

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Birthdays

Gail Debnam
August 31st
F. Patrick McGuire
September 5th
Holly Guyer
September 9th
Melissa Canady
Wargo
September 12th
Chelsea S Allman
September 14th
Wanda Wolfe
September 15th
Scott McConnell
September 18th
Heather Baker
September 21st
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Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Speakers

August 31, 2023
[Kerwin Bell - WCU Football Coach](#)
Catamount football for the upcoming season.

September 07, 2023

[Meagan Crews](#)
Jackson County Public Schools Director of Public Health

Club Leaders



[Matt Saenger](#)
President



[Holly Guyer](#)
President

[Nancy G McConnell](#)

News for August 31, 2023

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

What an amazing turnout we had for our STIR event with The Chamber of Commerce. We have at LEAST 5 prospective members for either Satellite or Noon Club. A special thanks to everyone who was able to attend and we certainly missed everyone who was unable to join us.

Please join us this Thursday, August 31st, as **WCU Head Coach Kerwin Bell** will be speaking. Plenty of excitement about football in Catamount Country. Looking forward to hearing from Coach Bell about the season. Go Cats! Might want to practice the WCU Fight song because there is probably going to be a chance to sing it.

Food is available from Mad Batter to be ordered and delivered. Orders can be made at <https://www.madbatterkitchen.net/>. Delivery is possible if ordered by Thursday at noon using the process below:

- Tap Checkout
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen.
- In the box at the bottom where it says: "Add a note for the seller," type in "Thursday Rotary."

The club will provide bottled water. It is not necessary to order food to join us.

Our September meetings are as follows:

September 7th: Meagan Crews, Jackson County Public Schools Director of Public Health

September 21st: TBA

We love seeing all that our club members do. Members like Jenna Kranz. Jenna's non-profit Uncomplicated Kitchen is having its 3rd Annual Croquet Tournament & Carnival Fundraiser on October 7th in Bridge Park from 2-4:30 p.m. Registration is either \$20 or \$25 dollars (depending on if people want to play croquet or not), and that includes food and drink. For more visit - <https://www.uncomplicatedkitchen.org/event-info/3rd-annual-croquet-tournament-carnival-fundraiser-2>

Have a great week everyone! Thanks for keeping "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" spirit going!

Yours In Rotary Service,
Matt & Holly

Fantastic Chamber/Rotary STIR Event at Innovation Station

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

We had the best time hosting Jackson County Chamber of Commerce STIR Business After Hours event at Innovation Station in Dillsboro. The [Rotary Club of Sylva](#) provided the beverages and Rotarians Julie and Kelly Donaldson provided sandwiches for the networking opportunity. Rotary Club of Sylva members Holly Guyer, Jay Spiro, Karen McCracken, and Chris Stuckey spoke about the benefits of becoming a Rotarian in one of its two clubs- the noon traditional club or the spinoff Satellite Club. Chamber Executive Director Julie Donaldson and Assistant Director Kelly Donaldson also shared with those in attendance information about their 100th anniversary paver project and Patron membership promotion. Everyone enjoyed networking with chamber members and Rotary members, as well as entering for a chance to win several wonderful door prizes. Thanks to everyone for attending!



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Assistant
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Member Phil Haire and his wife Connie honored by WCU

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Rotarian Phil Haire and his wife Connie do so much for our community and education. We agree completely with [Western Carolina University](#) and the WCU's Board of Trustees in honoring the Haires with an honorary naming designation. WCU's Public Policy Institute will be known as the Phil and Connie Haire Institute for Public Policy. The ceremony to honor the Haires will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at the Stillwell Building on WCU's campus. Thank you Phil and Connie for all you do truly [#PeopleofAction](#)



Club Assembly meeting

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our club assembly great to hear about the exciting plans for this year! The meeting of all club members, including officers, directors, and committee chairs, was an opportunity to discuss our club's programs and activities for this year. Looking forward to a great year ahead. [#ServiceAboveSelf](#) [#PeopleOfAction](#)



Thank you Jay for taking the apron!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 22, 2023

The Rotary apron was bequeathed from Vance Davidson, our great friend who is moving to Florida, to Jay Spiro for Pancake Breakfast honors at today's Club Assembly. We know Jay will wear it well and, most importantly, get the job done by making great pancakes at our pancake breakfast this year. Thanks for taking the apron, Jay!



Thank you to Rotary Island cleaning crew!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Thank you to Carr, Jay, and Roy for their [#ServiceAboveSelf](#) to keep the Rotary Island and entrance to Sylva looking good. We appreciate the efforts of these great [#PeopleofAction](#).



Sylva Rotary Club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce event Aug. 24th

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The Greatest Rotary Club in the World and the Greatest Chamber of Commerce in the World [Jackson County Chamber and Visitor Center](#) are joining forces for a fantastic event later this month. Hope you will save the date and join us!

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce invites you to the next

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Hosted by our members at the

Rotary
Club of Sylva, N.C.

At Innovation Station at
40 Depot Street, Dillsboro, NC

Thursday
Aug. 24
5-6:30 pm

RSVP
by 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21
by calling the chamber at
828-586-2155 or emailing
JacksonChamberTeam@gmail.com

- One complimentary beverage, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Sylva
*Cash bar afterward
- Complimentary snacks/appetizers
- Come prepared to learn more about Rotary Club membership
- Enter to win door prizes
- Networking with members

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Jackson County Back To School Event a Success!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Thank you to [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#), our wonderful community, and the Rotary Club of Sylva [#PeopleofAction](#) for making the outstanding Back-To-School Bash. We are so proud of club member and Jackson County School Superintendent Dr. Dana Ayers for this outstanding community event. Love seeing the community support for our students, teachers, school staff, and families. Wishing everyone a great school year! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event happen.



United Christian Ministries presents about work at meeting

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Thank you to club member Joyce Pope, Director of Outreach [United Christian Ministries of Jackson County](http://www.ucmhelp.com/), for a wonderful presentation on all UCM does in our community. UCM provides a food pantry, personal items, and financial assistance for essential bills to residents of Jackson County. Joyce is pictured with Co-President Holly. Thank you, Joyce and UCM for all you do for more on how you can help them visit - <http://www.ucmhelp.com/>



Thank you Vance Davidson!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Best wishes to Vance and Kathy Davidson as they move to Florida. Vance has been a key person among our [#PeopleofAction](#) from jokes, happy dollars, Mickey Mouse Pancakes, and solid advice to every Club President during his time with us. It was fitting, Vance, who always encouraged us to live the 4-Way Test, not just say it ended our recent meeting with it. We wish the Davidsons well and hope that when it gets too hot or they can just come back and see us in the mountains. Thank you, Vance!



New Rotary Badges are here!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Good news "Greatest Rotary Club in the World"! After a few years without updates, new noon club badges are here! We will have them and a new case ready for our next meeting Thursday, August 3rd, at noon when club member Joyce Pope talks with us about the United Christian Ministries of Jackson County. Hope everyone tries them out, and we've got room to add some new badges for new members, too!

[#PeopleOfAction](#)



Head Start School behind the old Camp Lab School work by members - Thank you!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Thank you to these awesome [#PeopleOfAction](#) for their efforts today! These club members and family spread mulch on the playground at the Head Start School behind the old Camp Lab School next to the WCU campus. Wishing the school a great year when they begin on August 1st. [#ServiceAboveSelf](#)



Rotary Island Cleanup for July - thank you!

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Thank you to Carr, Jay, Roy and Ann (not pictured) who all took part in our last Rotary Island Cleanup. Thanks to all these [#PeopleOfAction](#) for keeping the entrance to Sylva looking good! Well done!



Sylva Main Street champion speaks to club

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Honored to have Laurie Bryson speak to us at our club meeting. Laurie was recently named Sylva Main Street Champion to be one of 38 honorees in North Carolina recognized for their contributions to Main Street programs and downtown districts. Thanks for all she and [Balsam Falls Brewing Co](#) do in our community. Pictured with Co-President Matt Saenger. Thanks to all who joined us!



Jackson County Circles of Jackson County presents to our club

By Todd Vinyard on Monday, July 17, 2023

New Rotary year same great meetings! Thank you to Dawn Neatherly, [Circles of Jackson County, Inc.](#) Executive Director. Circles of Jackson gathers people motivated to move out of poverty and matches them with volunteers who will support them on their journey towards self-sufficiency. Thank you Circles for all they do in our community. Dawn is pictured with Co-President Holly. Thanks to everyone who joined us today. Have a great week!



DACdb Mobile App

By Scott Baker on Thursday, November 18, 2021

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