

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, March 18, 2024



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

March 21, 2024

Liz Colton
International Diplomacy

March 28, 2024

Skip Capone
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion:
Remediating Inequity or
Creating It?

April 04, 2024

Mary Michael, Virginia
Lawrence, Louise Bijesse
New Member Talks

April 11, 2024

April Burgess Johnson
Helpmate update

Coming Events

March 20th
**Third Wednesday at the
Watering Hole**

April 2nd
Board Meeting

April 11th
Discover Rotary
Speaker: April Burgess
Johnson
Subject: Helpmate update

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

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Susan Harper



President Pat thanked **Jim Duel** for the CART Match at today's meeting. Kevin McRae is still seeking members to sign up for a week to match contributions.



President Pat shared news from **Janet Whitworth** that Mark is continuing to improve after his skiing accident and might be released early next week. They are working on medical transport to get him back to Asheville from British Columbia.

Jim Davidson shared that club member **Sandra Smith** fell and fractured her left arm in 2 places. She is stuck

in bed and in a lot of pain. A **meal train** has been set up and members are encouraged to sign up and reach

out: <https://mealtrain.com/mo6og7>

J. Hackett thanked the club for all the well-wishes and support.

President Pat reminded club members about the District Conference being held in Greenville, SC on **April 19-20, 2024**. Our club will reimburse for some of the fees for attendance. Reservations for the block of reserved hotel rooms must be made by **April 4th**. Click here for more information, and to register:

<https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77701220>



Barbara Bowers reminded the club that our major fundraising event will be held on **May 16th** at the Embassy Suites. The committee members are looking for suggestions for chefs who will donate food for the event. For more information, reach out to Barbara or Eva Michelle.

President Pat reminded the club about the dedication of the Bee Pollinator Garden in Carrier Park at 9:30 on April 13th, followed at 10:30 by a volunteer opportunity at Riverlink for a storm water mitigation project being funded with a Rotary District grant.



Applications for **Tennant Scholarships** are due **April 14th**. Help spread the word.



Third Wednesday at the **Watering Hole** is scheduled for **March 20th** at 5 p.m. at the Highland Tasting Room. Come join fellow Rotarians for fellowship!



President Pat, shared the video of our club's entry for the District "best video" competition: <https://youtu.be/yCMkMVUFpgA>. The subject of our video represents the work of the Asheville High School Interact club. It will be submitted and judged at the All Stars District Conference on April 19-20, in Greenville, SC.



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 Werts
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

Birthdays

Laura C. Uherka
March 18th

HEROES HOORAH FUNDRAISING EVENT: MAY 16, 2024

By Linda Nelson

Would you like to be a Hero? **Contact Barbara Bowers** to offer your help, and talents with organizing the Heroes Hoorah Gala! The event takes place on May 16 at the Embassy Suites Downtown Asheville. The Event is a recognition gala honoring our **local community heroes**. The following awardees will be honored for their dedication in specific areas at our Honoring Asheville's Heroes event:

- Peace and Conflict: Michael Lamb, Asheville Police Dept
- Disease Prevention and Treatment: Dr. Joel Callahan, Pardee Hospital
- Water Sanitation and Hygiene: Renee Fortner, RiverLink
- Maternal and Child Health: Trish Hickling Beckman
- Basic Education and Literacy: Victoria Roberts, Read to Succeed
- Economic and Community Development: Matthew Bacaote, Jr
- Supporting the Environment: Ken Braume and Judy Mattox, Sierra Club

The Committee needs your help, and your talents to make this happen. Please reach out to her today: barb@barbarabowerslaw.com

You can also help by being a **Table Sponsor** or purchasing an **individual ticket** - Don't Delay: <https://rotaryasheville.betterworld.org/events/heroes-hoorah/payment?tickets=23141,1>



This fundraiser supports our projects, including local scholarships, recognition of teachers and first responders, protection of the French Broad watershed, local food security initiatives, and international support for medical, dental, optical, and literacy projects in Guatemala, Honduras, and Argentina.



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Janet L. Whitworth



Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Colton will speak to us about **local diplomacy**, an idea she has written about extensively and presented around the world urging all to practice citizen-diplomacy. She teaches that diplomacy is needed both locally and globally.

Dr. Colton lectures at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), has served as Diplomat & Journalist-In-Residence at Warren Wilson College. She is an Emmy Award-winning former international journalist/diplomatic correspondent, author, retired US Foreign Service officer and Peace Corps volunteer. Dr. Colton holds a Ph.D. in social anthropology from the London School of Economics & Political

Science.

Allison C. Krivatch
March 20th
Kristy Wilson
March 28th
Patrick A. Snyder
April 3rd
Mimi Gordon
April 6th
Dan A Rogers
April 8th
Richard Travis Hall
April 8th
Linda Nelson
April 8th
Edward J Snyder III
April 12th
Tanya N. Fletcher
April 12th
Stephen E. Aschmann
April 13th
Angela Nicole Ferrell
April 14th
Daniel M. Crupi
April 14th
Walter Zachritz
April 14th
Rebecca A Robertson
April 15th
Mary Frances Allen
April 16th
Janey Cope
April 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kirk Borland
March 22nd
Rachel Rion Moran
March 23rd
Mason Gibbons
March 23rd
Kyle R. Boyd
April 8th
Edward J. Sullivan
April 9th
Patricia M. Puckridge
April 10th
Benjamin J Wann
April 15th

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Susan Harper



Lynne Porter of the Biltmore Rotary Club shared images from the recent trip by the Dental and Eye Brigade to Copan Ruinas, Honduras. Rotarians from three Asheville Rotary Clubs: Asheville Biltmore, Metro, and Asheville downtown, spent eight intensive days providing dental and vision services to residents in the western hills of Honduras. This is the 15th year of this initiative, which followed a clean water project in that country.

The project sponsors three teams of medical professionals and volunteers to provide the dental and vision services, which include a dental restoration team, a dental extraction team and an eye clinic team. The Rotary Club of Copan Ruinas handles all the marketing and transportation and comes out to help as volunteers. Additionally, five Honduran dentists shadowed the Rotarian dentists to supplement their training and the teams were supported by Honduran students who are members of Interact at their high school.



Dr. Eric Bryant, Dr. Will Teague, and Dr. Mark Knollman shared reflections on what the experience had meant to them. They return from providing services in an economically depressed, rural community near the equator with a new perspective on their lives, new friends, a deeper cultural understanding and a realization that those who help others get back as much as they give.



The Rotary Club of Copan Ruinas gave awards to **Dr. Winston Payne, Dr. John Mattheson, Oscar Wong** and **Bob Haggard** for their vision, leadership and many years of service above self for their work and dedication on this program.

Oscar Wong, Mark Knollman & Lynne Porter	Oscar Wong, Dr. Mark Knollman, Dr. Payne & Lynne Porter
Oscar Wong Receives his Recognition Award	Dr. Winston Payne receives his Recognition Award