

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, May 6, 2024



Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTION HALL, TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH. To request
a Zoom simulcast link email
avrotary1915@gmail.com.
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

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 Hurrah!](#)
June 4th
[Board Meeting](#)

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
Youth Protection
Officer
Youth Services Chair

HIGHLIGHTS

By Susan Harper on Monday, May 6, 2024



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Pat thanked **Dave Snider** for the pre-meeting music.

Betty Doll shared a letter of appreciation from a Vietnam Veteran who was on the Honor Air Flight.

Dan Rogers announced that **Tuesday, May 21st** at noon will be our next chance to volunteer in the community. Meet at Verner Early Education Center for some outdoor activities with children and some planting. Please contact Dan to sign up:
danalanrogers@gmail.com

Dave Kaverman announced that Grind Fest is still seeking volunteers. Our club is a sponsor of the three-day event happening **Friday, May 26th Sunday, May 28th**. To volunteer, go to <https://grindfestavl.com/> and click on the link

for volunteers on the home page.

Sandra Smith thanked club members for all the well-wishes and support during her recent convalescence. She also asked members to bring a bottle of wine to our club meeting for the Treasure Chest which will be raffled off at the Heroes Hoorah Gala on **May 16th**.

President Pat encouraged members to be a part of the **Heroes Hoorah** on May 16th at the new Embassy Suites in downtown Asheville. Tickets can be purchased on our website or at club meetings. He asked that we spread the word to our networks to join us and celebrate the work of local heroes.

President Pat thanked **Jim Thompson** for being a corporate sponsor of our club and awarded him his first Paul Harris Fellow pin for contributing \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

HEROES HOORAH FUNDRAISING EVENT: MAY 16, 2024

By Linda Nelson



"We're thrilled to honor eight community heroes, whose actions have created lasting positive change in our community that are aligned with Rotary International's focus areas," said **Pat Snyder, President of the Rotary Club of Asheville**. "The Heroes Hoorah Gala allows us to honor their work and highlight their accomplishments, and we look forward to making this an annual event."

Event tickets are available at

<http://rotaryasheville.betterworld.org/events/heroes-hoorah>.

Guests will enjoy an evening filled with music, drinks, light tasting food, and desserts prepared by local chefs, all supporting the Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation. Funds raised will contribute to projects such as providing local scholarships, recognizing teachers and first responders, protecting the French Broad watershed, supporting local food security initiatives, and international medical, dental, optical, and literacy projects in Guatemala, Honduras, and Argentina.

See Below for the list of Honorees:
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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

Birthdays

James Davidson
May 10th
Joseph Benjamin Burrell
May 11th
Carol E Bornstein
May 14th
David Andrew Mans
May 15th
Albert Davis
May 15th

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Jane Brody

Jennifer Bennett, Duke Energy

In 2023 Jennifer Bennett was named Duke Energy District Manager serving Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery Counties.



The District Manager serves the State President's organization in Government and Community Affairs. In this role, Jennifer's primary responsibilities are issue management for government officials and leadership, as well as community leadership organizations. She works across Duke Energy's departments, including generation, power grid operations, real estate, etc. As District Manager, she also manages community relations and philanthropic investments.

Prior to her current role, Jennifer was a Project Manager in the Water Strategy, Hydro Licensing, and Lake Services group at Duke Energy. In this role, Jennifer was responsible for managing regulatory compliance, the development and operations of recreational access and facilities as well as managing

historic properties associated with the Upper Catawba's Wateree, Walters, Nantahala Area, Keowee-Toxaway, and Bad Creek Hydroelectric Projects.

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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
Catherine Jo Early
June 4th
Jamie Wine
June 5th

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott E. Raines
May 13th
Edward L Bleynt 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
Daniel M. Crupi
June 4th

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AWARDS

By Linda Nelson



Club President, **Pat Snyder** handed out awards to Ward Peacock, Linda Nelson, Mark Chase, and Jim Davidson in recognition of the clubs' accomplishments at the District Conference held in Greenville SC on April 19th and 20th 2024.

OUR CLUB took home FIVE awards!

Congrats to all those who helped put in 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!

Inspiring Membership Ward Peacock 	Best Newsletter & Zone Recognition Linda Nelson 
Best Video Mark Chase and Jim Davidson 	Public Image Bronze Citation 

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!

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Susan Harper

President Pat introduced our speaker, **Dr. Maggie Fehrman**, who is a red badge member of our club and the Superintendent of Asheville City Schools. Dr. Fehrman shared that in college, she had planned to become an anthropologist but at the urging of an advisor, she got her teaching certificate and, it turns out, education was meant to be her life's work.

Dr. Fehrman believes that public education is the foundation of our democracy in America. She believes that teachers are the single most important person to the success of a child. While the principal is critical to the success of the school, teachers impact students profoundly. There is a stark difference in our country between the haves and have-nots and education is a way to level that playing field.

Dr. Fehrman has spent her time at Asheville City Schools listening and learning about this system. She has also been tasked with evaluating potential school closure and evaluating if Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools should merge.

Dr. Fehrman shared that Asheville City Schools have made three promises to the students, families and the community:

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

By Linda Nelson

President Pat presented **James Thompson** with his first **PHF** (Total giving \$1,000). 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 one way to give.

Tim Owings, who is our club Foundation Chair and will be happy to help new Rotarians learn more about how you can make your own contribution. towings@gmail.com



CART GIVING

By Linda Nelson



COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST (CART)

Thank you **Sharon LeDuc** for being our CART donor on **April 25th** and to **Tim Owings** for being our matching CART donor on **May 2**.

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