

Rotary



Club of Syla

Birthdays

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
Heather Baker
September 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

Speakers

September 07, 2023

Meagan Crews
Jackson County
Public Schools
Director of Public
Health

Club Leaders



Matt
Saenger
President



Holly Guyer
President



Nancy G
McConnell
Secretary



Ann M
Pearre
Treasurer



Micah
Carter
Rotary

News for September 7, 2023

By Todd Vinyard on Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

We hope everyone had a good and relaxing time with family and friends on Labor Day. We had a great August in the club, and it is time for September.

Please join us for when Meagan Crews, Jackson County Public Schools Director of Public Health, speaks to us at the noon meeting on Thursday at First Baptist Church in downtown Syla. Part of our Rotary theme this year of "Create Hope in the World" seeks to create hope by – "confronting stigmas, expanding access, and raising awareness about the importance of mental health." That is exactly the type of work Meagan does in our local schools. We're glad to have her doing that work and look forward to hearing about it this Thursday. Happy dollars will be going to support our wonderful school system here in Jackson County.

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.

We will have a meeting on September 21st with a speaker to be announced. We're happy to say our District Governor Sean Gibson will visit us on October 5th and hope you will be with us.

Here is a good example of our work in the community – the Jackson County Early College Interact Club is back up and going! Many thanks to student Mackensy Franklin, Principal Melanie Jacobs along with club member and Superintendent Dr. Dana Ayers for helping us bring back this opportunity for young people in our community. Appreciate all Mackensy has done and the way she was inspired by going to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) thanks to our club this year. Appreciate Susan Clements and Nancy McConnell who helped transport students to and back from this year's event. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. We will have more information on this Interact club return. Thanks to all who played a part in making it happen!

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

Yours In Rotary Service,
Matt & Holly

Coach Bell speaks to club! Go Cats!

By Todd Vinyard on Monday, September 4, 2023

Western Carolina Catamounts football is here! We are ready! Especially after the super motivational talk by WCU Football Coach Kerwin Bell. And Past President Eddie Wells leading us in the WCU Fight Song. Coach Bell is pictured below with Co-President Matt. If you haven't already, get tickets and get ready for football more at <https://catamountsports.com/> Big game coming up Saturday in Cullowhee against Samford. Consider supporting the great work of the Catamount Club to support our student-athletes -

<https://www.wcu.edu/catamount-club/>

Go Cats!

Foundation
Chair



Jay Pavey
Jr.
Sergeant-
at-Arms



James M.
Spiro
RYLA Point
of Contact
Membership
Chair



Roy Warren
Burnette
Club Public
Image
Chair



Todd
Vinyard
iPast
President



Michael G.
Wade
iPast
President



William
Swift
Assistant
Governor



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!



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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JACKSON COUNTY, N.C.

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!

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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!



DACdb Mobile App

By Scott Baker on Thursday, November 18, 2021

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