

# Rotary



## Club of Sylva

### Birthdays

Joyce M Pope  
October 8th

Larry Hinton  
October 15th

Todd Vinyard  
October 20th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries  
Found

### Speakers

#### September 29, 2022

[NCCAT Executive Director](#)

[Dr. M. Brock Womble](#)

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Dr. M. Brock Womble

speaks on the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, a recognized national leader in professional development programming for teachers.

#### October 06, 2022

[Service at Hands On Jackson](#)

Hands on Jackson is a day where Jackson County Citizens rally together to lend a helping hand to those in need. This event is being put on by multiple Jackson County community agencies. Club will not meet instead will participate in Hands On Jackson.

#### October 12, 2022

[Percentage day at Creekside Oyster House in Sylva](#)

Eat lunch or dinner and a percentage of the funds will go to support the ending of polio.

## News for Thursday, Sept. 22

Dear Rotary friends,

Hope you are all well. What a showing last weekend in Cullowhee for the Western Carolina football team. Go Cats!

Big win for our Smoky Mountain High School Mustangs over Pisgah, too! Football is back and going great in our part of the world.

### The noon club will NOT meet this Thursday.

Our goal is to meet each week except the second week of the month to allow members to join the Satellite Club at their meeting (which takes place on the second week of each month). This month we've had to make an adjustment due to the need to accommodate last week's speaker -- the great visit from District Governor Tammy Hosteller, and the Red Sand Project.

Check out our web site at [www.sylvarotaryclub.org](http://www.sylvarotaryclub.org) for the club meeting schedule through December.

Just because we are not meeting at noon Thursday doesn't mean we're out of action this week, though!

We are going to participate in the **Cleaning up the Mountains event this Saturday**. This event is put on by the Jackson County Litter Task Force from September 10th through September 24th and it involves **picking up trash along secondary roads**. It's a great event to **help keep our beautiful county clean** and we would **love to have members from both clubs** to assist with this project.

Here are the details: We will **meet in the Webster Baptist Church parking lot at 7:45 a.m. this Saturday** morning and pick up trash along the river towards Dillard Road. This is one of the most-fished areas in Jackson County so a great location to keep clean.

It **should only take about an hour, but individuals can continue as long as they like**.

Thank you very much to Club Service Chair and "Best WCU Fight Song singer in the World" **Eddie Wells** for coordinating and leading this effort. Let Eddie know if you have any questions. We hope to see you on Saturday!

Our **next noon meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 29**. Happy to say another traditional club activity that has been hard to do during the height of COVID is returning: **we'll be honoring the Student of the Month** this time from Smoky Mountain High School.

Our club has always taken great pride in supporting our awesome Jackson County Public Schools and area students. We appreciate Youth Services Chair **Courtney Umphlett** for getting this club tradition going again.

Have a great week!

**October 13, 2022**

A.J. Grube - WCU College of Business Dean  
Western Carolina University's College of Business is focused on providing high quality, student-centered education to prepare Business Ready® graduates. Included among Princeton Review's "296 Best", the College has over 17 different disciplines.

## 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

Remember, **join us Saturday** for our part of **Cleaning Up the Mountains**, and **then** head out to the always-fun **Mountain Heritage Day at WCU**.

Nothing beats fall in Jackson County!

Thank you all for keeping the "Greatest Rotary Club in the World" spirit going!

Yours In Rotary Service,

**Mike & Todd**

## WCU Recognition of Club Member Julie Spiro



Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Julie Donaldson was



Joyce M Pope  
Club Fund Raising  
Chair



Courtney T  
Umphlett  
Youth Services  
Chair



Roy Warren  
Burnette  
Club Public Image  
Chair



James Montsinger  
iPast President



William Swift  
Assistant  
Governor

recognized on field at the recent home football game by WCU for being a **community champion** with the Chamber.

Congratulations, Julie!

## Denise Drury Homewood - Executive Director of the WCU Bardo Arts Center

By Scott Baker

Many thanks to Denise Drury Homewood, the Executive Director of the [WCU Bardo Arts Center](http://www.wcu.edu/bardo-arts-center/), for speaking to us last week about the amazing schedule coming up at one of the crown jewels of Jackson County and Western North Carolina.

For more on the Center and programs visit <https://www.wcu.edu/bardo-arts-center/>





## WCU Fight Song!

By Scott Baker

At last week's meeting, in honor of Robert Richard "Dick" Trevarthen, a former [Western Carolina University](#) director of bands, who wrote the WCU Fight Song and passed away recently, Co-President Mike asked former President [Eddie Wells](#) to lead us in the Fight Song at our meeting. No one does it better, thanks Eddie! Go Cats!



## District 7670 Governor Visit

By Scott Baker

Honored to have [Rotary District 7670](#) Tammy Mosteller with us on September 17 for a conversation about Rotary. Thank you Tammy for how you lead Rotary from the heart. Co-President Todd presented her one of the [Jackson County Chamber and Visitor Center](#)'s super 28779 tumblers to use as a thanks from us as she travels District 7670! Tammy is certainly one of the top [#PeopleOfAction](#) in our district thank you for your [#ServiceAboveSelf](#).



## Red Sand Project

By Scott Baker

We really appreciate [Center for Domestic Peace, Inc.](#) especially club member and Center for Domestic Peace Executive Director **Wesley Myers** for all the work putting together our [Red Sand Project](#) effort this afternoon following our meeting. Thank you to members of Jackson County government, [Jackson County Sheriff's Office NC](#), [Western Carolina University](#) Police Department and many guest helping us bring awareness to the problem of human trafficking. We appreciate all the groups working on this issue.

Red Sand Project uses participatory sidewalk interventions to raise awareness of the vulnerabilities that lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

Thank you to all who took part in front of our great host [The Paper Mill Lounge](#). And we appreciate the Town of Sylva for helping with permits to have this event. #PeopleOfAction we can all help do something on this issue. Thank you!  
#RedSandProject











## Satellite Club Recognition - Acts of Kindness

By Scott Baker

Nice job by the Sylva Satellite Rotary Club in packing hygiene bags at their last meeting. These bags are given to clients of [Center for Domestic Peace, Inc.](#) who come for help after an assault. Appreciate [The Sylva Herald](#) recognizing the work in "Act of Kindness." [More about the story here.](#)

Good work [#PeopleOfAction](#). Thank you!



## 2022 Impact Day -- Firewood Delivery Saturday, Oct. 8

By Scott Baker

[#PeopleOfAction](#) save this date and joins us to help those in need of fire wood in our area! [#ServiceAboveSelf](#)

**CULLOWHEE UMC & JACKSON COUNTY DEPT.  
ON AGING INVITE YOU TO HELP ON**

# **IMPACT DAY**

**SAT. OCT. 8TH  
8:30 AM - NOON  
416 CENTRAL DR. CULLOWHEE**

**HELP SPLIT AND DELIVER  
FIREWOOD**

**NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 0-2 YRS**

**KIDS ACTIVITY: HOT  
CHOCOLATE & COOKIE  
MAKING & DELIVERY**

**FREE BISCUITS AND COFFEE & LUNCH**

**BRING GLOVES &  
GOOD SHOES**

## Bike Station Clean-Up on the Jackson County Greenway

By Scott Baker

How about this before and after at our Sylva Rotary Club Bike Station on the Jackson County Greenway! Thank you so much to **Susan Clements** and **Gail Debnam** for their work. Super [#PeopleOfAction](#) in our club for sure. Thank you Susan and Gail for the hard work to keep this Rotary area looking so good!

