

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, November 6, 2023



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTOR 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

November 09, 2023

Mr. Jimmy

November 16, 2023

Special Agent Eric Pelletier
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Coming Events

November 7th

Board Meeting

November 9th

Discover Rotary

November 15th

Third Wednesday at the
Watering HOle

November 16th

Nashville Songwriters in
the Round

December 3rd

Holiday Party

December 5th

Board Meeting

Club Leaders



Patrick A. Snyder
President

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Susan Harper

Congratulations and thanks to **Tim Owings** for being awarded his Paul Harris Fellow +5

Tracy Eames, from the Public Image Committee, gave the Club a brief Facebook lesson. Members who are on Facebook are asked to follow the Rotary Club of Asheville Facebook page and when there is a post by our club, **'like'** it by giving it a thumbs up. This will help spread the word about our club.

Betty Doll asked all members to go into DaCdb and update your information. Please also add an emergency contact number so the club has a secondary way to reach members.

Our club is participating in the **Santa for Seniors** program for Meals on Wheels. If you are interested – purchase a gift bag and fill it with things seniors might enjoy – puzzle books, word games, treats, and warm gloves/hat etc. These bags may be the only present these seniors get this time of the year. Bring the filled bag(s) to the club meeting.

Marvin Thomas let us know that the upcoming **Nashville Songwriters in the Round** is going to sell out, so do not wait to get your ticket. It is on November 16th at Highland Brewing. This event is a major fundraiser for our club.

Vicki Meese, a guest of Celeste Collins, shared some information about **Just Economics** – an organization that certifies businesses that pay a living wage. Our club can look forward to a program on this organization sometime in the future.

George Lycan would like the Club to know that the **Rotary Hike is back!** It is the first Wednesday of every month. The routes are about an hour-never, and never steep...only in and around the City. We start at 5:00 p.m except for December and January which will start at 4:30 pm, due to early darkness. Please send your name & email to George Lycan - glycan@kw.com if you are interested in participating.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

By Linda Nelson

TIM OWINGS RECEIVES A PHF+5

President Pat presented a Paul Harris +5 pin to Tim Owings. This represents a donation totalling \$6,000. The Club thanks him for his generosity and support to "Create Hope in the World."

Earning a Paul Harris award is a Rotary honor given to those who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation over any given length of time. Annual giving to the Foundation through EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) is a quick and easy way to give.

Maxine Parsons-Kogut is our club Foundation Chair and will be happy to help new Rotarians learn more about how to set



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
President-Elect



David Andrew Mans
President-Nominee
Club Director
International Service
Chair



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Treasurer



Betty A. Doll
Secretary



Frankie L. Adkins
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Officer
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Attendance
Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Catherine Jo Early
Club Director
Vocational Service
Chair



Anthony D. Lynch
Attendance
Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Maxine O. Parsons-Kogut
Club Director
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Alvin Ward Peacock Jr.
Club Director
Membership Chair

Richard T. Devereaux
Diversity Equity &

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM-11-6

By Jane Brody



A MUSICAL JOURNEY WITH MR JIMMY
MR JIMMY is the solo project of guitarist / vocalist / song writer, Jim "Ang" Anderson, who has fronted The Chicago Kingsnakes Blues band for 35 years, to date performing over 4000 shows. He writes, sings and plays real-deal Blues, Chicago style. A lifelong resident of the City's infamous South Side, he has shared the stage with Buddy Guy, Koko Taylor, Little Milton, James Cotton, Junior Wells, Lefty Dizz, Jimmy Dawkins, Johnny Twist, and the list goes on...

MR JIMMY has released 10 albums of original music with the Chicago Kingsnakes and is pleased to announce the debut of his new solo release "All Alone With the Blues" in July 2020. In 2018, Mr Jimmy moved to Asheville, NC to embark on his solo career. During our meeting this week, he will share his journey as well as play for us.

WOMAN-UP AWARDS

By Patrick A. Snyder

CELEBRATING WOMEN LEADERS IN OUR CLUB
The Asheville Chamber of Commerce held their annual Woman Up awards breakfast on Friday, November 3. With a sold out crowd of 600, we



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Birthdays

Ken Nelson
November 7th
Danielle M Kwasnik
November 12th
Jonathon Hart
November 12th
Sarah A Cockman
November 12th
Stephen Volkman
November 13th
Avtar Singh Dhaliwal



recognized and celebrated the great accomplishments of over 70 of our communities' leaders nominated for awards! Our club was well represented with nominees and in attendance, and we submitted nominations in most categories including: **Carol King, Carolyn Cronin, Marcia Whitney, Eva-Michelle Spicer, and Celeste Collins.** Additionally, new member **Louise Bijesse** and Ed Sullivan's wife and Breakfast Club Rotarian **Arlene Sullivan** were nominated for awards. All of these women are truly exemplifying service above self and are actively creating change and a lasting impact in our community! We're proud to serve as Rotarians alongside them today and every day.

Additionally....

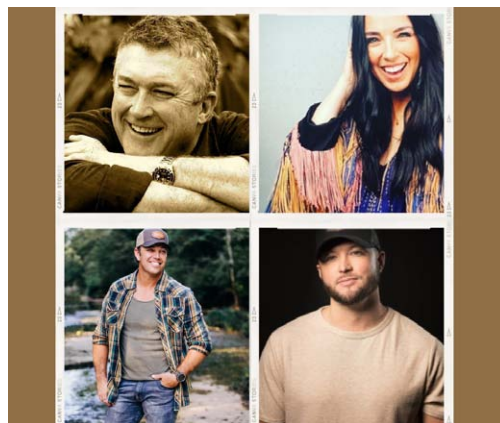


CONGRATULATIONS to CELESTE COLLINS!!! Celeste was selected as the winner of the Impact Award that was awarded to her for being a trailblazer who has made a difference through leadership and innovation. Her work at OnTrack Financial Education & Counseling, and her leadership as a board member of our club were both highlighted in the ceremony celebrating her accomplishments.

Please join me in congratulating all of our amazing nominees and thank you to the committee of folks who helped us nominate these very deserving women for their hard work and dedication.

SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND - FUNDRAISING EVENT

By Linda Nelson



Nashville Songwriters in the Round is almost HERE!

ONLY TWENTY SIX TICKETS ARE LEFT!
Don't be disappointed, buy your ticket today:
<https://givebutter.com/RotarySongwriters>

SANTA FOR SENIORS

By Alexander P. Pence

November 14th
 Katherine Morosani
 November 14th
 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
 Levonia B. Reese
 December 2nd
 Celeste B. Collins
 December 3rd
 Brandon E Oliver
 December 4th
 Kevin R McRae
 December 4th
 Zachary F. Lamb
 December 6th
 Bruce G. Clark
 December 6th

Wedding Anniversaries

Ford Willis
 November 7th
 Chris Werte
 November 11th
 Maria Rangel Pinner
 November 11th
 John S. Donahoe
 November 16th
 Avtar Singh Dhaliwal
 November 17th
 Stephen E. Aschmann
 November 20th
 Mary Brown
 November 24th
 Oscar P. Wong
 November 25th
 Sharon Kay LeDuc
 November 28th
 Louise C Bijesse
 December 5th

The Meals on Wheels program is collecting holiday gift bags which will be delivered to each one of their elderly clients. For many, it may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

Please bring your gift bags to our club meeting before **November 30**. Alternatively, you can drop them off at 146 Victoria Road by December 4th. Please indicate if the bags are gender specific.

GIFT IDEAS

Warm items: fuzzy socks with grips on the bottom to prevent slipping, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, and throws

Personal care items: lotion, chapstick/lip balm, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, comb, brush, toothpaste, men's razors, and shaving cream

Fun items: large print word search books, crosswords, puzzles

Organizational items: calendars, note cards, stamps, pens (larger easy-grip), and pencils

Food items: fruit cups, applesauce, single-serve bags of popcorn, small bags of snacks; peanuts, trail mix, raisins, individual coffee packs, hot chocolate

Other items: night light, small umbrella, AA or AAA batteries, small flashlight w/batteries, large magnifying glass
 hats



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Susan Harper on Monday, November 6, 2023



NEW MEMBER TALKS

David Whorley is a native of Asheville. His family settled in the Sandy Mush area in 1790 and his roots are Scottish. David grew up in West Asheville. His mother was a legal secretary and his father managed a taxi company. He shared funny stories about his ancestors, family and growing up. David majored in accounting at Chapel Hill and while he was an accountant for 40+ years, he considers himself an entrepreneur, a businessman and real estate investor. Some examples are his co-ownership of Highland Farms, Nova Kitchen and Bath, a real estate management company and a financial investment company. Rotary is a good fit for David in retirement – he has worked to serve the community his entire life by providing leadership to the community through organizations like the UNCA Foundation, the Center for Craft, the Chamber, the United Way, Leadership Asheville and the Wortham Center. Education is a core value of his. He feels

education is the key to lifting people up and making the world a better place. He highlighted the value of arts education, in particular in fostering intelligence and creativity.

Kevin McRae admitted that when Lacy Hagan brought him to a meeting last winter, he wasn't sure that a club that met weekly was a good fit for him. In his words, after a couple of meetings, he was hooked. He shared with us what he does... he has a B.S. in Geology and is the President and Founder of K2 Services, Inc. He is a licensed irrigation contractor, a licensed landscape contractor and a certified plant professional. While that is what he does, he says who he is – is an accumulation of experiences both good and bad. His core values are to work hard, have fun and be kind. Kevin grew up in Detroit – the youngest of 5. His father was a police officer whose job was to put people in jail. Kevin's mother's job was to keep

the 5 kids out of jail. He took the “scenic route” through college – 6 years, 5 colleges – all in different states. He met his future wife in 1997 and they dated long-distance for 4 years. In 2001, they pulled the name of Asheville out of a hat (she was living in California and he was in Florida) and moved here. They married in 2006 and now have a daughter and son. They all love traveling. Note – if you didn’t hear the story of what ended their long-distance dating, it is worth asking Kevin to share it with you! It involves a stranger in an Irish pub.



Chris Werte titled his talk **Select Stories from an Introvert**. Rather than share his resume or LinkedIn profile, Chris chose a few stories to give us a glimpse into his life. Chris was born in 1961 in Newark, NJ to a strict Italian Catholic family. He had a happy childhood but knew by the time he was in 3rd grade that he was gay. As a child, Chris loved politics. He was fascinated by the Watergate hearings and this love of politics led him to choose political science as a major in college and become an activist for causes that matter to him. In college, he was very involved in the nuclear disarmament movement. He participated in marches and shared that being a part of a large group of people who share your values and concerns is a very exhilarating and powerful experience that he highly recommends. After college, Chris moved to Winston Salem to attend law school. He came out while in law school in the conservative South and was actually asked to defend his “morality” before being allowed


to sit for the bar exam. He reengaged politically around gay rights in the 1990’s and was part of a group that created the first state hate crimes report. In the 1980s and 90s, his life was profoundly affected by the prevalence of AIDS and standing up for gay rights in the South. Five years ago, Chris married Tom, a person he had been friends with since 1989, and he is joyfully living his best life at age 62!

CART GIVING

By Linda Nelson



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST (CART)



Thank you **Alan Hicks** for being our matching CART donor last week.

CART has a 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
