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Club of Asheville THE COG

Wednesday, March 8, 2023



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM March 9, 2023 UPDATED



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 09, 2023

Varied
Community Grants (I)

March 16, 2023

Varied
Community Grants (II)

March 23, 2023

Dr. Lisa Raleigh
The River and the
Community

March 30, 2023

Jim Lenburg
U.S. Relations with China

Coming Events

April 3rd
Community Service
Monday

April 4th
Board Meeting

Club Leaders



Ross Sloan
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Patrick A. Snyder
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The program for March 9, 2023, is from the **Community Grants Committee** presenting our club's grant recipients of the Harry R Morrill Community Grants for 2023.

As a reminder of how these grants began; in 1981, Harry R. Morrill donated funds to our Rotary Club with the intent of using the spendable income "for educational or local charitable donations that conform to Rotary ideals." This is our club's 41st year of distributing these grants.

This year the Morrill endowment funded \$12,500 to be awarded to 10 recipients at \$1,250 each. We had 44 organizations apply for a grant. More than any previous year in recent memory. The grant committee members evaluated all the applications, then selected 10 organizations to send to the club's board for approval.

At this meeting ,we will hear presentations from representatives of 5 grant recipient organizations.

Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción (CIMA), Ami Worthen

Our project is partnering with MANNA FoodBank to co-host a food distribution site in the Emma community of Buncombe County, plus assisting MANNA with two other sites each month. At these monthly events, we also provide information about community resources.

Evergreen Community Charter School, Susan Haldane

A grant from the Rotary Club of Asheville's Harry Morrill Community Grant will be used to continue the progress made through Evergreen's 2021-2022 Racial Equity Initiative. These funds will allow us to continue to do the hard work that has to be done to ensure our school and community is the diverse environment we all strive to achieve. Evergreen is driven to not only equip its students with the skill sets and tools necessary to create positive change within larger communities around issues of race, equity, and accessibility, but to implement the work needed to ensure the school itself is operating in the same manner and serving as an example to its community.

The knowledge and expertise gained from these continued training sessions, and the actions we are enacting as a result, are positively impacting the members of the Evergreen community and, with your help, will continue to do so.

The following is a sample of the workshops and other activities which could be supported by this grant for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Continuing the facility's Learning for Justice workshops, which help teachers integrate the Learning for Justice (formerly known as Teaching for Tolerance) curriculum into their classrooms.
- Conducting our annual My Place in Race workshop, a day-long workshop for middle schoolers that provides them the opportunity to participate in meaningful and intentional dialogue around the concept of race, and discover their own ways to engage in the greater global conversation around racial equity and diversity.
- Providing finances for staff and teachers to attend Building Bridges, a 9-week course focused on the conversations around racism in Asheville.
- Providing finances for staff and teachers to attend Racial Equity Institute training, a 2-day intensive workshop on the historical narrative of racism in America and existing structures that perpetuate racism.
- Exploring and implementing the findings from the school's racial equity audit and strategic plan

Grace Episcopal Church Ecumenical Winter Shelter, Anna Pizzo

From December through March, we aim to shelter up to forty people, serving ten at a time and rotating each month to a different church location. We would like to go beyond traditional Code Purple offerings by offering consistent shelter during the winter months. This consistency was offered last season at Trinity UMC and met a great need for reliable and safe shelter, especially on nights of heavy rain and cold (but not freezing temperatures) where hypothermia and other health risks for those who remained outside were high. Our commitment is to shelter those who are the most vulnerable during the winter months, when death rates, long term illness, and criminalized sleeping arrangements are at an all time high. The intent in sheltering these specific populations has to do with both the mission of our respective congregations and the desperate need to fill the gaps in our sheltering system. We realized that our congregational resources could meet a community need, and that working together would lighten the burden placed on each congregation.

Our VOICE, Inc., Rita Sneider-Cotter

Grant funding provides the majority of our funding at Our VOICE, but it comes with many restrictions as to how it can be spent. One of our big needs that grant funding often cannot assist with is to be able to provide food, gift cards, gas cards,



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and hotel nights for survivors of sexual violence and human trafficking. These items are often needed in the moment to help survivors move forward in their healing process.

YWCA of Asheville and WNC, Courtney Gentry

The YWCA of Asheville requests funding to support [MotherLove](#), a program for pregnant and parenting teens, with the goal of ensuring participants graduate from high school, enroll in secondary education, and delay a subsequent pregnancy. Our primary goal is to help moms reach high school graduation. Nationally, only 50% of pregnant teens reach high school graduation, and in North Carolina, only 36% graduate. Each year, MotherLove enrolls 30 teen moms ages 13-20, and supports them through their pregnancies and as they transition into parenthood. Girls are exposed to pregnancy prevention curricula to help avoid subsequent pregnancies and will have access to prenatal care and education pertaining to a healthy pregnancy. They all receive case management until they reach graduation, which includes monthly home visits, goal setting, and support in finding or securing other needed services and resources such as transportation and housing. After graduation, moms can opt-in for ongoing case management until they turn 20. MotherLove also offers monthly evening support group meetings and Lunch-Bunch (an in-school lunch meeting for pregnant teens who may not be enrolled in MotherLove but who can still benefit from additional support). These events create opportunities for girls to connect and build a network of peer support with other young moms.



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Birthdays

Frank S. Smith III
March 9th

Kyle R. Boyd
March 10th

Ross Sloan
March 15th

Jessica Z Hendrix
March 15th

Allison C. Krivatch
March 20th

Kristy Wilson
March 28th

Patrick A. Snyder
April 3rd

Wedding Anniversaries

Kirk Borland
March 22nd

Rachel Rion Moran
March 23rd