

# Rotary



# Club of Sylva

## Birthdays

Susan Kerns Clements  
July 27th  
Kelli Brown  
August 2nd  
James Montsinger  
August 5th  
Nancy G McConnell  
August 10th  
Kenneth Nicholson  
August 12th  
Courtney T Umphlett  
August 15th  
David Rhett Baker  
August 24th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Lemuel Carr Tyndall III  
August 3rd  
Robert D. Carpenter  
August 4th  
Kenneth Nicholson  
August 22nd

## Speakers

### July 28, 2022

[Kiley Hill - WCU Women's Basketball Coach](#)  
WCU women's coach Kiley Hill talks with us about the upcoming women's basketball season.

### August 04, 2022

[Club Assembly](#)  
Update on the club and the year ahead.  
Membership trends and future in Rotary  
Patrick Longano and Katie Tocci

### August 18, 2022

[Dr Dana Ayers, Superintendent of Jackson County Schools](#)  
Provide an update on happenings and needs of

## News for Thurs. July 28 (See You at the Meeting!)

Dear Rotary Friends,

Go Cats! We've got plenty more "Go Cats!" left from last week's visit by Head Football Coach Kerwin Bell as **WCU Women's Basketball Head Coach Kiley Hill joins us at noon at the Paper Mill Lounge this Thursday.**

Coach Hill and team know something about service above self, too. Last year they raised more than \$3,000 for the "Shoot For the Cure" campaign to support our good friends the Great Smokies Health Foundation to help efforts to fight breast cancer.

We're **looking forward to having Coach Hill with us.** Be sure to join at the Paper Mill Lounge **this Thursday at noon.**

Speaking of the Great Smokies Health Foundation, thank you so much to Executive Director **Brian Huskey, became a new member** last week. Welcome, Brian! This week's Happy Dollars will be going to support this great organization.

**In lieu of a menu, a buffet will be the optional lunch,** provided by The Paper Mill.

The buffet meal is: Twice-baked Pasta, Garden Salad, Green Beans, and Garlic Bread, water or tea. The cost is \$13. There are also beverages available for purchase at the Paper Mill. **You do not need to order food to attend, but please email Todd by 8 p.m. Tuesday at [toddalanvinyard@gmail.com](mailto:toddalanvinyard@gmail.com), if you would like to eat.** Reach out if you have any questions.

Upcoming dates –

**August 4 (Thursday) - Club Assembly** - Update on the club and the year ahead. There will be a presentation about membership trends and Rotary's future, by Patrick Longano and Katie Tocci. See you at noon at The Paper Mill Lounge.

**August 9 (Tuesday) - Satellite Club Meeting** – Club member **Ben Pendry** will make a presentation about Cub Scout Pack 999. The Satellite Club will gather at 6 p.m. with a meeting starting at 6:15 p.m., at Innovation Station in Dillsboro.

**August 18 (Thursday) - Dr. Dana Ayers,** Superintendent of Jackson County Schools and a member of our club, will provide an update on the happenings and needs of Jackson County Schools. See you at noon at the Paper Mill Lounge.

**August 25 (Thursday) - Matthew Shirey** - Blacksmith winner of the TV show, *Forged in Fire*. Sylva's Matthew Shirey has been perfecting the art of the hammer and anvil for over 20 years and has been running his own blacksmith forge since 2005. He won the History Channel's 'Forged in Fire' show contest. See you at noon at the Paper Mill Lounge.

Have a great week. Thanks for keeping "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World"

Jackson County Schools

**August 25, 2022**

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## Club Leaders



Todd Vinyard  
President



Michael G. Wade  
President



Matt Saenger  
President-Elect



Nancy G. McConnell  
iPast President  
Secretary



Ann M. Pearre  
Treasurer



Vance Davidson  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



Lexie Franklin  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



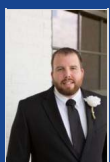
Jay Pavey Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms



James M. Spiro  
Membership Chair



Scott Baker  
Webmaster



Eddie Wells  
Club Service Chair

spirit going!

Yours In Rotary Service,

*Mike & Todd*

## WCU Football: Coach Bell and Coach Chazmon

By Scott Baker on Friday, July 22, 2022

There were plenty of Go Cats! and purple at the Rotary Club of Sylva today. Thank you to Western Carolina Catamounts football coach Kerwin Bell and defensive coordinator Chazmon Scales for exciting talks. And former president Eddie Wells with an inspiring version of the WCU fight song. No one does it better. We're ready for the opening game Sept. 3 at Charleston Southern and Cullowhee home opener Sept. 17 against Presbyterian. It is a great time to head to <https://catamountsports.com/> for season tickets. Football is on its way to the #Whee! Should be a very, very fun season. Coach Bell and his staff are building something special. Go Cats!





Joyce M. Pope  
Club Fund Raising  
Chair



Roy Warren  
Burnette  
Club Public Image  
Chair



James Montsinger  
iPast President



William Swift  
Assistant  
Governor



## Human Trafficking Awareness Day Event July 30- Hendersonville

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, July 24, 2022

Human Trafficking Awareness Week is recognized in the United States from July 24-30, and two local Rotary Clubs want to make sure the issue doesn't "slip

through the cracks.”

The Rotary Clubs of Hendersonville and Four Seasons are partnering with the Henderson County

Sheriffs Department, the City of Hendersonville Police Department, Safelight, Life 107, One Voice and other local non-profits to bring awareness to Human Trafficking locally and around the globe.



Rotarians will sponsor the area’s first “Red Sand Project” on Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 9-11 a.m. at the Historic Henderson County Courthouse on Main Street in Hendersonville, and the public is invited to attend and participate.

District Governor Tammy Mosteller (Rotary Club of Lincolnton Sunrise) has asked every club in Western North Carolina to help bring this issue to the forefront. Mosteller plans to attend the event in Hendersonville and will speak about the importance of Rotarians’ involvement in this cause.

Molly Gochman first launched Red Sand Project in 2014 after realizing the depths to which slavery continues to be a contemporary reality. Globally, an estimated 40.3 million individuals live in slavery, whether in forced marriages, forced labor, or for sexual exploitation. She recognized that to begin finding a solution to such a widespread challenge, increased public awareness and engagement would be essential.


Laura Phipps, President of Hendersonville Rotary, and Gene Carr, President of Four Seasons Rotary, are excited that the two clubs can work together to raise awareness about such an important issue and agree this is an excellent opportunity for local Rotarians to create lasting change in their community.

“We’ve invited our local partners who deal with this issue on a daily basis to join us for this special event,” said Phipps. There will be display tables with information on local resources, and presentations by survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. “What we really hope is that community members of all ages, backgrounds and beliefs will join us for this event to learn more about how they can get involved in making Henderson County a better place to live, work and raise a family.”

Gochman initiated the first Red Sand Project action in Miami, where she filled the cracks of sidewalks in and around the Art Basel Miami Beach pavilion with red sand. The approach was symbolic, with the grains of sand representing those individuals who fall through the cracks—whether the cracks of our social, economic, and political systems or those of our personal consciousness.

“We will provide free red sand to anyone who shows up and wants to learn more or help us fill the sidewalk cracks at the Courthouse,” said Carr. “Human trafficking is a serious crime and violation of human rights, and one that many people believe isn’t even prevalent in the United States. We hope to open people’s eyes to that it can and does happen, right here in our community, and more importantly to make sure everyone knows there are resources to help those who are victims.”

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline North Carolina ranks ninth in the nation for reported cases, with 260 cases in 2020. Hotel-based commercial sex is the most prevalent form in North Carolina, with agriculture and illicit activities



the most common venue for labor trafficking in the state.

Both nationally and statewide, adult women made up the majority of the victims; however, men, gender minorities and minor children are also victims of both sex and labor trafficking.

A website organized by Gochman provides free "red sand project toolkits" giving participants a way to physically engage with the cause and to build discussions around the action. To date, Red Sand Project actions have been done in all 50 states and in 70 countries, with more than one million participants.

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