

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, April 27, 2021



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at Online via Zoom. Pre-meeting chats begins at noon.
Email avrotary1915@gmail.com to request Zoom link.

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

Speakers

April 29, 2021
[Lucy Crown, City of Asheville Greenway Coordinator](#)
Asheville Unpaved

May 06, 2021
[Dr. Joseph Fox](#)
Buncombe County Remembrance Project

May 13, 2021
[President John Gossett](#)
A-B Tech Update

May 20, 2021
[Mexico Consul General](#)

Coming Events

May 5th
[Hike with Rotary](#)

Club Leaders



[Sophia Stefanidis Ungert](#)
President



[Katherine Morosani](#)
President-Elect



[Richard T. Devereaux](#)
Past President
Secretary

ASHEVILLE UNPAVED



Our speaker this week is Lucy Crown, a native of Asheville, who returned in 2014 to become Asheville's first dedicated Greenways Coordinator. In this role she developed the Buncombe County Greenway Master Plan and she will discuss ongoing project initiatives such as Asheville Unpaved that reflect and expand upon this vision.

Lucy discovered the importance of bike lanes and greenways in making places more enjoyable, accessible, and intimate while traveling as a decorative arts restorer. This led her to post-graduate studies in City and Regional Planning at Clemson University.

Previous to working on greenways and bike infrastructure with the Buncombe County Parks and Recreation Services, Lucy worked on the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville, SC.

We look forward to welcoming Lucy to our meeting, Thursday, April 29th.

ASHEVILLE CLUB and DISTRICT 7670 SEEKING GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS

By Sharon Kay LeDuc

The Rotary Club of Asheville is proudly nominating Sahana Venkatesh, raised in Raleigh and a 4th year medical student at UNC, as an exceptional candidate for District 7670's Global Grant Scholarship, and is **seeking other Rotary clubs willing to help support the grant.**

Sahana is an aspiring pediatrician whose interest in global health began as she was researching post-genocide reconstruction in Rwanda and Uganda. She was



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Diversity Equity &
Inclusion



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Club Admin Chair



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Vocational Service
Chair



Sharon Kay LeDuc
International Service
Chair



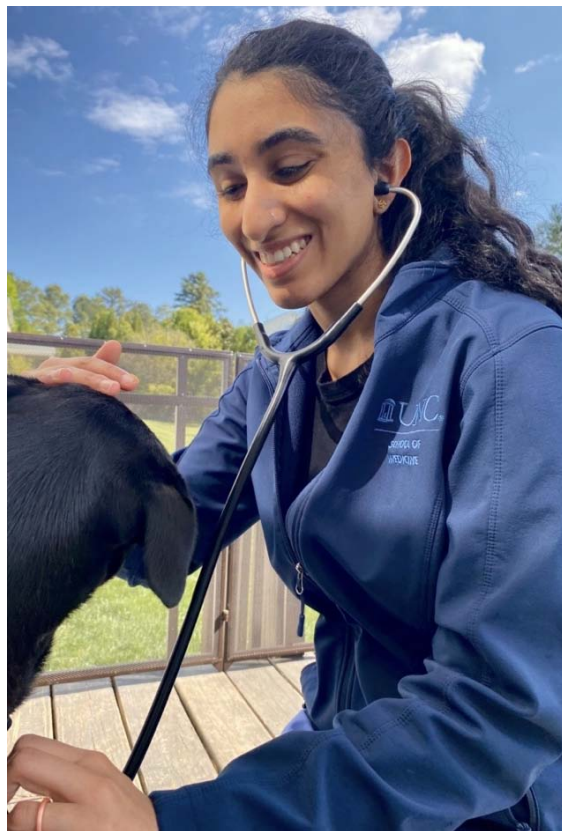
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Chair



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Youth Services Chair



Ross Sloan
President-Nominee



struck by the significant impact of healthcare workers not only in providing immediate care, but also in global advocacy and creating infrastructure changes for sustainable and equitable health access. At UNC, she has continued pursuing these interests through leading monthly refugee citizenship evaluations,

volunteering with the Refugee Community Partnership, and helping bring healthcare access to recently incarcerated individuals through FIT (Formerly Incarcerated Transition) Connect.

Sahana's long-term goals align with Rotary's focus on sustainable development, especially in regards to child health. Diarrheal illness (primarily linked to inadequate sanitation, hygiene, and clean water access) remains the leading cause of death globally in children under 5. It contributes significantly to child morbidity and mortality, and like many other endemic diseases it disproportionately affects the most vulnerable and perpetuates cycles of poverty. Sahana's goals are to create local partnerships and develop infrastructure that will not only provide broader access to healthcare, but also address the underlying barriers to clean water access. Sahana will be pursuing a MSc in Health and International Development at the London School of Economics next year.

How can you support Sahana? The Global Grant Scholarship will not cover all of Sahana's projected schooling costs. If you or your club is interested in donating, please [email Sharon LeDuc](#), Asheville Rotary's International Service Chair. Sahana will attend District 7670's Conference in August so you will have an opportunity to meet this outstanding scholar for Rotary!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take Rotary Out to the Ballgame!

Our club is partnering with the Asheville Tourists at the concession stands for 3 nights this season, to raise money (we'll



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Megan E. Robinson
Club Programs Chair



Janet L. Whitworth
Past President



Donna Rogers Ensley
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Sharon Kay LeDuc
April 28th

Jacob Youngblood
May 8th

Joseph Benjamin Burrell
May 11th

Albert Davis
May 15th

Kirk Borland
May 18th

William C. Bass
May 24th

Ed Callis
May 25th

Herman S. Turk
May 26th

James T. Deuel
May 26th



a 5-hour shift on one (or more!) of our three volunteer nights. We need 12-15 people for each of these nights (families are welcome to join):

Thursday, May 20th

Friday, July 23rd

Thursday, September 9th

Please email [Eva-Marie Spicer](mailto:Eva-Marie.Spicer@rotaryclubofasheville.com) if you are able to help our Club earn some money this summer.

Rotary Swag

If you'd like to show off your Rotary pride, [Lantana Productions Inc.](http://LantanaProductionsInc.com) is a licensed Rotary vendor, providing shirts, caps, jackets and bags with the Rotary logo. Look for the Rotary tab at the top or email [Lacy Hagan](mailto:Lacy.Hagan@lantana.com) with questions.

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.

Melissa R. Drennan
May 27th
Grant B. Osborne
May 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Carolyn Cronin
April 29th
John S. Fisher
May 5th
Dustin L. Schlabach
May 9th
Scott E. Raines
May 13th
Richard J. Jacobs
May 18th
Edward L. Bleyнат Jr.
May 19th
Joseph Benjamin Burrell
May 21st
Bradley A. Arnold
May 22nd
David T. Kaverman
May 24th
Jacob Youngblood
May 26th
Ross Sloan
May 26th

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 :

*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 5 p.m. on Saturday prior to Tuesday publishing.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

LIVING SAFELY WITH OUR BEAR NEIGHBORS

Our April 22nd meeting celebrated Earth Day by learning how we can live responsibly alongside bears. Our speaker was Ashley Hobbs the Assistant Black Bear & Furbearer Biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Ms. Hobbs shared that our state has the largest bear density per square mile in the country with approximately 20,000 bears in North Carolina.

Locally, Buncombe County experiences disproportionately high bear/human conflict relative to the rest of the



state. The program focused on basics for avoiding these conflicts and tips for reacting to bear encounters. Many thanks to Ashley Hobbs for her work to keep bears wild and people safe. More resources are also available at [BearWise.org](https://www.bearwise.org).

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?
