

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, August 9, 2022



IMAGINE ROTARY

Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTION HALL, TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH--Proof of
Covid-19 vaccination or recent
(72 hrs) negative Covid-19 test
required to attend in-person. To
request a Zoom simulcast link
email avrotary1915@gmail.com.
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

August 11, 2022

[Prof. Chris Cooper, WNCU](#)
2022 Election Update

August 18, 2022

[Anna Alsobrook, Mountain True
Watershed Outreach Coordinator](#)
Our Mountains of Plastic

August 25, 2022

[Yvette Freeman, Publisher](#)
The Envoy Guide - A trusted
guide for women and minorities
in the United States, celebrating
diversity and telling their
stories.

September 01, 2022

[New Member Talks](#)
Short, autobiographical talks
from our new members

September 08, 2022

[Chief Burnette and Patrick
Crudup](#)
Asheville Fire Department
Update

Coming Events

August 13th
[Asheville Tourists Game
Outing](#)

August 14th
[Community Service Monday -
Now SUNDAY, Aug 14th!](#)

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert



Christopher A. Cooper is the Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor and Director of the Public Policy Institute at Western Carolina University. Cooper studies American politics with a particular emphasis on state and local politics, southern politics, and elections.

He is the author of over 50 academic journal articles, co-author of *The Resilience of Southern Identity: Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of its People* and co-editor of *The New Politics of North Carolina* (both published by the University of North Carolina Press).

Cooper is a frequent source for journalists, has been quoted in outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal and has served as an expert witness in multiple voting rights cases.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM_08/11/2022_

By Melissa R. Drennan

Our August 4 meeting program was straight from national headline news. On the same day Britney Griner was sentenced to nine years imprisonment in Russia, our speaker was someone who has dedicated himself to bringing home U.S citizens who are wrongfully detained abroad.

Jon Franks is Founder and President of Lucid Public Relations. Most recently, Jon successfully represented U.S. Marine veteran Trevor Reed who was released from Russia in April. He estimates there are at least 65 Americans currently being held in foreign prisons in horrific and life-threatening conditions. The plight of these individuals is largely ignored for political reasons. However, his experience with Trevor Reed highlighted that making these issues public can help create the right environment for negotiating release. He also stressed that prisoner release deals, such as Mr. Reed's or the proposal for Ms. Griner, do not incentivize further hostage taking.



August 18th
Thirsty Third Thursday Social

August 18th
Nashville Songwriters in the Round

While this is a difficult topic, Jon Frank's remarks helped frame much of the debate we are hearing in the news daily. We appreciate his insights and wish him success in this important work. For those interested in supporting this work, his GoFundMe campaign can be found [here](#).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming Presentation

Representatives from Catholic Charities and Lutheran Services will be attending our meeting on August 11 so that we can present them each with a \$2k check for their support of Afghan refugees in the Asheville Area.

Nashville Songwriters in the Round August 18th

Join the Rotary Club of Asheville for an intimate concert experience to benefit the Tennent Scholarship Fund. Renowned songwriter Phillip Lammonds will travel to Asheville with three friends to serenade us with song and entertainment in the Highland Brewing Event Center.

The Tennent Scholarship is a merit and need based scholarship that awards eligible Buncombe County seniors with a one time, freshman year, scholarship to college. [Click this link](#) to see and hear from this year's scholarship winners who were featured on WLOS.

Ticket price includes all beverages, dinner, dessert, and your priceless concert experience. Purchase tickets at [Givebutter.com/](#)

RotaryAsheville.

Since 1915, [the Rotary Club of Asheville](#) has served the local community, fulfilling a standing mission of Rotary clubs all over the world to take action to enhance basic education and literacy.

If you would like more information about sponsorships, please contact Janet Whitworth at jwhitworth711@gmail.com or 828-768-1808.

Community Service Monday

Our Club volunteers for a different organization on each Community Service Monday, the first Monday of the month.

We are changing things up in August - the next Community Service Monday is going to be on Sunday, August 14th from 7:30-12:00. If this goes well, we will likely do the monthly project on a weekend once a quarter.

If volunteers need to leave a little before 12:00, that is fine. The project will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at Haywood Street Congregation at 297 Haywood St. in Asheville. Learn more about the project at <https://haywoodstreet.org/>

downtown-welcome-table/.

For the September project, because the first Monday falls on Labor Day, we are going to have our project on Monday, September 12th at Eliada, where we will be working on their corn maze (details to come).

Reach out to [Kelly Shanafelt](#) for more information.

Club Leaders



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Outreach



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Rotary Foundation
Chair

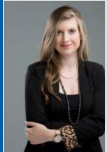


[Charles M Peabody III](#)
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Sgt-at-Arms

[Kelly C. Shanafelt](#)



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International Service
Chair



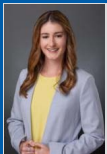
Andrew Mercurio
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Inclusion



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RYLA Point of Contact



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Club Public Image
Chair



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Birthdays

Robert H. Haggard
August 12th
Susan F Lightner
August 14th
Steven M. Higley
August 14th
Christena Southwick
August 15th
Thomas G. Leavesley
August 16th
Kristen R Layton
August 17th
J. Huntington Mallett
August 21st

Enjoy a Night Out at the Ballpark

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a night out at the ballpark Saturday, August 13. We will be at the Hi-Wire event space to watch the Asheville Tourists play ball. More information about tickets coming soon. Email [Colleen Dieterly](mailto:Colleen.Dieterly) with questions.

Rotary Hiking Group

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.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Attire Available



Club member Lacy Hagan has Rotary attire available for purchase. With our upcoming Community Service Mondays, let's show up proudly displaying the Rotary logo! You can e-mail Lacy at lacyh@lantanaemb.com.

Update on In-Person Meeting Policy

All members attending in person are still required to provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative test result, but the mask requirement is no longer in place per CDC guidelines.

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

Lee Scott
August 22nd
Barbara J. Bowers
August 29th
Deborah H. Francis
September 2nd
Philip W. Swyers Jr.
September 5th
Cassidy Harbison
September 5th
Margaret Gormley-Chapman
September 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

Linda Nelson
August 11th
Alexander P. Pence
August 11th
Sophia Stefanidis Ungert
August 19th
Carol C. Hensley
August 23rd
William Robert Goacher
August 23rd
Charles M Peabody III
August 29th
Kevin R. Montgomery
September 1st
David R. McCartney
September 1st
Steven M. Higley
September 2nd
Jacqueline Boone
September 4th
Thomas G. Leavesley
September 7th

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

Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation
P.O. Box 1954
Asheville, NC 28801

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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By David T. Kaverman

Starting with the August 9th edition of the COG, we have added a membership update at the request of several members. This will list both the new members to the Club as well as any who are exiting. This both helps all members know who has joined the Club as well as allowing them to let anyone leaving know that they will be missed and welcome to rejoin when the time is right for them.

We will update this list after each month during the Rotary year by adding the activity for the previous month. After the Rotary year ends, we will start with a fresh list. Any feedback or suggestions are welcome. Send those to the Membership Chair, Dave Kaverman, at dave@acuityma.com.

2022/23 Membership at a Glance: 150 Active & 6 Honorary

New Active Members:

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

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

Resignations:

Dena Whalen—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?
