

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, May 23, 2023



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PROGRAMS

Programs

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTION HALL,
TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH. To request a
Zoom simulcast link email
avilrotary1915@gmail.com.
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30
PM

Speakers

May 25, 2023

[Marielen](#)
Rotary Youth Exchange

May 30, 2023

[Andrew Mercurio](#)
Discuss our new annual
fundraiser.

June 01, 2023

[Dave Erb](#)
Electric Vehicles: The
Future is Now

June 08, 2023

[Nora Scheff](#)
ASAP - Appalachian
Sustainable Agriculture
Project

June 15, 2023

[Dr. Lisa Raleigh](#)
Riverlink

June 22, 2023

[Ken Nelson](#)
Asheville Sister Cities
International

This Week's Program - May 25, 2023



Continuing the theme of Youth Services, our **Guest Speaker will be [Marielen Hartmann from Germany](#)**. She will be sharing her experience here in Asheville for the past year as an Exchange student.

Last Week's Program - May 18, 2023

Dr. Rob Jackson, Buncombe County School System Superintendent, was our speaker last week.

A graduate of the local school system, he recently returned home to take this position. His presentation was an overview of his "First 100 Days."

Dr. Jackson first met one-on-one with a range of school system workers. The strengths they identified are the students, the teachers, and the progress of the literacy program. Currently, the arts programs, orchestra programs, and the kid's athletic successes stand out. They identified these areas to focus on:

- Mental health support
- Staff retention
- Newcomer language student needs--Both Ukrainian and Hispanic

Dr. Jackson's previous experience in school system positions ranges from custodian, to teacher, to principal, and now, to this one--his second superintendent position. So, he brings a broad perspective to address these needs. And he shines as a star of the Buncombe County School System.



Coming Events

May 30th
Rotary Annual Fundraising Discussion

Speaker: Andrew Mercurio
Subject: Discuss our new annual fundraiser.

June 6th
Board Meeting

June 11th
Rotary Bark in the Park

June 20th
RY23-24 Rotary Board Planning Session

Club Leaders

[Ross Sloan](#)
President





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



Betty A. Doll
Secretary



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



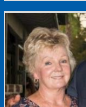
Kevin R. Montgomery
Club Director



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

The **2023 Morrill Scholars with their families** at the May 18th meeting.

From left to right Michael Hansman, Jessica Hansman and scholar, Ruby Blue; Eddie White, scholar Rachel White and mother, Jessica White; scholar Jacob Asbill and mother, Sarah Warren. Not pictured are Claire Lim, traveling with family; and Erin Chen, student at NC School of Science and Mathematics in Raleigh. Jacob graduates from TC Roberson as does Claire Lim, Rachel and Ruby are graduating from Nesbitt Academy. Claire will go to Columbia University in NYC; Ruby will go to NC State, Rachel and Erin will go to Duke University and Jacob will attend Davidson. All of these students are amazing in all areas: academic, community involvement and leadership. Congratulations to each and best wishes for college.

Announcements

New Members Inducted

Welcome **Millie Farmer!**

She is a broker with **Premier Sotheby's International Realty** in Asheville.

"Originally from Virginia, I left the USA as a corporate expat for many years living in various countries in Asia and Europe. I raised my two children abroad and spent those years volunteering across several civic and philanthropic organizations. An English major back in day, I then studied pastry making at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris.

Now happily settled in Asheville and working as a real estate broker. "



Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

AI Davis joined our club and Rotary International in 2019. Currently, he is the board director for community service.

AI founded Davis Financial Planning in 2010 and merged it with **Buckingham Strategic Wealth** this year. He is a tax-inclusive wealth advisor.

On May 18, 2023, AI was recognized as a **Paul Harris Fellow +1**. Congratulations!



Club Fund
Raising Chair



Marcia Whitney
Diversity Equity
& Inclusion



Daniel M. Crupi
RYLA Point of
Contact



Jacqueline
Boone
Club Public
Image Chair



Katherine
Morosani
iPast President



Lynne Porter
Assistant
Governor

Birthdays

William C. Bass
May 24th
James T. Deuel
May 26th
Herman S. Turk
May 26th
Grant B. Osborne
May 27th
Melissa R. Drennan
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
Nancy A. Brooks
June 16th
Reilly Wilkes
June 19th
Chris Werte
June 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

David T. Kaverman
May 24th



Plan Ahead - Invite Guests

On the 2nd Thursday of each month this Rotary year, we will be offering an exciting new way for potential new members to learn about Rotary and whether it's a good fit for them.

The final session will be June 8th 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.



"Jump In" Volunteers Needed



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.

Program Committee meeting Thursday, May 25th

Also at the last 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

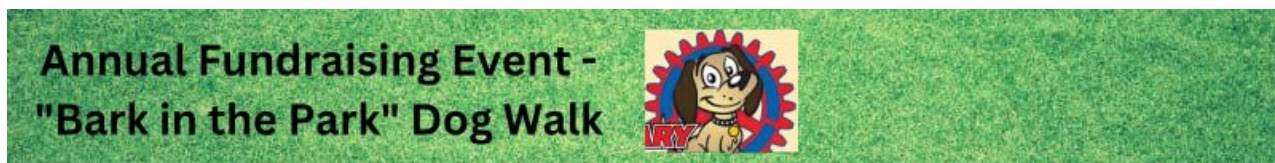
Ross Sloan
May 26th
Carter B. Webb
May 30th
Daniel M. Crupi
June 4th
James W. Zumwalt
June 8th
Carol L. King
June 9th
Wayne A. Roddy
June 10th
Jennifer Clarkson Soster
June 11th
Kristen R. Layton
June 16th
Lee Scott
June 20th
Angela Nicole Ferrell
June 21st
Janet L. Whitworth
June 21st



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.



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

[Details are on this website.](#)



At our May 18 meeting, **Fundraising Chair Andrew Mercurio** talked about the new sponsor program and he showed the new brochure.

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Club of Asheville

**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](#)

"Thank You" Meeting Support



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

Meeting Date: May 18, 2023



Desk Workers - Please introduce yourself to these recently inducted members who volunteered at the desk last week as part of the "Blue Badge Checklist:"

Joe Lancaster - Retired from LaSalle Dry Cleaners Owner/President 35 years
Past President Executives' Association of Greater Miami
Past President Southeastern Fabricare Association
Past Community Board member National Christian Foundation of South Florida/Miami
Deacon & Finance Committee Christ Journey Church Coral Gables Florida

Kevin McRae - In 2005 I founded K2 Irrigation Services, Inc. We provide landscape associated services, such as irrigation installation and service, landscape lighting installation and service, water feature installation and service to our clients throughout Western North Carolina. My wife, Danika, and I have two wonderful children; Ellerie (11) and Zion (9). Together we love to travel, camp and explore the outdoors.

Victor Anderson - Chief Financial Officer at Mountain Housing Opportunities. He has extensive experience in the non-profit and public sectors and brings a passion for serving the community within and outside of his professional roles. He is an active Rotarian

and is the past-president of the Memphis Central Rotary Club. Vic is also a veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1990-2000. Vic holds an Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of Memphis, a Master of Business Operational Management from the University of Arkansas, and a Bachelor of Art from Jackson State University.

Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Daniels - I was born and raised in Crystal Lake - a small town outside of Chicago. I earned a BA in English Literature with minor in Economics from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1989. I did a short stint in fashion and retail on Michigan Avenue in Chicago and then served in the Peace Corps in the mountains of Nepal. Upon my return home, after a few months backpacking around Europe, I served again. This time in a restaurant while I got used to life with indoor plumbing and a rapid pace again. I found my home in Global Education (supporting teachers to teach about the world) at The World Affairs Council of Northern California and later CGI in Chicago. In 1998 my spouse joined the State department. Since that time I have lived in Dhaka, Jerusalem, Berlin, Paris, Bern, and DC working to make a home for my family, support the mission of the US Embassy, support my children's schools and pursue a lot of language teaching - and learning. In 2019 I left the diplomatic life and moved to Miami. There I joined Rotary and TCP Global. Covid cabin fever sent me packing and I landed in Asheville. I live with my kids - 21 and 16 - and we are truly enjoying the beautiful woods, the cool weather, and the warm southern hospitality.

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.



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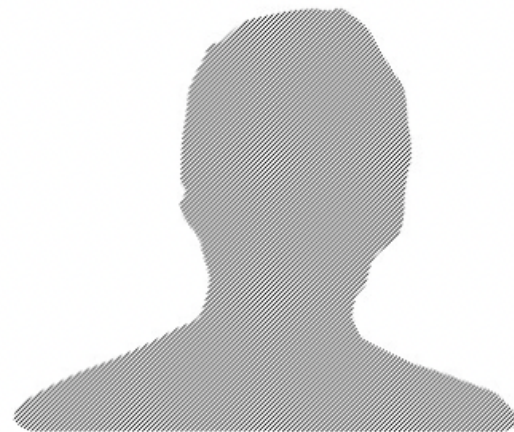
DACdb is our club's database. Each Rotarian has access to their own profile. If yours shows a shadow like this, please upload a headshot

How To....

Start at the club webpage, www.rotaryAsheville.org.

- 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



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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.

Or mail your check to
Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation
P.O. Box 1954
Asheville, NC 28801



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST (CART)



**Thank you,
Steve Aschmann
for matching the May18 total!**

CART has started a new program wherein a club member volunteers to be a Matching Donor for the funds collected in the CART buckets on each table that week. To keep it sane, the top matching request is \$50.

The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide "seed" money for cutting edge, high-impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer's disease. Learn more about CART here.

To sign up, email our club CART chair,
Michelle Daniels at
michelle4rca@gmail.com



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 no later than the Saturday before the Monday of publishing.

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.