

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, April 12, 2021



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

NEW MEMBER TALKS

We are all missing the social interaction of in-person lunch meetings and expanding our relationships with the other members. On April 15th we have to pleasure of getting to know two of our newest members: Andrew Mercurio and Helen Stefanidis. Andrew and Helen will have the opportunity to tell their life histories and create connections with the other members. Considering the diverse background, interests and personalities of our members, these talks provide some of our most interesting and popular meetings. So be sure to join us in welcoming Andrew and Helen into our club on Thursday.

Andrew Mercurio, Risk Advisor for CAI Insurance
Sponsored by Tanya Fletcher and Josh Abrams.
Joined Rotary Club of Asheville in Dec. 2020



Helen Stefanidis of Weaverville, NC.
Sponsored by Sophia Ungert and Tracey Eames.
Joined Rotary Club of Asheville in March 2021.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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**

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 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

May 06, 2021

Dr. Joseph Fox
Buncombe County Remembrance Project

Coming Events

May 5th
Hike with Rotary

Club Leaders



Sophia Stefanidis Ungert
President



Katherine Morosani
President-Elect



Richard T. Devereaux
Past President
Secretary



David A. Kozak
Treasurer



Stephen F. Anderson
Club Director



Bradley A. Arnold
Rotary
Foundation Chair



Celeste B. Collins
Diversity Equity &
Inclusion



Melissa R. Drennan
Club Admin Chair



Mark A. Knollman
Vocational Service
Chair



Sharon Kay LeDuc
International
Service Chair



Sara L. Marshall
Club Public
Image Chair



Donna W. Prinz
Youth Services
Chair



Ross Sloan
President-
Nominee

Anderson who resided there for 20

years!

Watch for an email with the ZOOM link on Wednesday morning, April 14th, then join us at 7 pm that evening for a great time with your fellow Rotarians.

No masks required. Everyone travels in first class--compliments of your Rotary Fellowship Committee.

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. 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

Additional Volunteer Opportunities :



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

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

*Contact [Rick Devereaux](#) if you would like to volunteer with vaccination distribution at A-B Tech. Rick will put you in touch with the volunteer coordinator for the Buncombe County vaccination center.

*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)

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

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

DR. MICHAEL DEMPSEY PROVIDES UPDATE ON LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY



Our community is fortunate to have several top notch universities. In our April 8 Rotary meeting, we learned about Lenoir-Rhyne University and their unique approach to graduate studies designed with flexibility to meet student needs. Our speaker was Dr. Michael M. Dempsey, Dean and Director of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville.

Dr. Dempsey shared information on their graduate programs as well as student success stories. One of their alums is CEO of a favorite local business for those of us with a sweet tooth, *French Broad Chocolates*.

A highlight of Dr. Dempsey's talk was learning about their new Equity & Diversity Institute. This professional certificate program was launched in September 2020, and is off to a successful start under the leadership of Program Developer, Aisha Adams. Our own club member, J Hackett is

Birthdays

Tanya N. Fletcher
April 12th
Stephen E. Aschmann
April 13th
Angela Nicole Ferrell
April 14th
Mary Frances Allen
April 16th
Scott E. Raines
April 20th
Patricia M. Puckridge
April 23rd
Dieter H. Buehler
April 26th
Sharon Kay LeDuc
April 28th
Jacob Youngblood
May 8th
Joseph Benjamin Burrell

May 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dustin L. Schlabach

May 9th

also an instructor for this program.

Many thanks to Dr. Dempsey for speaking with our club. If you missed the meeting, please tune into the recording. It may spark the inspiration for your next degree!

FOUR WAY TEST



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?
