

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, April 6, 2021



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

LENOIR-RHYNE'S CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDIES OF ASHEVILLE

Continuing with the theme of diversity and equity inclusion in Asheville, our speaker for the April 8 meeting is Dr. Michael M. Dempsey, Dean and Director of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville and the Lenoir-Rhyne Equity and Diversity Institute (LREDI). Located in the Historic Montford area of Asheville, the graduate center opened in August of 2012 and currently offers 10 graduate and certificate programs.



Dr. Dempsey came to Lenoir-Rhyne from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech), where he provided leadership for the administration and growth of higher education-related academic programming and services for the college's dual-enrollment programs. These programs provide high school students with access to college coursework. Dr. Dempsey also oversaw the installment, operation, and expansion of A-B Tech college readiness centers, facilities located in local high schools that are designed to improve students' math and English skills prior to high school graduation.

We invite you to join us in welcoming Dr. Dempsey to our meeting Thursday.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sip n Learn Virtual Happy Hour

A few weeks ago, **Richard Genz** presented a program at our club meeting on *Modern Monetary Theory*. Many were intrigued and wished to learn more. Well...here's your chance! He has agreed to attend our Virtual Happy Hour, Tuesday, April 13th @ 5:30 pm, to lead discussion and answer questions about this economic theory. He taught a class at

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at Online via Zoom.
Pre-meeting chats begins
at noon. Email
avlrotary1915@gmail.com
to request Zoom link.

Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30
PM

Speakers

April 08, 2021

[Dr. Michael Dempsey,](#)
[Director Lenoir-Rhyne](#)
[University Asheville](#)
Graduate Studies Update

April 15, 2021

[New Member Talks](#)
Short Autobiographical
Talks from our Club's
Newest Members

April 29, 2021

[Lucy Crown, City of](#)
[Asheville Greenway](#)
[Coordinator](#)
Asheville Unpaved

Coming Events

April 6th
[Club Board Meeting](#)

April 7th
[Hike with Rotary](#)

May 5th

Hike with Rotary

Club Leaders



Sophia Stefanidis Ungert
President



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President-Elect



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International
Service Chair



Sara L. Marshall
Club Public
Image Chair



Donna W. Prinz
Youth Services
Chair

OLLIE on this subject, which is how our member, Brad Rouse, learned about him and his expertise.

[Deficit Myths by Stephanie Kelton](#) is recommended reading if you are interested.

Itching to Travel? Let's Visit the European Union!



Although much of Europe is closed to travel due to Covid 19, we have the unique opportunity to see parts of Prague, Vienna, and Poznan through the eyes of **Ross Sloan** and to experience what it's like to live in Luxembourg from the perspective of **Steve Anderson** who resided there for 20 years!

No masks required. Just log in on Wednesday, April 14th at 7 pm.

Calling all Traveling Rotatians

Our fun monthly ♦Around the World with the Asheville Rotarians♦ (an initiative of the Fellowship Committee) is growing in popularity. **We would love for YOU to share your travel story with us.**

Foreign travel, domestic travel, a guided bus tour or a solo adventure, a tent or the Ritz. **What's been fun for you? What are your best memories? Won't you share?** We gather via Zoom on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7 pm. If you would be willing to share, please contact Dave Kaverman (dave@acuityma.com) or Betty Doll (BettyADoll@gmail.com).

It's vicarious living at its finest!



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.

Weekly Meeting Zoom Instructions

Please look for Dustin Schlabach to email the weekly meeting Zoom.



Ross Sloan
President-
Nominee



Patrick A. Snyder
Community
Service Chair



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer
Club Director



Patricia M. Puckridge
Membership Chair



Dustin L. Schlabach
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ford Willis
Sergeant-at-Arms



Megan E. Robinson
Club Programs
Chair



Janet L. Whitworth
Past President



Donna Rogers
Ensley
Assistant
Governor

Click on the link or copy and paste in your web browser. If that will not work go to zoom.com, click join a meeting and enter the meeting ID included in Dustin's email.

**For Birthday/Anniversary/Happy Dollars/CART Funds
please mail your check to
Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation
P.O. Box 1954
Asheville NC 28801.**

If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG please email to Helen Stefanidis helxstefani@gmail.com by 5pm on Saturday prior to Tuesday publishing.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

*Contact Salvation Army Commander and fellow club member [Phil Swyers](#) if you'd like to help out with Covid-19 relief efforts.

*Contact the Red Cross of WNC to volunteer with educating at-risk communities regarding home fire safety from April 8 to May 8. redcross.org/volunteer (Rotarian Megan Robinson, Executive Director Red Cross of WNC)

*Contact the Asheville Y downtown or Ferguson branch to give shopping bags for their food packages. (Rotarian Jessica Hendrix, Executive Director Asheville Y)

*Contact handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org for all volunteer opportunities in the area. (Rotarian Kevin Montgomery, Director of Resource Development) redcross.org/volunteer

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan



Birthdays

- Linda Nelson
April 8th
- Richard Travis Hall
April 8th
- Joshua M. Abrams
April 9th
- Edmund B. Parker
April 10th
- Tanya N. Fletcher
April 12th
- Stephen E. Aschmann
April 13th
- Angela Nicole Ferrell
April 14th
- Mary Frances Allen

CARING FOR CHILDREN DURING COVID-19

April 16th
Scott E. Raines
April 20th
Patricia M. Puckridge
April 23rd
Dieter H. Buehler
April 26th
Sharon Kay LeDuc
April 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle R. Boyd
April 8th
Edward J. Sullivan
April 9th
Patricia M. Puckridge
April 10th
Albert Davis
April 18th
Thomas A. Cannon
April 20th
Mark A. Knollman
April 23rd
Celeste B. Collins
April 26th
Carolyn Cronin
April 29th
John S. Fisher
May 5th

The speaker for our April 1st meeting was no stranger to Rotary as the daughter of our club member, Steve Taylor and a Paul Harris Fellow. **Stephanie Kelley** is a Center Director at the Verner Center for Early Learning. She joined us to share the impacts of COVID-19 on children's social/emotional development and learning.

Toxic stress, as experienced this past year, can damage brain development in the critical time between infancy and age 5. The Verner Center responded to counter the negative impacts of the pandemic by adapting delivery of their curriculum using safe greetings, homemade books, safe sensory learning experiences, and adorable stuffed teddy bears.

While the curriculum is based on research for early childhood development, their motto is wisdom we can apply at any age, ♦ Stay safe. Be kind. Use your heart & mind. ♦ Many thanks to Stephanie Kelley for her informative presentation. Please tune in to the recording if you missed it to learn more about how the Verner Center is spreading joy with intentionality.

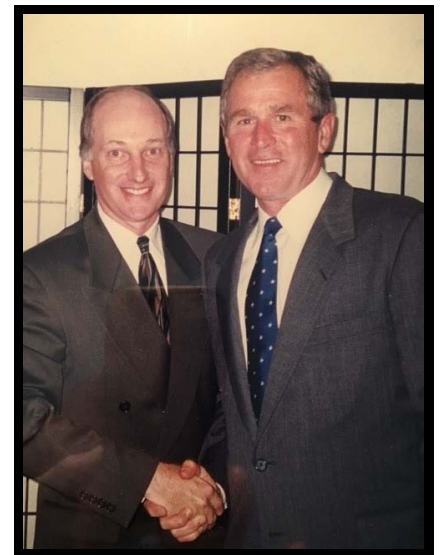
Member Spotlight: Jim Deuel

By Linda Nelson

Did you know that Jim Deuel has shaken hands with President Nixon, President George H. Bush, and Michael Dukakis? He acted as a tour guide to Buzz Aldrin at the Air and Space Museum's grand opening at Dulles Airport. He forged a friendship with Hollywood fashion designer Oleg Cassini, met Tom Brokaw, John Chancellor, Kathryn Crosby, and rubbed shoulders with many politicians and celebrities.

And it wasn't always easy! Cybill Shepherd (whom he met in Memphis many years before) could not believe that the hotel was full, declaring, "Surely you must have a few rooms in your back pocket?" As the hotel General Manager, Jim had the difficult task of letting her know that the hotel was "sold-out" and could not accommodate her. You might be wondering how he met all these people.

Jim graduated from Cornell School of Hotel Administration, which led to a thirty-five-year career with Hyatt Hotels. He moved seventeen times, including Chicago, Wellesley MA, Baltimore, Sarasota FL, Winston-Salem, Arlington VA, with his favorite being Washington DC at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel. While Jim was working at Hyatt's corporate office in Chicago in 1986 he found out that they had a couple of hours to go home, pack and be on a late afternoon flight to Winston-Salem to take



over as hotel general manager. It was a welcome promotion, but he would have preferred a little more time to prepare. And coincidentally, he was working in Memphis when Elvis Presley died; we can only imagine the ensuing commotion. Jim has more stories to share. Next time you speak to him, ask him about his encounter with Mick and the Rolling Stones.

Jim grew up in Geneva, NY, on Seneca Lake, part of the beautiful Finger Lakes region of Western Up-State New York. His father was a pediatrician, and his mother, who was his "biggest support" growing up, unfortunately died at the young age of 48 from cancer.



Jim is a dedicated Rotarian spanning over thirty-five years with five different clubs. He's held many roles including club president. Since joining the Asheville downtown club in 2013, he served as the Director of Club Service A in 2017 and Club Service B in 2018. During that time, Jim reintroduced and revamped the "Fireside Chats" to help new members feel connected. He thinks his most significant contribution is asking Pat Puckeridge and Donna Prinz to take on leadership roles within the Membership Committee. "Bringing them on board as

the committee chairs was the best possible decision I made!" he said. "They've done a great job, especially handling the many membership processing changes."

Jim loves the energy and the dynamics of our Club and is hopeful that face-to-face meetings will resume very soon.

Besides Rotary, Jim enjoys playing golf at least once a week, hiking with his lovely wife Kary, and eating out. They also spend time at their family vacation cottage in Hayward, Wisconsin, which is the perfect place to relax with their dogs, Bailey and Gracie, and watch the world go by.

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?
