

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Flight

Orientation was held Saturday at First Baptist Church. The Honor Flight will be October 1. Volunteers are needed to be at Asheville Regional Airport at 7:30pm to welcome home the veterans.

Successful Fundraiser

Nashville Songwriters in the Round was a great success, selling out and raising net \$55,000.

Thirsty Third Thursday

Meet at the Meadow at Highlands Brewing on Thursday, September 22 for Thirsty Third Thursday.

Board Meeting Update

The Board will be gradually raising dues to meet the increased dues charged by Rotary International. The current Covid policy has been updated to match current CDC policy, meaning vaccinations are encouraged but proof is no longer required. Minutes of the meeting are available on DacDB.

Visit Curvie

The Sustainability Committee invites club members to tour the Curvie facility in Woodfin on Tuesday, October 11th at 9am.

Partnering for Peace

Rotary Peace Corps Week is September 19-23. A [schedule of events](#) is available online.

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 encouraged to get vaccinated and to follow all 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



Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at TUTON 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
avlrotary1915@gmail.com.
60 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30
PM

Speakers

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

October 13, 2022
[Lynne Porter](#)
Message from our Club's
Assistant Governor

Coming Events

October 3rd
[Community Service
Monday](#)

October 4th
[Board Meeting](#)

Club Leaders



Ross Sloan
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President -Elect



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Secretary



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Chair
Club Director



Kevin R. Montgomery
Club Director



Linda Nelson
Club Director
Communication
and Outreach



Maxine O. Parsons-Kogut
Club Director
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



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



Kelly C. Shanafelt
Attendance
Secretary

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 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.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

Reparations



As a Teaching Professor, Dr. Mullen was committed to both his students and to being professionally active. Specifically, he offered courses in public policy, American politics, and African and African-American politics. His scholarly activities included panels chaired and papers presented at meetings of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists; overseeing undergraduates’ research projects



Sergeant-at-Arms



[Eva-Michelle G. Spicer](#)
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[Cassidy Harbison](#)
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[Katherine Morosani](#)
Past President



[Lynne Porter](#)
Assistant Governor

covering the State of Black Asheville; and serving in local, state, national, and international capacities that aim to improve the delivery of public services to underserved populations.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan

On September 15, we widened the lanes to the podium to make way for two great speakers from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. William 'Billy' Clarke, an attorney with 30 years of experience in environmental law, serves as the District 13 board of transportation member representing the seven counties in WNC. Billy paved the way for this address by describing his board role and sharing that North Carolina's highway system is the second largest in the nation.



Merging on the stage next was Tim Anderson, who is the Division Engineer for District 13. Tim geared down for the uphill climb describing NC DOT's challenges. Looking in the rear view mirror, these challenges have been hurricane repair costs, legal settlement costs, and the pandemic.

Looking at the route ahead, challenges are escalating materials and labor costs, differing urban / suburban / rural community needs, and reduced revenue from gas tax. Fortunately, the NC DOT will now receive tax revenue from sales of tires, batteries and other vehicle items to offset diminished gas taxes from more fuel efficient vehicles.

The last stretch of this program focused on specific projects in our district, including slow moving the I-26 connector project.

Many thanks to both of our speakers for their drive to help our community move safely and smoothly on the roads ahead.



Birthdays

- 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

Donor Recognition

By Linda Nelson

Donor Recognition

Rick Devereaux and Hunt Mallett are recognized by Club President, Ross Sloan for reaching the level of a Paul Harris Major Donor; they have each donated

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
Richard T. Devereaux
October 16th
Bruce L Waller Jr.
October 18th
Daniel J. Lepore
October 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

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
Robert Steve Frellick
October 20th

\$10,000.

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."



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/down-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.

King Charles III wearing a Rotary pin!

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 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 orbags. 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.



Recycling uses old products in new ways.

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

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 to join her and members of the Sustainability Committee on the tour.

Thanks, Sharon, for putting this together!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 or [visit the event page](#).

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](#).

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.

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.

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

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Members who joined in the month of September	Total Years	Notes
Adams, Frank L.	3	Frankie 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.
Emery, Donna Rogers	19	Donna is the Past President from 2015-2016, Past Asst. Gov., a PA, and she has sponsored 3 members. Currently, Donna is on the Field Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion one. Donna also Strategic Planning Committee.
Hockett, Joseph T.	2	J is the founder of Black Wall Street AVE. He serves our club on the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee, and as Chair of the Program Committee.
King, Dennis	4	Dennis is an Honorary Member of our club. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sustaining Member.
Leavinsky, Thomas G.	17	Tom was first a member of the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas. He joined our club in 2000 and serves as the Chair of the Veteran Support Committee.
Palmer, John G.	44	John 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: ABCM 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	Marcia is the President and CEO of the Vomer 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	Ford is an agent with Town & Mountain Realty. He just ended two years as the Sergeant-at-Arms for our club.
Wong, Oscar P.	23	Oscar 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.



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?