

Rotary

Club of Asheville-Biltmore



Asheville-Biltmore

Meets at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, at the Community Center, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 am.

Time: Monday at 07:30 AM

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Asheville-Biltmore Rotary Mid January 2025 News & Updates

No mid-month meeting in January, in honor of Martin Luther King Day, but lots of good information to share.
Asheville-Biltmore Rotary Mid-January 2025 News



What's Happening at Asheville-Biltmore Rotary



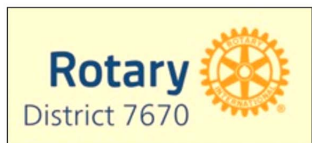
Reminder!

No meeting on January 20, in honor of **Martin Luther King Day**. This special holiday is most often organized to be a Day of Service. Take the opportunity to look around and find an opportunity to practice *Service Above Self* on this special day.

Here is a link to a long list of local volunteer opportunities, with links. Dig in!
<https://www.asheville.com/directory/local/volunteer-ops/>

Many of us are attending the MLK Day Breakfast on Saturday, January 18. See you there!

Our last regular meeting, held on Monday, January 6, was especially informative. Special thanks to our guest speaker **Clair Neal**, CEO of MANNA, and to our special guest **Kirsten Cone**, CEO of Givens Estates. You both are welcome to be with us anytime.



LOTS of excellent information in the current edition of our District 7670 Bulletin. In case you missed it, here is the link:
<https://www.rotary7670.org/?p=stories>

Not One, Not Two, But Three Major District Events Coming Up in Asheville

District events are a great opportunity to get to know fellow Rotarians, see what other clubs are doing, and get to know our District leadership team. Three such events are coming to our area:

- **District Annual Foundation Luncheon, February 1, 2025, at the Biltmore Park Town Square Hilton.** Deadline to register is January 24. To register, go on DACdb, on to the District site. Go to Calendar, check on DISTRICT EVENTS, and you will find the linkage for February 1.
- **District RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) event on March 29th, 2025, at Crossroads Church in Asheville, NC.** This is a great opportunity for Rotarians looking to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of Rotary's impact. More details in the District bulletin listed above. Registration is on DACdb, on to the District site. Go to Calendar, check on RLI events, and you will find the linkage for March 29.
- **District 7670 Annual Conference, May 9-10, Embassy Suites, Asheville. Meet a lot of your fellow area Rotarians, find out more about Rotary at the District – International level, enjoy a unique art auction, and more. Watch this space for more information, and for links to register, opening in**

February.


Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) Updates

Once again, thanks to our District Leadership for helping us secure a major grant to support VRQ in its rebuilding efforts. This generous grant and the funds we added in from our Foundation will be of great help to VRQ.


President-Elect Wayne Mabey is working closely with the District and VRQ on the possibility for an additional grant and our funds to help with a very special part of the rebuilding effort. Stand by for details!

Wayne was on the ground with the VRQ leadership recently, taking a closer look at just how extensive the damage was. Buildings were destroyed or completely washed out, vehicles and equipment were destroyed. The stain line you see in some photos marks the high water marks of the flood.

 **Gary H. Book**
Club Service Chair
Community Service Chair

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Club Director Past President

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District DEI Chair

Andie R Taylor
District CART Chair



Flood water line ---->



Save the Date! It's Party Time!



We plan to get together about twice a year for a shared potluck dinner, with families, friends, and potential members invited. Our first such gathering this year will be held on **Sunday evening, February 16.**

Thanks to Past President **Tom Robertson**, we will again be using the terrific facility at the **Biltmore Forest Living Well Center**. This is a great event we all thoroughly enjoy. Mark your calendar now and standby for more information on programs, directions, etc.

The Service Above Self Corner: Volunteering & Donating



We are focusing this year on volunteer participation. Volunteers Coordinator Gary Book is running a great list of opportunities for us all (7 opportunities in January and February alone), including a number of opportunities that do not include long-time standing or physical effort.

effort.

Take a look, sign up, and join in the fun. Here is a reprint of the newsletter Gary sent out earlier this month.

Several volunteer opportunities for our Rotary Club members have become available in late January through February, including some that do not require much physical activity. Other events will be held on evenings or weekends and might appeal to club members who work during the day.

Due to the impact of Hurricane Helene, almost half of our club members

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Billi J. Black
DCO-District Comm.
Officer

have already volunteered at MANNA, VRQ, and other entities so far this fiscal year. Please consider signing up for one of the following opportunities to serve.

Volunteer Events

1. Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) (4 volunteers)

- Jan. 25th, 2025 - Sat. (Serving Lunch) 11:30am to 1:00pm
- Feb. 18th, 2025 - Tue. (Serving Dinner) 5pm to 6:30pm
- Feb. 22nd, 2025 - Sat. (Serving Lunch) 11:30am to 1:00pm

2. Manna Food Bank (6 volunteers for usual duties)

- Jan. 23rd, 2025 - Thur. (Morning) 9am to 12:00pm
- Feb. 12th, 2025 - Wed. (Morning) 9am to 12:00pm

3. Manna Food Bank (2 volunteers for positions that do NOT require standing)

- Jan. 23rd, 2025 - Thur. (Morning) 9am to 12:00pm
- Feb. 12th, 2025 - Wed. (Morning) 9am to 12:00pm

Please contact Gary if you need any clarification.

Gary Book 828-279-4359 ghbook46@gmail.com

A Reminder on How to Check Up on Current Opportunities and How to Sign Up Anytime (3 Options)

- Use Volunteer Sign Up Site on the internet
 - Link is www.volunteersignup.org/KDMK3.
 - You will now see all the volunteer events that are currently available.
 - Choose the event which you would like to volunteer. Make sure you have selected the correct event, date, and time.
 - Move the cursor to the green arrow on the right side of your chosen event and click on it.
 - You will be asked for: last name, first name, your email address, and your phone number. Now check the green box at the bottom of the screen: "Agree and Sign Up"
 - You will see SUCCESS! You are now signed up for the event.
- A clip board will be available at our meetings (passed around the tables) for you to indicate an event you would like to be a volunteer.
- Send an email to Gary Book (ghbook46@gmail.com) and let him know of an event you would like to be a volunteer.



Thanks for a Great Blood Drive

Our semi-annual **blood drive** organized by Deerfield Retirement Community and Asheville-Biltmore Rotary ran on **Thursday, JAN 2, in Deerfield's Blue Ridge Room.**

As always, we had a great team of volunteers, mostly Rotarians. A total of 16 volunteers answered the call and ran a great event. Thanks to all who volunteered to help.

Local blood banks are always running much lower in blood stockage than desired especially this time of year. We were hoping to obtain 36 pints of donated blood, filling 100% of donor slots. In fact we blew past that, with the Red Cross kindly accommodating a number of walk ins, giving us a record total of **47 pints** of much needed blood.



Thank you volunteers and donors! We have a special program element coming up in our next meeting to celebrate this important event.

It's ALWAYS a good time to donate to a worthy cause (or 2, or...)

Asheville – Biltmore Rotary Foundation



Questions? Dick Johannes or Jane Knight.

Rotary International Foundation: Sign in to MyRotary (<https://my.rotary.org/en/user>), Click on DONATE. ENSURE you enter your member number!

A Special Reminder: Asheville-Biltmore Rotary has long been an Every Rotarian/Every Year donor to the Rotary Foundation. We are just past the halfway point of this Rotary year. If you have not done so yet please consider making your donation now. Let's honor our tradition and help a great cause.
Questions? Vic Galef.

CART: mycartfund.org

Questions? John Hinkle, Herman Boda, or call 828-507-5742.

Polio Plus: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

Questions? See Wayne Mabey, Cindy Ireland, cnd.ireland@gmail.com, or the website.

KIVA: Make check payable to RCAB Foundation (NOT to the club), mark for KIVA, give to Jane Knight (703-216-9846)

Questions? Contact Jane Knight or George Collett.

Good Contacts to Keep Handy

Our web site: <https://Asheville-BiltmoreRotary.org>

Our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfAshevilleBiltmore/>

Our Instagram site: <https://www.instagram.com/ABrc7670>

Our email: AshevilleBiltmoreRotary@gmail.com

Our phone: 828-333-7246

District 7670 web site: <https://rotary7670.org>

District 7670bFacebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rotary7670/>

See you at our next meeting, Monday morning, February 3!

Birthdays



[George Herbert Mensch](#)
January 3rd



[Larry S. Hartley](#)
January 5th



[David Galentine](#)
January 6th



[Eric M. Nichols](#)
January 11th



[Vance A. Yoder](#)
January 21st



[Paul Fitzgerald Dismukes](#)
January 26th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Bruce Roy Ertell](#)
January 9th



[John M. Forsyth](#)
January 18th

[George C. Collett](#)
January 23rd

