

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, March 30, 2021



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

HOW COVID-19 HAS IMPACTED OUR CHILDREN



At our April 1 program Stephanie Kelley will discuss the *"Impacts of COVID-19 on children's social/emotional development and learning"*. Ms. Kelley serves as Verner's Child Development and Curriculum Specialist, as well as the Center Director of Verner East.

The first three years of a child's life are an especially sensitive period of development. During this time, the brain changes rapidly and children exhibit extensive cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and motor development.

Ms. Kelley will share how Verner thinks intentionally about what children have needed during this past year due to the impact of our global pandemic on their young lives.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Itching to Travel?



Join your fellow Rotarians on Wednesday evening, April 14th at 7 PM, for some vicarious travel. Ross Sloan will be sharing his travels to the beautiful cities of Prague, Vienna, and Poznan (Poland). Steve Anderson will also be sharing his travel experiences to a destination yet to be disclosed!

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 01, 2021

[Marcia Whitney, President
& CEO, Verner Center for
Early Learning](#)

Impacts of COVID-19 on
children's
social/emotional
development and learning

April 08, 2021

[Dr. Michael Dempsey,
Director Lenoir-Rhyne
University Asheville
Graduate Studies Update](#)

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](#)

Coming Events

April 6th
Club Board Meeting

April 7th
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

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.**

We know a lot of our members have travel memories that others would enjoy. Would you be willing to talk with us for about 20 minutes and include some photos (easily shared via Zoom)? We can help with the technology.

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.**

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



[Donna W. Prinz](#)
Youth Services
Chair



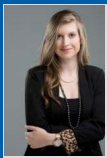
[Ross Sloan](#)
President -
Nominee



[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



Birthdays

Patrick A. Snyder
April 3rd

Linda Nelson
April 8th

Richard Travis Hall
April 8th

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 the Red Cross of WNC at 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)

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sophia Stefanidis Ungert

ASHEVILLE ROTARY PARTNERS WITH BLACK WALL STREET AVL

Two years ago, Rotary International President Barry Rassin helped craft a [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy for Rotary International](#). From the Rotary International website: ♦A top priority for Rotary is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure we reflect the communities we serve. We're creating an organization that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds goodwill, and benefits our communities. We want people with differing perspectives and ideas who will help Rotary take action to create lasting change in communities around the world. Rotary allows its members unique opportunities to get involved. ♦

Our Rotary Club of Asheville Board of Directors voted last summer to start a new committee on diversity equity and inclusion. I asked Celeste Collins to chair the committee as it launches, and invited committee members to evaluate all aspects of our club through the lens of diversity equity and inclusion, including - but not limited to - recruitment, grants, community partnerships, sponsorships, programs, etc.

Last Thursday, our club's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, led by Celeste Collins, shared news of its progress and future game plan. Bill Haggard presented our club's DEI mission statement, which was unanimously adopted by the Board at the March meeting.

The Rotary Club of Asheville is committed to building and maintaining an inclusive and diverse organization where each individual, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity, is heard, respected, and valued. We acknowledge

Joshua M. Abrams
April 9th
Edmund B. Parker
April 10th
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

Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle R. Boyd
April 8th
Edward J. Sullivan
April 9th
Patricia M. Puckridge
April 10th
Albert Davis
April 18th
Thomas A. Cannon
April 20th
Mark A. Knollman
April 23rd
Celeste B. Collins
April 26th
Carolyn Cronin
April 29th

*that real harm is being done by indifference, systems of oppression and discrimination. **We refuse to turn away.***

We must act. *We will actively seek education about equity issues, identify what is unjust, and use our power as individuals and as a Club to work towards solutions that are fair to all. By empowering each member and acting together to promote equity and inclusion, we will create a welcoming, accepting, and supportive culture in our Club and our community.*

J Hackett presented our club's inaugural DEI project, a partnership to **Revitalize Asheville's Black Wall Street**. J and the [GRIND AVL](#) coffee shop conceived the project, which is funded by grants and several local partners.

Research shows that the quickest way for a Black person to develop personal wealth is through entrepreneurship. GRIND intends to support the growth of these businesses so they can reach tangible financial goals.



J asks that you help this project by: (1) [buying a Black Wall Street Still Lives t-shirt here](#). Get 20% off by using code:

GRINDLM21; (2) advertise and patronize the pop-up shops through [Black Wall Street AVL](#); and, most importantly, (3) share your wisdom as a consultant to a new business owner. Together we can bridge gaps and make for a better and inclusive future.

To watch a recording of the program, [click here](#). Phase 2 of this project will be starting April 13, and anyone interested in joining this exciting, new initiative should contact Celeste at CelesteC@ontrackwnc.org.

FOUR WAY TEST



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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?
