

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

David R. Baker
10-01-2003
21 Years

Jay Pavey Jr.
10-30-2003
21 Years

Matt Saenger
10-06-2011
13 Years

Birthdays

Joyce M Pope
October 8th

Larry Hinton
October 15th

Christina H Paxton
October 16th

Todd Vinyard
October 20th

Sunita Wright
October 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Courtney T Umphlett
October 30th

Club Leaders



Joyce M Pope
President



Michael G. Wade
Past President
President



James M. Spiro
President-Elect
RYLA Point of
Contact
Past President

Holly Guyer
iPast President

News for October 31, 2024

Greetings to the Greatest Rotary Club in the World (and the Center of the Universe)!

There will be no meeting this Thursday, so I hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy Halloween! Please also remember to do your civic duty and vote if you haven't. Our next noon meeting will be on **November 7th** at First Baptist Church Sylva, featuring a special guest: **WCU men's basketball coach Tim Craft**. We're excited about his first visit with us as he kicks off his inaugural season leading our Catamounts.

We'll also have our annual **Bury the President** event at this meeting. Please bring plenty of blankets for the "burial" to help keep those in need warm during the winter months, especially after the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene.

In the spirit of service, we're also working on a partnership with the **Haywood County Rotary Club** to assist in Hurricane Helene relief efforts. The Haywood Club has always partnered with us, especially in programs like Rise Against Hunger. Now, it's time for us to do what WNC does best and lend a hand to our neighbors. We'll be applying for a grant as part of this effort, so if you're interested in helping, please get in touch with me.

Have a great week!
Mike

Quote (Some election days humor)

America has the best politicians' money can buy.
Will Rogers

Club participates in Hands On Jackson

Proud to have been part of a super day of service in our community with Hands On Jackson. Thanks to all who made it happen and showed a Service Above Self attitude. Great job!



Matt Saenger
Rotary Foundation
Chair
iPast President



Nancy G. McConnell
Secretary
Past President



Ann M. Pearre
Treasurer



David R. Baker
Membership Chair



Jay Pavey Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Todd Vinyard
Club Public Image
Chair
Past President



Eddie Wells
Club Service Chair
Past President



Scott Baker
Past President
Webmaster



Charles William
Wolfe
International
Service Chair
Past President

Club Meeting

Sylva
Meets at First Baptist
Church of Sylva Fellowship
Hall
669 West Main Street
Sylva, NC 28779



Thank you Nancy McConnell! Paul Harris recognition for supporting Rotary Foundation

Congratulations to our incredible club member and friend, Nancy McConnell, on receiving her Paul Harris Fellow recognition today! Nancy has served as our club President and secretary and has been a driving force for good in many ways. Thank you, Nancy, for your unwavering support of the Rotary Foundation and all you do for our club and community. We truly appreciate you! One of our best [#PeopleofAction!](#)



Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

WCU Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning (CCESL) visits club

We were thrilled to have Joy Mischley and Natalie Newman from the [WCU Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning](#) (CCESL) with us at today's meeting! CCESL strengthens the connection between WCU and the wider community, serving as a central hub for resources and collaboration to drive social responsibility and positive impact. We're excited to partner with them and [Rotary District 7670](#) to revive our [Western Carolina University](#) Rotaract Club - more details to come!

Thank you to District 7670 Assistant District Governor Angela Dills and others for helping us relaunch this club to serve our community. For more about CCESL, visit: <https://www.wcu.edu/.../about-the-center-for.../index.aspx> WCU and CCESL are providing a webpage with links to how to get help or offer it in the wake of Hurricane Helene.

Learn more at <https://www.wcu.edu/.../emer.../hurricane-helene-relief.aspx>

