

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, June 24, 2024



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Linda Nelson

Service Project

In lieu of our regular meeting, we will meet at **New Belgium from 12:30 to 1:30** for a service project packing backpacks with school supplies for local children. All supplies will be provided--we just need to do the work. There is no need to RSVP for this event--just show up and, if possible, wear your Rotary shirts to demonstrate to others the work that we do!



If your schedule allows, hang around for a beverage and lunch from the food truck and a time for networking with your fellow Rotarians.

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTOR 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

Coming Events

No Events found

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



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

Marcia Whitney
June 26th
Callie Elise Davis
July 1st
Jacob Whitlow
July 4th
Joshua P. Christ
July 6th

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Susan Harper

Jane Brody and Ross Sloan introduced the program by thanking Pat for his very successful year as President and Ross presented him with a word cloud plaque generated by his fellow board members. Words like humble, committed, dedicated and organized were highlighted in the word cloud of 164 words representing our 164 members. Ross highlighted measures of Pat's success in the area of fundraising and in recognition by the District. In Ross's year, our club achieved 689 points and in Pat's year, we scored over 1,000!



President Pat summarized our accomplishments this year and celebrated all the people who made it happen. Our commitment as Rotarians and many, many hours of volunteer service combined with our fundraising success made this a very impactful year.

Highlights of his talk include:

- Thanking all those responsible for an incredible year of fundraising through a new sponsorship program, Songwriters in the Round and a new signature fundraiser. We raised \$175,000 and spent \$150,000 doing good work in our community and the world.
- Our club gave \$49,000 in needs-based scholarships (Tennant Scholarships) and \$25,000 in merit-based scholarships (Morrill Scholarship) to graduating seniors.

- Our club supported the expansion of the Simple School we helped build in Guatemala.
- We supported the Mayan Melipona Bee Sanctuary and our club built a pollinator garden in Carrier Park.
- Our club sent a dental and optical brigade to Honduras.
- Our club participated in 2 Blue Ridge Honor Flights to Washington, DC.
- We recognized local teachers of excellence and gave quarterly awards to officers in the Asheville Police Department.
- We awarded 11 grants to local organizations through the Morrill Community Grant program.
- We supported a very active Interact Club at Asheville High and sent students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy RYLA.
- We participated and supported community organizations by participating in Pride Fest, sponsoring and volunteering at Grind Fest, volunteering to help rebuild the newly named Candice Pickens Park and sponsoring a screening of the documentary Black in Asheville.
- We sponsored a blood drive, participated in the Meals on Wheels Santa for Seniors program, and volunteered with the Urban Stormwater Project of RiverLink.
- We welcomed an exchange student from France and heard Helena Fierle talk about her global grant scholarship.
- We supported TCP Global in giving micro loans in Africa.
- We had fabulous programs connecting us to our community, the world and interesting people.
- And lastly, we had fun - at the annual picnic and holiday party, the Gala, monthly hikes, monthly gatherings in the meadow at Highland for a beer, monthly volunteer opportunities, and more.



All of this stands as a testament to our belief in Rotary and the concept of Service Above Self. Pat thanked everyone who was willing to step up and make a difference. He thanked us for our donations of time, treasure and talent and said that together, we touched lives, strengthened our community and made lasting change. Rotarians are people of action!

Alvin Ward Peacock Jr.
July 6th

Janet L. Whitworth
July 11th

Jessie Bosshard
July 12th

Carol L. Birkner
July 15th

Jacqueline Boone
July 18th

Shannon Paris
July 19th

Charles P. Thompson
July 19th

Alan S. Hicks
July 20th

Annie N. Simpson
July 23rd

Lucian Andreiu
July 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

William A. Samson
June 24th

Maggie Fehrman
July 5th

Joshua P. Christ
July 10th

Timothy L. Owings
July 12th

Kelly McCullough
July 13th

Donald P. Weidemann
July 14th

Dan A. Rogers
July 15th

Alan S. Hicks
July 19th

David K. Snider Sr.
July 23rd

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Susan Harper

President Pat thanked **Laresa Griffin** for the CART Match this week.

Dan Martin's wife Linda Martin and daughter **Rachel** visited the club to share how much Dan valued Rotary. Dan was President of our club in 2004, and left a bequest to our club in his will.

Linda Nelson asked members who value access to the weekly COG asked for volunteers to step forward to keep it going!

President **Pat** reminded members that next week, the club will be meeting at **New Belgium** Brewing to do a service project with the Chamber of Commerce, packing backpacks for elementary students.

President Pat awarded **Don Weidemann** his Paul Harris Fellow +6 and thanked him for his contributions to Rotary International.

Three new members were inducted into the Club: **Lisa Robinson**, and **David Schroer**, both sponsored by Ward Peacock, and **David Lippeatt**, sponsored by Kyle Parks.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

By Linda Nelson

President Pat presented **Don Weidemann** with a **PHF+** (Total giving \$7,000). 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



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

By Linda Nelson



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

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

fourth

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