

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, September 13, 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

**September 15, 2022**

Billy Clark and Mark  
Gibbs  
NC DOT Update

**September 22, 2022**

Dr. Dwight Mullen  
Asheville Reparations  
Commission Update

**September 29, 2022**

Chris Corl, GM  
Harrah's Cherokee  
Center Asheville

**October 06, 2022**

Chief Burnette and  
Patrick Crudup  
Asheville Fire  
Department

#### Coming Events

September 14th  
Board Meeting

September 14th  
Rotarians Around the  
World

September 15th  
Thirsty Third Thursday  
Social

September 19th

#### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

#### NC Department of Transportation



We are pleased to welcome two representatives from the NC DOT to address our club.

Tim Anderson, P.E. serves as NCDOT Division Engineer for Division 13 that includes the western NC counties of Buncombe, Burke, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford and Yancey. Tim has more than 20 years of maintenance and operations experience through his various roles in the department and has had the opportunity to work in three NCDOT Divisions. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from UNC Charlotte and is a registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina.

William "Billy" Clarke joined the N.C. Board of Transportation in May 2017. Clarke brings nearly 30 years of experience representing local governments and private clients in environmental law. His practice focuses on environmental permitting and compliance, transactions involving the purchase and sale of contaminated property, environmental and administrative litigation, and water quality issues. He has extensive experience in Brownfields Redevelopment for both public and private clients.

#### LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Kristy Wilson

We ended up with a packed house today with lots of guests to hear Dale Folwell, our North Carolina State Treasurer. Mr. Folwell is serving our state in

## Writing Cards for Our Veterans

October 3rd

## Community Service Monday

October 4th

## Board Meeting

## Club Leaders



Ross Sloan  
President



Patrick A. Snyder  
President-Elect



Betty A. Doll  
Secretary



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Club Director  
Youth  
Protection  
Officer  
Youth Services  
Chair



David T. Kaverman  
Membership  
Chair  
Club Director



Kevin R. Montgomery  
Club Director



Linda Nelson  
Club Director  
Communication  
and Outreach

his second elected term. He focuses on only the green! He considers himself and the department "the keeper of the public purse".

Mr. Folwell is proud of the AAA bond rating that North Carolina has acquired under his tenure. In 2021, the state's coveted AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by every major rating agency, making North Carolina one of only 13 states in the country to hold that distinction.

Treasurer Folwell also oversees the State Health Plan, which provides medical and pharmaceutical benefits to more than 750,000 current and retired public employees and is the largest purchaser of health care in North Carolina. Overall, they have saved the people of North Carolina over \$117 million in Wall Street fees! Under Folwell's leadership the pension plan was rated among the top five highest-funded in the country and won accolades for proactive management and funding discipline.

Mr. Folwell is concerned over the health care systems that monopolize the state of North Carolina. The health care systems disguise themselves as non-profit, avoiding income taxes, property taxes and sales taxes. He would like to change this! For more information, check out [www.nctreasurer.com](http://www.nctreasurer.com). Also, he urges everyone to check out [www.nccash.com](http://www.nccash.com). You never know if there is undiscovered money that may belong to you or your loved ones!



## JOYS OF VOLUNTEERING

By Christena Southwick

### HAYWOOD STEET CONGREGATION/DOWNTOWN

This is a big club with plenty of opportunities to put "service above self." As former president Rick Devereaux said after his year of service, "I have found that service elevates the self." A handful of adventuresome Rotarians found this to be true as they arrived for the August club service project at Haywood Street Congregation/Downtown, arranged by club volunteer coordinator Kelly Shanafelt. The project is called The Welcome Table. Food is provided by participating area restaurants.

The project involved serving breakfast. This was no ordinary breakfast. It was an event. Cloth napkins and real silverware adorned the tables, and Rotarians volunteers acted as servers. Volunteers are referred to as "Companions."

Melissa Drennen commented on "the smooth organization of delicious food, everything was remarkably well done." She said her favorite memory from that experience "is the fellowship—eating breakfast with Earl, who was visibly moved to have a made-to-order breakfast in a comfortable, welcoming environment."





Maxine O. Parsons-Kogut  
Club Director  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Charles M. Peabody III  
Attendance  
Secretary  
Sgt-at-Arms



Kelly C. Shanafelt  
Attendance  
Secretary  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Eva-Michelle G. Spicer  
President-Nominee



Kristy Wilson  
Club Director  
Vocational  
Service Chair



Richard T. Devereaux  
Webmaster



David Andrew Mans  
International  
Service Chair



Andrew Mercurio  
Club Fund  
Raising Chair



Marcia Whitney  
Diversity Equity  
& Inclusion



Daniel M. Crupi  
RYLA Point of  
Contact



Cassidy Harbison  
Club Public  
Image Chair



Katherine Morosani  
Past President



Lynne Porter  
Assistant  
Governor

Mark Knollman and his wife, Lisa, have been involved with the Haywood Street Congregation/Downtown Welcome Table since its inception, supporting it both financially and with sweat equity. "The Welcome Table project is so different than serving cafeteria style. Eggs cooked to order. Choices like bacon, sausage, hash browns. I have never witnessed this before. It was amazing! I worked at a station with a retired couple. We served drinks, a variety of cereals, blueberry cobbler with or without whipped cream. A Greek yogurt parfait with granola and blueberries. Imagine the dignity in selecting your meal with options, and the enhanced human value. Most of us take all of this for granted—each and every day. As usual, Lisa and I left there feeling that we had received so much more than we had given."

Rotarian Al Davis agreed. "The experience of being a Companion with the community at Haywood Street Congregation and serving the largely homeless population was truly life-changing. I was humbled and honored...it feels like I gain more than I give with Rotary volunteer opportunities, especially this one!"

Sharon Le Duc, an 11-year-and-counting volunteer at Haywood Street Congregation, says the volunteer experience there is emotional. "Wonder, disbelief, denial, confusion, inadequacy, acceptance and gratitude (all recurring and in no particular order)." Sharon says she continues to "learn and serve."

Linda Nelson was moved to tears with her experience. She called it "truly life-changing." She attended the event believing she was giving back to the community. However, she feels she came away with far more than she gave; the "graciousness and appreciation from our customers was overwhelming."

The intent of the Club Volunteers committee is to offer this as a project on a weekend once a quarter. Those who went left richer, and would encourage those who didn't go to give it a try. The website is [haywoodstreet.org/downtown-welcome-table/](http://haywoodstreet.org/downtown-welcome-table/) to find out more about the history of the ongoing project.

## THE GREEN CORNER

By Christena Southwick

### GOD SAVE THE KING

It doesn't have a familiar ring—just yet. However, in time, the much-loved Queen Elizabeth II will be tucked away in our memories along with all of our dear ones who have passed before us. In time, we will embrace the new King Charles III.

Rotarians around the world surely took note of a recent photo of him wearing his Rotary pin. And why wouldn't he be a Rotarian? He certainly has passed the Four Way Test in the decades of living in the shadows, preparing to be king, and in the process, becoming an outspoken champion of the causes dear to his heart.

Sustainability is an overarching passion for him. He is reported to have said at the 2021 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow of the disaster of global warming, that time had "quite literally run out."

On his webpage it says, "The Prince uses his

## Birthdays

Keith Whitman Bell  
September 13th  
Donna Rogers Ensley





position to help raise public awareness about sustainability challenges and solutions through his speeches, articles, books and films. He is also Patron of a wide range of organizations working for sustainability, offering support and encouragement for their work."

Further, the webpage says, "His Royal Highness has taken many steps personally to live in a more sustainable way. Around half of his office and domestic energy use comes from renewable sources such as woodchip boilers, air-source heat pumps, solar panels and 'green' energy."

"The Royal Highnesses' Household strives to minimize its environmental impact across its activities, including travel, energy use and the indirect impact of the products and services it uses."

For those who are Rotarians, we know that the newly crowned King Charles III will certainly be fair to all concerned. We know that his care for our future and our planet will serve as an example. There is much to ponder as Rotarians as to how each of us could live a "green" life as he does. Perhaps as Rotarians, we can find ways to join in his quest for a sustainable future through making choices, as he has, to embrace making "green" choices, and let our lifestyles "be beneficial to all concerned," as he has.

## THE GREEN CORNER--UPCOMING EVENT

By Christena Southwick

### GET EDUCATED!

Recycling has become a popular outlet for most who are accustomed to the convenience of single-use plastics--whether water bottles, food wrappings or bags. Out of the above list, only one item is recyclable, even though we use the rest--in abundance. There exists such a plethora of plastic use, most aren't even aware of how reliant we are.

We feel the good news is that we can recycle, whether at

September 15th  
Evan Justin Rosenberg  
September 19th  
Eric C. Bryant  
September 20th  
Rachel Rion Moran  
September 20th  
Joseph T. Hackett  
September 24th  
Robert Steve Frellick  
September 25th  
Donald P. Cameron  
September 29th  
Frank Harwell Rutland  
September 30th  
Thomas A. Cannon  
October 3rd  
Frankie L Adkins  
October 8th  
David McNamee  
October 8th  
William Robert Goacher  
October 9th  
Joe L Worthington Jr.  
October 9th  
Donna W. Prinz  
October 10th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Eva-Michelle G. Spicer  
September 14th  
Evan Justin Rosenberg  
September 21st  
Ken Nelson  
September 23rd  
Jessica Z Hendrix  
September 24th  
Margot Baron  
September 25th  
Kylie B Hicks  
September 27th  
Skyler Duncan  
September 29th

Eric W. Michael  
September 30th  
William C. Rawlings  
September 30th  
Joseph T. Hackett  
October 3rd  
Joshua M. Abrams  
October 6th  
James T. Deuel  
October 6th  
Margaret Gormley-  
Chapman  
October 9th  
Paul Hyler  
October 10th  
George G. Lycan  
October 11th

home or in a public place with recycling bins. We justify the use of single plastics because we are disposing of them properly. However, is this a habit that is good to keep?



*Recycling uses old products in new ways.*

What happens to the mountains of recycling that go into Asheville's recycling plants each week (not to mention every city around the world)? Since 2018, it hasn't been going to China, the old dumping grounds of US waste.

Come and see for yourself at a facility tour of Curbie Asheville on Tuesday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. Watch from an observation deck to see what happens. "It is eye-opening," said club member Sharon Le Duc, "I have taken the tour, learned a great deal and highly recommend it!" It might help you determine your single-use plastic choices in the future.

Please email Sharon [skleduc@prodigy.net](mailto:skleduc@prodigy.net) to join her and members of the Sustainability Committee on the tour.

Thanks, Sharon, for putting this together!

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## ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

By Rachel Rion Moran

| Members who joined in the month of September | Total Years | Notes   |
|--|-------------|---|
| Adkins, Frankie L.                           | 3           | <b>Frankie</b> is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. In our club, he serves as the Chair of the Youth Exchange Committee and on these 3 committees: Friendship Exchange, New Member Orientation and Rotarians against Hunger.   |
| Enley, Donna Rogers                          | 19          | <b>Donna</b> is the Past President from 2015-2016, Past Asst. Gov., a Paul and she has sponsored 3 members. Currently, Donna is on the Fellowship Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion one. Donna also Strategic Planning Committee.  |
| Hackett, Joseph T.                           | 2           | <b>J</b> is the founder of Black Wall Street AVL. He serves our club on the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee, and as Chair of the Program Committee.   |
| King, Dennis                                 | 4           | <b>Dennis</b> is an Honorary Member of our club. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member.  |
| Leavesley, Thomas G.                         | 17          | <b>Tom</b> was first a member of the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas. He joined our club in 2010 and serves as the Chair of the Veteran Support Committee.  |
| Palmer, John C.                              | 44          | <b>John</b> is the Principal Partner of his own real estate appraisal company—The Palmer Company. John is a Past Club President and past Club Foundation President. Currently, he serves on these committees: ABCCM Women and Children's Home, Community Grants, Honor Flight and Veteran Support. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member of the Paul Harris Society. |
| Whitney, Marcia                              | 17          | <b>Marcia</b> is the President and CEO of the Verner Center for Early Learning. She transferred to our club after 3 years in the Rotary Club of Brattleboro, VT. Currently, she is the Chair of the DEI Committee.  |
| Wills, Ford                                  | 3           | <b>Ford</b> is an agent with Town & Mountain Realty. He just ended two years as the Sergeant-at-Arms for our club.  |
| Wong, Oscar P.                               | 23          | <b>Oscar</b> is the founder of Highland Brewing. In our club, he is a member of the Honduras Medical-Dental Brigade, the Member Care Committee, and the Chair of the Share the Wealth Committee. Oscar is a Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining Member and has sponsored 2 members in our club.  |



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By David T. Kaverman

Starting with the August 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dave@acuityma.com).

### **Membership at a Glance: 150 Active & 6 Honorary**

#### **New Active Members:**

**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

**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

#### **Resignations:**

**Dena Whalen**—Family Obligations

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **Our Rotarians Around the World Series Resumes September 14!**

After a summer hiatus, we are resuming our monthly ZOOM series where a member of our club shares some photos and stories about some of their travels. We've been to Berlin, to Barcelona, and to Bhutan and through the Serengeti, down the Seine, and into the Sawtooth Wilderness in Idaho.

Join us on Wednesday, September 14th, at 7 pm when Debbie Francis will share her adventures in some of the "wilder" and lesser visited areas of Scotland: the Isle of Skye, the Hebrides, and the Shetland Islands. Watch for an email that morning with a link to the presentation. Feel free to invite others to join in. You'll see some great pics, enjoy some interesting history, and share time with your fellow Rotarians--all without leaving the comfort of your favorite chair! Please join us for an enjoyable 60 minutes of vicarious travel. And if YOU have travel stories to share with us in the future we want to know about it!





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### **A Cold Brew and a Thank You**

Join us at Highland Brewery on Monday, Sept 19th to write thank you notes for the Veterans who will be participating in the Oct. 1st Honor Flight. Join us in the Tasting Room at Highland anytime between 4 and 6 pm. If you have any blank note cards to contribute they would be much appreciated. Bring a friend or family member who would like to participate. Bring a pen. Grab a beer and enjoy some fellowship while writing some brief thank you notes to those who have served our country.

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### **Celebrate Rotary and Peace Corps**

Join us for the second annual Rotary-Peace Corps Week, 19-23 September. The celebration is hosted by [Partnering for Peace](#), a group of Rotary members and returned Peace Corps volunteers who are passionate about the impact we can have through [Rotary's official partnership with the Peace Corps](#).

The event will begin with a panel discussion on 19 September and will continue with virtual events designed to inspire you through thoughtful dialogue, project examples, and practical tips for working with the Peace Corps community.

During Rotary-Peace Corps Week, you can host a returned Peace Corps volunteer at a club meeting; organize a service project, happy hour, or networking event; and promote the partnership in your newsletters and on social media. For more information, write to [events@partneringforpeace.org](mailto:events@partneringforpeace.org) or [visit the event page](#).

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### **Blue Ridge Pride Festival**

Our club DEI committee encourages members to check out the upcoming Blue Ridge Pride Festival on Saturday, September 24th in downtown Asheville. More information is available [online](#).

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### **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](mailto:glycan@kw.com)

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto:lacyh@lantanaemb.com).

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#### 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.

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#### 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](http://RotaryAsheville.org).

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

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#### 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.

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#### For Birthday/Anniversary/Happy Dollars/CART Funds

please mail your check to

**Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation**

**P.O. Box 1954**

**Asheville, NC 28801**

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#### Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

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

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

## 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?