to be involved include Interact clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, and New Generations Service Exchange.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12 - 18 to help develop and strengthen their leadership skills. These young leaders learn about the community through service projects and activities. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or RYLA, is a youth leadership program to help youth build their confidence, learn new skills and have fun while doing so. Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Rotary clubs from more than 100 countries sponsor students ages 15-19

and these students are able to learn new languages, discover new cultures and become global citizens.

Rotary has a long-standing commitment to serving our youth and will continue to commit to the development of these valuable individuals.