

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, January 3, 2023



IMAGINE ROTARY

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

January 05, 2023

[New Club Members](#)
New Member Talks

January 12, 2023

[Past District Governor Isaac](#)
[Owolabi Ph.D.](#)
Membership Strategies

January 19, 2023

[Sharon LeDuc](#), [Betty Doll](#), [Al](#)
[Davis](#), [Sophia Ungert](#)
Guatemala Trip

January 26, 2023

[David Manns](#)
Teachers of Excellence
Recognition

February 02, 2023

[Derek Allen](#)
Craft Brewing and Distilling
Industry in North Carolina

Coming Events

January 3rd
[Board Meeting](#)

Club Leaders



[Ross Sloan](#)
President

[Patrick A. Snyder](#)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

We look forward to getting to know more about a few of our new members this week. This is a recurring program that a lot of our members look forward to, so don't miss this program! The new member talk is the final step in the transition from a red badge to a blue badge, so we are pleased to welcome several new blue badge holders this week.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

Good things came in twos at our December 29 meeting. We inducted two new members: Jerry Smith and Jim Zumwalt. It's terrific to welcome two experienced Rotarians to our club. We had two speakers and our caterers treated attendees to second servings of lunch.

The two speakers both exemplify the power for positive change in Rotary International. Helena Fierle started her journey with Rotary at age 15 as a Rotary exchange student in Germany. She is currently sponsored by our club as global grant scholar studying to be an expressive arts therapist. Her focus is on creative play for inner peace building. She's putting these skills to work with elementary school children in Berlin with a focus on refugee children, including children from Ukraine. Helena is also working on her first children's book. It was delightful to hear about Helena's studies, travels and passion for peace building through arts and mental health.



Our second speaker, John Baumracker is a member of the Highland Mountain Rotary Club and a familiar face to our club as Carol King's husband. He is serving as District 7670 International Services chair. In this role, he shared information on a new global grant project to bring telemedicine to Lobos, Argentina. John travelled to Lobos to personally vet the opportunity. Our club has committed \$15,000 of the \$36,220 total grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of



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Chair



Lobos, Argentina. Many thanks to both our speakers, and here's to continuing to do good in the world in 2023.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations and Scholarships

Donations to our **Club Foundation** can now be made directly on our website. Couldn't make the fundraiser but want to contribute to our projects this year, owe happy dollars for birthdays and anniversaries, been fined for looking too good in the media – hit the EASY button by going to RotaryAsheville.org.

Please bring raffle items for our weekly drawing that benefits the **Tennent Scholarships**. Promote your business, your passion, or your creativity.

Cart Fund



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. Consider contributing \$1 a week per quarter; \$13.

For Birthday/Anniversary/Happy Dollars/CART Funds
please mail your check to
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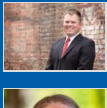
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Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

*Please submit any volunteer opportunities you feel your fellow Rotarians would enjoy being a part of.



If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG, please email [Lisa Cutshaw](mailto:Lisa.Cutshaw) no later than Saturday, prior to Tuesday publishing.

“Discover Rotary” Session January 12th at 11:15 for Potential Members

By David T. Kaverman

Starting the 2nd Thursday of each month this year, we will be offering an exciting new way for potential new members to learn about Rotary and whether it's a good fit for them. **The first session will be January 12th at 11:15 in the main conference room at Trinity.** We will finish by noon, so any guest can join us for lunch if they would like.

This program is modeled on what a number of Clubs have done in Zone 33-34 with impressive results. They found that many guests who attended a regular meeting only got a limited understanding of what Rotary was all about and as a result, didn't fully see the impact of becoming part of the Rotary family. They created an overview presentation and interactive discussion about Rotary and found that twice as many guests decide to join versus just attending a meeting.

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- Colleen S. Dieterly
January 4th
- Karen Batka
January 7th
- David N. Wilcox
January 13th
- David T. Kaverman
January 15th
- William K. Haggard
January 16th
- James W. Zumwalt
January 22nd
- Andrew Mercurio
January 23rd
- Carmen Cabrera
January 28th
- Eric W. Michael
January 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

- R. Scott White
January 6th
- William K. Haggard
January 20th
- David N. Wilcox
January 24th

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THE GREEN CORNER

By Christena Southwick

CELEBRATING OUR CHOICES

FAVORITE QUOTE: "If you think you're too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito." --Bette Reese

This year, the Rotary Club's Sustainability Committee has made a commitment to bring ideas that inspire and enable members to convert to a sustainable lifestyle with ease. While having electric vehicles and solar panels are important to the environment, so, too, are my personal choices within my household when no one is looking.



Over the course of 2022, my household has begun using compostable curbside trash bags and compost food bins. We use cloth napkins, washable paper towels, green dishwasher, dish soap, laundry soap, old-fashioned bar hand soap, all household cleaning products and reusable single-serve coffee pods. Leftover food gets wrapped in beeswax covers rather than plastic wrap, and we recycle zip lock bags and print cartridges. I even bought a toothbrush with an aluminum handle which comes with disposable brushes. None of this broke the bank by any stretch.

This feels like a significant start for my family. Thanks to doing research for the committee, I now have a list of places in Asheville for buying food in bulk in the New Year. Our family has recycled for years. Now I'm learning that recycling isn't enough: it's about refusing to use plastic products if at all possible, including plastic water bottles and bringing my own bags inside the grocery store.

Do these changes take too much time and energy? No. Are they hard to implement? No. Does it have to be done all at once? No. Should we start small and chip away at worn-out plastic-use habits? Yes. Does implementing these choices feel good? Yes! Are green products superior to the products that hurt the environment? Yes. Am I making a difference with all these changes in just my one household? Yes.

And lastly, as a Rotarian, does it meet the Four Way Test? Absolutely! Let's start the new year feeling good about *all* of our choices. The Sustainability Committee wishes every Rotary member and their families Happy Holidays and a very Green New Year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rotary Hiking Group

The January hike is being postponed due to weather. Email George Lycan to be added to the email list for updates.

The Downtown Rotary Club has a monthly hike on short routes in and around the city. It goes on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 5pm. We have a fun hike and then have a fun social-home for dinner.

If you are interested, please contact George Lycan at glycan@kw.com

Thirsty Third Thursday

Join us on the third Thursday of each month around 5 pm at Highland Brewery for Thirsty Third Thursday. Join with fellow Rotarians, spouses and partners, friends, guests and anyone else who is interested, sip a libation, and get to know each other a little better. Weather permitting, we'll be out on the Meadow at Highland--if not, we'll be inside.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By David T. Kaverman

Our latest membership update for the Rotary year through December. I've flipped the order so the most recent month is first on the list so it's easier for you to quickly see the changes. Thank you to the sponsors and all who made our guests feel welcome!

Any feedback or suggestions are welcome. Send those to me at dave@acuityma.com.

Membership at a Glance: 149 Active & 6 Honorary

New Active Members:

Jerry Smith (December)—Financial Advisor, Sponsored by Skyler Duncan

Jim Zumwalt (December)—City/County Administrator, Sponsored by Dave Kaverman

Sandra Smith (October)—Sales Training Consultant/Business Owner, Sandra K. Smith LLC, Sponsored by Jim Davidson

Chris Werte (October)—Development Manager, Asheville Community Theatre, Sponsored by Susan Harper

Jane Brody (October)—Commercial Real Estate Broker, NAI Beverly-Hanks, Sponsored by Kevin Montgomery

Paul Hatfield (October)—Food Service Manager, Brookdale Senior Living, Sponsored by Jim Deuel

Donald Cameron (August)—Retired High School Teacher, The Brooks School Andover, Massachusetts, Sponsored by Dave Kaverman

Jennifer Soster (August)—Higher Education, Warren Wilson College,

Sponsored by Dave Kaverman

Margot Baron (July)—Google Cloud Certifications & Certifications Lead, Google, Sponsored by Barbara Bowers & Eva-Michelle Spicer

David McNamee (July)-- Professor of Leadership in the MS in Leadership program at the University of Arkansas Grantham, Sponsored by Keith Bell

Resignations:

Jacob Youngblood (December)—Lack of Participation

Kylie Hicks (December)—Lack of Participation

Joe Worthington (December)—Schedule issues

Gina Collias (December)—Schedule issues

Cassidy Harbison (November)—Moved out of the area

Kelly Shannafelt (November)—Moved out of the area

Rob Earley (November)—Schedule Issues

Heinz Grohs (October)—Health Issues

Scott Hicks (September)—Not Available due to Travel

Dena Whalen (July)—Family Obligations

FOUR WAY TEST

Rotary  **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?
