

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Birthdays

Melissa Canady Wargo
September 12th
Chelsea S Allman
September 14th
Wanda Wolfe
September 15th
Scott McConnell
September 18th
Scott McConnell
September 18th
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September 18th
Heather Baker
September 21st
Heather Baker
September 21st
Joyce M Pope
October 8th
Jenna Mary Kranz
October 10th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
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Speakers

September 21, 2023

[Allyson Coan, Jackson
County Public Library](#)
Jackson County Public
Library

October 05, 2023

[Sean Gibson](#)
DG Official Visit

Club Leaders



[Matt Saenger](#)
President

[Holly Guyer](#)
President

News for September 14, 2023

Dear Rotary Friends,

How about those football Cats! Great start by our Catamounts this past weekend. Go Cats! **There will be NO noon meeting this Thursday.** Thanks to everyone for a great Rotary year so far.

Upcoming events include –

Sep 21, 2023

Allyson Coan, Jackson County Public Library
Jackson County Public Library

Oct 05, 2023

Sean Gibson
District Governor's Official Visit

Oct 12, 2023

Rotary Social Event at East LaPorte Picnic Pavilion

Congratulations on behalf of our club to two of the finest People of Action we know – **Phil and Connie Haire**. They have made exemplary contributions to Western Carolina University and the local and regional community. Last week, WCU's Board of Trustees honored the Haires with an honorary naming designation. The Phil and Connie Haire Institute for Public Policy will continue their legacy and ensure that issues in state and local public policy continue to be studied in the Western counties of North Carolina. We appreciate Phill and Connie! Thank you!

Hope everyone has a great week and look forward to seeing everyone on Sept. 21st.

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

Yours In Rotary Service,
Matt & Holly

Meagan Crews, Jackson County Public Schools Director of Behavioral Health, speaks to club

Thank you very much to Meagan Crews, [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#) Director of Behavioral Health, for the update on Mental Health efforts for our students and families. Jackson County Schools is the first school system located in the Mountain region to be selected for Project AWARE. North Carolina's Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education) also locally known as NC Project ACTIVATE (Advancing Coordinated and Timely InterVentions, Awareness, Training, and Education) addresses the three tiers of mental health (promotion, prevention, and intervention) through a continuum of education, universal



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screening, and appropriate services and supports for all students in grades PK-12 in response to varying levels of needs identified within the classroom and at school. The federally funded program was created by the [NC Public Schools](#) and the NC Department of Health and Human Services to promote student well-being, healthy behaviors, and interventions to address mental health problems before they occur. Thank you to our school system and Superintendent Dr. Dana Ayers for this effort to provide this needed support to students and families in our region. [#PeopleOfAction](#) indeed. Appreciate guest JCPS Student Support Services Department Director Kelly Doppke and NC DPI Western Regional Director Dr. Jeremy Gibbs being with us. Thank you!



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!



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.
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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](#).



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!



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By Scott Baker on Thursday, November 18, 2021

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