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## ASHLEY WELCH DETAILS HER DUTIES AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

-John Short

At 13 years of age Ashley Welch dreamed of becoming a prosecutor. In 2003 her dream came true when she was appointed Assistant District Attorney. That has led to a 15 year career in the office of district attorney. Today she serves as DA for the 30th District which includes the seven western counties.

Sheriff Robbie Holland, whom Ashley works closely with in her job as DA, introduced her as today's speaker. Ashley is a native of Henderson County and currently resides in Macon County with her rescue dogs. She received her undergraduate degree at UNC and law degree from William and Mary Law School.

Parts of her job she loves is speaking to school groups about her job as DA and occasionally teaching at WCU. Her job as DA, along with her staff, is to prosecute all criminal cases filed in District and Superior Court, prepare the criminal trial docket and advise local law enforcement. Ashley is the chief law enforcement officer in the seven western counties and the only female among all the sheriff's.

Ashley went on to talk about the Grand Jury and some misconceptions the public has on occasion about its role. The Grand Jury hears those cases where there is uncertainty if a crime was committed. Lawyers are not present during the grand jury hearings only law enforcement stating the case. The Grand Jury consists of 18 people who are randomly selected among residents of the county who possess a driver's license. They decide which cases go to trial. The district attorney can't discuss a case until after it's over. Cases sometimes take so long because proof has to be made. In cases involving children or elderly care is taken to protect them.

Plea bargaining is another area of misunderstanding. In cases where an offense has been reduced the offender will receive the same sentence as if he had been charged with the more serious offense.

Ashley also pointed out that Grand Juries operate differently in different states.



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## New Member Announcement

Our newest member and Paul Harris Fellow- Don Capaforte.

Welcome to the Rotary Family!



## Ashlie's Announcements

**August 18**— Rotary Foundation Seminar: 8:30 AM Asheville Buncombe Tech

**August 28**—5th Wednesday Fellowship 5:30 @ Lazy Hiker

## Rotary Spirit

Rotary Spirit recognition was presented to James and Kathie Adkins from The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center.



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## Fred's Funnies Smile :)



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## Rotary Board of Directors for 2018-2019

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**International** – Tom Coley

**Community Service** – Lee Berger

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events

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## 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



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## Program Next Meeting Vic Perry



No One  
won 50/50.  
Maybe Next  
Week!