

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, February 19, 2024



CLUB UPDATES

By Celeste B. Collins



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

February 22, 2024
Various winners
Rotary Club of Asheville
Community Grants

February 29, 2024
Dr. Ashley Lucas, PHD
Weightloss

March 07, 2024
Varied winners
Community Grants Pt. II

March 14, 2024
Dr. Mark Knollman
Honduras Club Project
Review

Coming Events

February 21st
Third Wednesday at
the Watering Hole

March 5th
Board Meeting

March 14th
Discover Rotary

Club Leaders



Patrick A. Snyder
President



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
President-Elect



David Mans
President-Nominee
Club Director
International
Service Chair



Janet L. Whitworth
Past President
Treasurer



Betty A. Doll
Secretary

Guatemala Project "Sharon LeDuc: The Rotarian team will be heading to Guatemala soon. Over the next two weeks, please bring school supplies or contribute money to help the students and families of the school. Monetary donations are also welcome! Contact Sharon for more information: skleduc@prodigy.net

Youth Exchange "Frankie Adkins: Next year our Club is sending five outbound students and will be hosting four inbound students for the 2024-25 school year. For each inbound student we need three host families. Is divided into 3-4 month time periods: August to Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving to March, and March to end of the school year. To be a host family you don't need to have a teenager at home, just an extra bedroom! Students will be in the AHS district and can get to school by bus or will need the host family to arrange transportation if they don't live in the district. Contact Frankie for more information: frankieadkins@outlook.com

Membership Committee "Dave Kaverman: If you are looking for Rotarians who are associate members, you can find the associate members in DACdb in My Club, Membership, Corporate Delegates tab.

Rotary Foundation "Tim Owings: Tim has joined the board as Foundation Chair. His goal is for our Club to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. He is encouraged that we are already over 2/3 of the way there.

DEI Questionnaire "Rick Devereaux: Please complete the brief questionnaire which is less than 10 minutes; Members of DEI Committee have committed to donate \$2 to the Club Foundation for every completed questionnaire. Your input will help shape future diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.



Are you registered yet for the **All-Star Weekend?**

<https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm>



Frankie L. Adkins
Club Director
Youth Protection Officer
Youth Services Chair



Celeste B. Collins
Club Admin Chair
Club Director



Michelle Daniels
Attendance Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Catherine Jo Early
Club Director
Vocational Service Chair



Anthony D. Lynch
Attendance Secretary
Sergeant-at-Arms



Alvin Ward Peacock Jr.
Club Director
Membership Chair



Timothy L. Owings
Club Director
Rotary Foundation Chair



Richard T. Devereaux
Diversity Equity & Inclusion Webmaster



Linda Nelson
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr
Club Director
Club Public Image Chair



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



Andrew Mercurio
Club Fund Raising Chair



Chris Werte
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



Marcia Whitney
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



Skyler Duncan
Environmental Service Chair



Daniel M. Crupi
RYLA Point of Contact



Mary J. Michael
Club Programs Chair



Ross Sloan
iPast President

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

By Linda Nelson

Please welcome new member **Kyle Parks**; sponsored by Sharon LeDuc:

Kyle Parks, a seasoned public relations professional, has launched Parks PR in Asheville, marking a move from St. Petersburg, Florida. Formerly a business journalist at the Tampa Bay Times, Kyle directed marketing/PR for Fortune 1000 real estate companies and served as the director of corporate communications for a diverse business entity. Following a successful 13-year tenure running a PR agency in St. Petersburg, Kyle sold ownership to a business partner in 2023. Specializing in building credibility for businesses and nonprofits, Kyle employs strategies such as content creation, news media outreach, and community involvement. Originally from Virginia, Kyle is thrilled to return to this region. With three grown sons - a lawyer, journalist, and musician - Kyle is relishing life in Asheville, fulfilling a long-desired move and embarking on a new chapter with Parks PR.



Now Taking 2024 Tennent Scholarship Applications!

By Carol L Birkner

BUZZ TENNENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Asheville decided in 1998 that there was a need for a scholarship program that was based upon academic merit as well as financial need. The funds for these scholarships are derived from fundraising and donations. The amount available varies from year to year as does the number of qualified students.

Applications Due April 14, 2024

CRITERIA

- Be a high school senior
- Have un-weighted GPA of 2.0 if planning to attend 2 year program at technical school, community college or junior college and 3.0 if planning for 4 year college
- Be enrolled in a college, university, community college or technical school
- Have three letters of reference
- Be a Buncombe County resident

Apply Here

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
SKLEDC@PRODIGY.NET
CALLEDAVIS23@GMAIL.COM
TINYURL.COM/TENNENTSCHOLARSHIP

Rotary Club of Asheville has a commitment to helping our community and one of the ways we do this is through our annual needs-based Tennent Scholarship.

The Buzz Tennent Scholarship was established by the Rotary Club of Asheville to support post high school students to achieve knowledge and skills essential for life and careers. Buzz Tennent was a Past President of the Rotary Club of Asheville (1939-1940) who went on to serve as District Governor in 1943-1944 and President of Rotary International in 1957-1958. The funds for the scholarship are donated by club members or raised through various fundraisers held throughout the year.

Those graduating from high school in 2024 are eligible [to apply](#). Application deadline is April 14, 2024.

Additional requirements and guidelines are:

- They must be a Buncombe County student (city, county, or private school)
- They must provide a transcript of their grades
- They must have successful out of school activities, e.g. work, volunteer, study, intern.
- They must [attach 3 letters of recommendation](#): at least 1 from teacher, other 2 from non-family sources
- They must provide Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) documentation
- They must answer each question and provide all requested information on the application
- They must provide a photo

For questions or help with the application, email rotarytennent@gmail.com.

APPLICATION

Birthdays

Harold Bradley Rouse
February 19th
Virginia McKee Lawrence
February 22nd
Marvin M. Thomas III
February 22nd
Jennifer Clarkson Soster
February 22nd
Winston C. Payne
February 22nd
Carter B. Webb
February 23rd
Millie J Farmer
February 23rd
Alexander P. Pence
February 23rd
Sophia Stefanidis Ungert
February 24th
Erin A White
February 25th
David R. McCartney
March 1st
Anthony D Lynch
March 6th
Kyle R. Boyd
March 10th
Ross Sloan
March 15th
Jessica Z Hendrix
March 15th
Laura C Uherka
March 18th
Allison C. Krivatch
March 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

Frank Harwell Rutland
February 26th
Michael E. Greene
March 4th

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

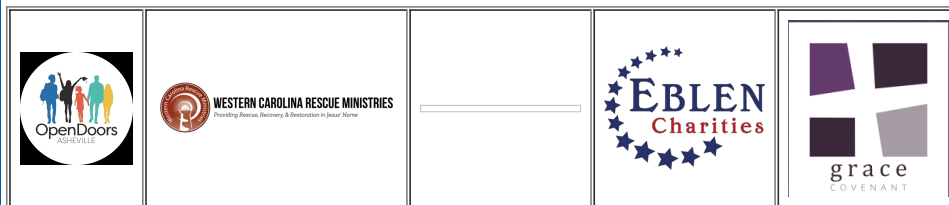
By David R. McCartney

The Rotary Club Of Ashevilleâ€™s 2023 Harry R. Morrill Community Grant fundâ€™s 11 award winners will be attending and presenting at our club meetings on February 22, 2024 and March 7, 2024.

Each of this yearâ€™s grant recipient organizations received \$1250 from the Rotary Club Of Ashevilleâ€™s Harry R. Morrill Community Grant fund. A leader from each organization will be presenting information about their organizationâ€™s mission and how the grant will help them in their work. We know that the grant award money will be helpful to these organizations, and we should also know that the potential connections club members can make with these leaders at the meeting are potentially of even greater value. Club members can look forward to these interesting and informative presentations!

February 22, 2024, Order of presentation:

OpenDoors Asheville â€™ Katie Valeika
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries â€™ Nicole LaVoie
Mt. Zion Community Development Inc. â€™ Belinda Grant
Eblen Charities â€™ Kathy Soule
The Childrenâ€™s Center at Gracelyn â€™ Tameka King



March 7, 2024, Order of presentation:

ABCCM Transformation Village â€™ Carolyn Cronin
Helpmate â€™ April Burgess-Johnson
Asheville Symphony Society â€™ Madeline Womack
MemoryCare â€™ Elizabeth Stavish
Muddy Sneakers â€™ Matt Schneider
Western North Carolina Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative â€™ Niki Duff



As a reminder of how these grants began; in 1981 Harry R. Morrill donated to funds our Rotary Club with the intent to use the spendable income âœœfor educational or local charitable donations that conform to Rotary ideals.âœ

Who Was Harry Morrill?

Thanks to club member and historian Dick Hall on this piece of Rotary history about Harry Morrill:

Mr. Morrill moved to Asheville in 1965 and joined the Rotary Club of Asheville in 1972 at age 81. He was, however, very familiar with Rotary having been a Rotarian for 35 years in California and was District Governor of District 526 which covered Southern California-Nevada-Arizona at the time he was District Governor.

In 1981, on his 90th birthday, he made the initial deposit for the Harry R Morrill Community Grants endowment and later, upon his death in 1986, he bequeathed additional funds to the endowment.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Celeste B. Collins

Rotary and the Veteran Health Administration: A partnership to help those who answered the call to duty was presented by **Bruce Carruthers** who has a long history of working in our Department of Veterans' Affairs health care system in various locations across the country.

Because Rotarians are people of action, have members who are veterans, and have volunteered to work on veteran causes, the VA is encouraging partnerships with local Rotary clubs to create lasting change for veterans.

Bruce shared information about the Veteran's Health Administration (VHA) role in treating over 9 million veterans in 1,200 facilities and 170 medical centers. Care includes hospitalization, rehabilitation, nursing homes and more. The VA is the largest integrated healthcare system in the US and its patient population has increased 78% since 2001, due to conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VA has three additional missions:

- Education - More than 70% of the nation's doctors have received training in the VA and the VA trains nurses, psychologists, social workers, physical/occupational therapists, and other professionals.
- Research - VHA has the largest genomic database in the world, has a larger long-term large patient population than any other healthcare system and its research innovations include developing the shingles vaccine, nicotine patch, implantable cardiac pacemaker, use of beta-blockers and improvements to prosthetic devices.
- National Preparedness - VHA is often part of the national response to emergencies like hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Bruce reviewed VHA's expansive integrated healthcare mode offered in its 170 medical centers. Other VHA programs address women's health, mental and behavioral healthcare, PTSD, suicide prevention, justice outreach, and homelessness. He shared that the number of homeless vets declined 52% since 2010. VHA Suicide Prevention initiatives include a Crisis Line (Dial 988 #1), telehealth, community outreach, prevention grants and the COMPACT Act of 2023. Numerous studies have shown that VHA outperforms the private sector on quality metrics.

Bruce encouraged the Club and our members to VA Voluntary Services at the Asheville VA Medical Center at 828-299-2514 to learn about opportunities to share time, skill and expertise. Examples include being a greeter, patient escort, providing transportation and assisting a vet in their transition to civilian life. He also advocated for Rotarians to contact Member of Congress to halt privatization of veteran healthcare. Learn more at: www.veteransforpeace.org



Charles George (August 23, 1932 - November 30, 1952) was a [U.S. Army](#) soldier who received the [Medal of Honor](#) for his actions in combat on November 30, 1952, during the [Korean War](#). He was fatally wounded when he threw himself on a [grenade](#) to protect other soldiers in his company and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.



CART GIVING

By Linda Nelson



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST (CART)

Thank you **Rick Devereaux** 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,
Kevin McRae at
kmcrae@k2irrigation.com