

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Wednesday, May 1, 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

May 02, 2024
Maggie Fehrman
Asheville City School
Superintendent

May 09, 2024
Jennifer Bennett
Duke Energy

May 16, 2024
Maggie Fehrman
Asheville City Schools
Superintendent

May 23, 2024
Amelie Gros
Rotary Youth Exchange
Student

Coming Events

May 7th
Board Meeting

May 9th
Discover Rotary

May 15th
**Third Wednesday at
the Watering HOLE**

May 16th
Heroes Hurray!

Club Leaders



Patrick A.
Snyder
President



Eva-Michelle G.
Spicer
President-Elect



David Andrew
Mans
President-
Nominee
Club Director
International
Service Chair



Janet L.
Whitworth
Past President
Treasurer



Betty A. Doll
Secretary



Frankie L.
Adkins
Club Director

HEROES HOORAH FUNDRAISING EVENT: MAY 16, 2024

By Linda Nelson

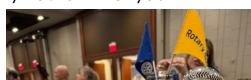
Our club will be celebrating our local community heroes with a Gala Event on May 16th at the Embassy Suites Downtown Asheville. As Rotarians, we believe we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our local heroes have been chosen and recognized for their work and dedication within the Rotary International seven areas of focus (see below for details)

Please consider becoming a **Table Sponsor** or purchasing an **individual ticket** - Don't Delay:
<https://rotaryasheville.betterworld.org/events/heroes-hoorah>
[Read More](#)

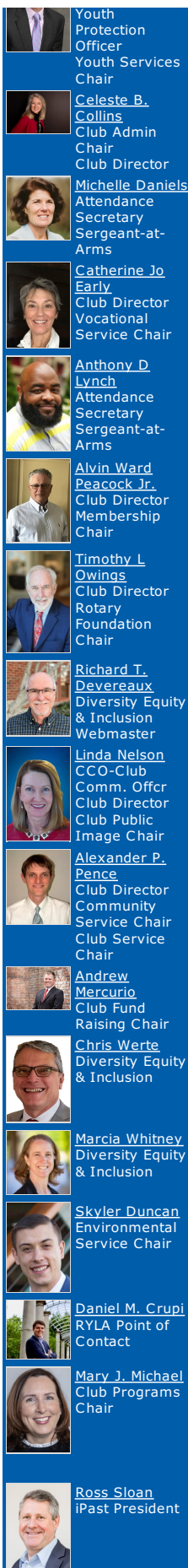


District Conference Awards for Rotary Club of Asheville!

By Patrick A. Snyder



The district celebrated Rotary and all the clubs' accomplishments in Greenville SC on Apr 19th and 20th 2024. The two-day conference was an excellent opportunity for fun, fellowship, creativity, and inspirational speakers. On Saturday night, it culminated in an awards ceremony where **OUR CLUB took home FIVE awards!**



Birthdays

Lisa Cutshaw
May 4th
Matthew Walter
May 4th
James Davidson
May 10th
Joseph Benjamin Burrell
May 11th



Congrats to all those who helped put in the the work to make this recognition possible.

We won the **Governor's Distinguished Club Citation** for our work in completing objectives from Pink Pages across all areas of the club.
We won the **"Inspiring Membership" award** for the membership team's efforts in growing our club this year.
We won a **zone award for sharing Rotary's story** over the year
And our amazing team (with the help of Interact) won both the Extra Large Club **BEST Newsletter** and **BEST Video award!**

Thank you to all the people of action who helped make this recognition possible. While we all tend to focus on Service Before Self and aren't in it for the awards, it's always nice to be recognized for a job very well done!

Thank you also to those who were able to attend the conference and celebrate Rotary and the Rotary Club of Asheville! *(not pictured but present: Jenny Bunn, Lacy Hagan, Donna Ensley)*



LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Kristy Wilson



We heard today from **Helena Fierle** sharing her **Global Scholarship** experience. Helena started her path in Rotary at the age of fifteen when she was part of the Rotary Youth Exchange. She was also a Global Grant scholar at Peace Building. Helena is finishing up her Masters in Barcelona with her thesis focus as an expressive arts therapist. She is determined to help younger people who have suffered trauma, so they may heal internally. People who connect and find peace within themselves can only then shift their focus to connect and help direct peace outwardly to others around them and around the world.

We recognized four **Asheville Police Department** police officers for our quarterly service awards as Rotary promotes peace and conflict resolution. Detective Brad Beddow was honored for his work through community engagement to



May 11th
 Carol E Bornstein
 May 14th
 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
 James T. Deuel
 May 26th
 Herman S. Turk
 May 26th
 Melissa R. Drennan
 May 27th
 Paula J Kelley
 May 28th
 Michael S Trayford
 May 29th
 Dwayne Richardson
 May 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

Laresa M. Griffin
 May 1st
 Scott E. Raines
 May 13th
 Edward L Bleynat Jr.
 May 19th
 Joseph Benjamin Burrell
 May 21st
 Bradley A. Arnold
 May 22nd
 David T. Kaverman
 May 24th
 Tate Warden
 May 25th
 Ross Sloan
 May 26th
 Carter B. Webb
 May 30th
 Laura C Uherka
 May 31st



reduce drug activity in the Pisgah View Apartments. Debbie Lecroy for community engagement for befriending a known person experiencing homelessness and providing hope through coffee. Officers Vincent Garetto and Ryan Osborne for their skilled negotiations in de-escalating a domestic disturbance.



Rebecca Ann Robertson, and our very own club member, talked about the Mayan Melipona Bee Project in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. It's also a project that our club has granted \$11,500 to construct two new hives.



The Mayan Melipona Honey Bees are the pollinators of the Rainforest. These bees provide one of the highest medicinal honey's on the planet. These bees don't have a stinger and their hive is in the shape of a pyramid! And, their eyes are blue. Who knew?!

The Melipona Bee Project mission is about helping these bees from becoming extinct while assisting women and their communities to become bee-tenders. So far, they have helped to build three bee-yards while providing three apprenticeships for the beekeepers. They are helping to keep the traditions that were

established 3,200 years ago of bee tending for the Mayan Melipona honey bee to survive today and for future generations. Remember-biodiversity is our biosecurity.

For further information check out their website: <https://ashevillesistercities.org/mayan-melipona-bee/>



Four Way Test

By Julie P. West on Saturday, July 1, 2023

The Four Way Test
Rotary



1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

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3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?
