



UNION WEST ROTARY

INDIAN TRAIL, NC

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION GUIDE & CLUB GUIDELINES

SUMMER 2014

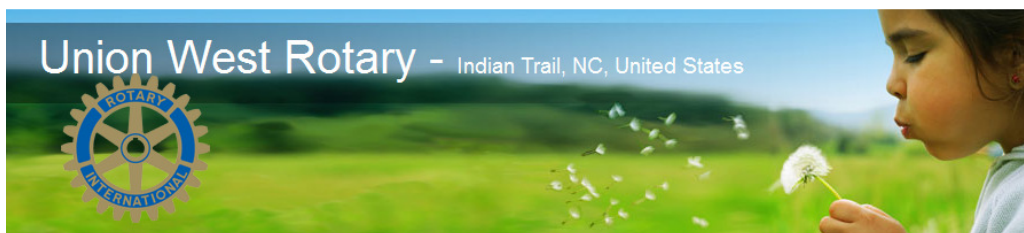
Union West Rotary

Meeting Time & Location Information

Thursday at 7:30-8:30 AM
Indian Trail Civic Building
100 Navajo Drive
Indian Trail, NC 28079

Club Leadership 2014

President	Gary Tucker
President Elect	Wes Grant
Vice President	Ash Minor
Secretary	Janet Graham
Treasurer	Emily Sneed, CPA
Sergeant At Arms	Larry Helms
Programs Coordinator	Myra Helms
Foundation Chair	Michael Alvarez
Club Administrator	Ken Medlin, Jeremy Smith
Membership Chair	Don Helms
International Service	Graham Wilson
Public Relations	Jeremy Smith
Community Service	Barbara Duke, Robin McGrath
Club Historian	Joyce Summerville
Club Trainer	Jim Betts
New Generations	Joe Fivas
Bulletin	Niko Tsioutsias



About UWR

Union West Rotary, part of Rotary International District 7680, is a service club organization whose membership is comprised of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their local communities and the world. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self."

Union West Rotary, chartered April 2, 1996 and currently with 33 members, serves the western Union County towns of Indian Trail, Unionville, Stallings and Hemby Bridge. The Matthews-Mint Hill, Monroe, and Monroe/Union Breakfast provided sponsorship for Union West. The club meets weekly at the Indian Trail Civic Building on Thursdays, 7:30am.

Two major goals of Rotary are to eradicate polio worldwide and support Alzheimer's research. Locally, Union West has sponsored numerous fundraising activities which benefit schools in the Indian Trail area, several non-profit agencies, and community projects including Habitat for Humanity. With the theme of literacy and encouraging children to read, Union West donated \$25,000 to the Union West Regional Library for the children's reading room and started the Rotary Reader Program. The club continues to support library projects through donations of new books in honor of our weekly speakers, sponsoring enrichment programs and Cookies with Santa. The club also provided funds for the bandstand in Indian Trail's Crossing Paths Park.

A focus on youth is another major emphasis in Rotary. Union West chartered and sponsored Interact Clubs at Sun Valley and Weddington High schools. Interact is a club for students between the ages of 14 and 18 and models the values of Rotary, emphasizing service above self, high ethical standards, and the fellowship of working together for a common good. Union West sponsors leadership scholarships for students through the Seminar For Tomorrow's Leaders (SFTL) program. Union West has actively participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program hosting students from Venezuela, Siberia, and Brazil. While in the United States, they attended high school at Weddington, Sun Valley, and Porter Ridge.

In 2005, Union West Rotary started the first Christmas Parade in Indian Trail which has grown yearly and become a tradition. Internationally, Union West supports the Rotary Foundation and has worked with an eye glasses program, SEEDS program, ShelterBoxes, and provided an ambulance for an impoverished area in Jamaica. In 2014, UWR hopes to complete the Ethiopian WASH Project- installing wells in the impoverished village of Adis Ababa to provide clean drinking water to hundreds of local villagers, many of them young children.

Most recently, we have committed ourselves to a local Backpack program in Union County that provides meals weekly to families in need. This program has grown from 1 school to 5 in one year. The number of families has grown from 50 to over 200 in a year. Many children go home on the weekend and do not know if they will have anything to eat. For some, the only good meals that they receive are in school. A process has been put in place to identify families in need and Union West Rotary is supporting this effort.

A typical meeting...

7:20-7:30am	Arrive, sign in, buy raffle tickets, enjoy breakfast, fellowship
7:30-7:50	Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, song Welcome visitors, recognize birthdays, Club and wedding anniversaries Brags & Fines Day in History Raffle drawing Announcements
7:50-8:20	Program- Guest speaker presents
8:20-8:25	Q&A
8:25-8:30	Closing remarks, The Four Way Test

Guest Speakers

Our featured guest speakers are the focal point of most of our meetings. We are privileged to be able to hear from informed, entertaining speakers on a wide array of topics, including community events, health-related topics, need-based organizations, youth-related programs, financial topics, interesting hobbies, home maintenance, authors and historians, etc.

We are always looking for new speaker volunteers to present to our club. We welcome citizens from the community to volunteer to be a guest speaker. Members are strongly encouraged to consider volunteering to speak on a topic in which they have expertise, are passionate about or feel others would find to be of interest. In addition, members are asked to offer suggestions of potential speakers.

Interested parties should contact the Program Coordinator for dates and logistics.



Club Activities

We aim to further the mission of our Club by giving of our time, energy and other resources while networking and sharing in each other's fellowship. All members are encouraged to participate in:

Local Service Projects

- Old Monroe Road Trash Pick Up
- Movies In The Park – Crossing Paths Park
- Indian Trail Fourth of July and Christmas Parades
- Holiday Cookies With Santa- Indian Trail Library
- Back Pack Program (food collection for local children in need)
- Projects sponsored by the District and other local clubs
- Dictionaries to local 3rd graders
- Annual Mayor's Tree Education Initiative for local 4th graders

Fundraisers

- John Munn Classic Annual Golf Tournament
- Annual "Draw-Down" Banquet
- Holiday Luminary Project
- Ethiopian WASH Project
- Semi-annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

