

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

Scott Baker
03-01-2001
23 Years

Larry Hinton
03-07-2002
22 Years

Michael G. Wade
03-10-2005
19 Years

Phil Haire
03-23-2016
8 Years

Susan Kerns Clements
03-08-2018
6 Years

Nancy G McConnell
03-05-2020
4 Years

Joyce M Pope
03-04-2021
3 Years

Ann M Pearre
03-10-2022
2 Years

Christina H Paxton
03-23-2023
1 Year

Birthdays

James M. Spiro
March 15th

Lexie Franklin
March 18th

Matt Saenger
March 22nd

Lisa Ann Leatherman
March 22nd

Eddie Wells
March 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Jace Franklin Stowe
March 18th

Club Leaders



Matt Saenger
President



Holly Guyer
President



Joyce M. Pope
President-Elect

News for February 22, 2024

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Three cheers and a big "Thank You!" to everyone who contributed to the tremendous success of our first Chili Chowdown event! Your participation and dedication made it an unforgettable experience, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

A special shoutout to our fantastic club members—your enthusiasm and hard work truly shone through. We extend our appreciation to all the non-profits that joined us, making this event a community-wide success. A sincere thank you also goes out to Ingles, Wendy's, and Bojangles for their generous product donations.

Upcoming Events:

- March 7th: Noon Club Meeting** Save the date for our next meeting featuring Kristin Holt, Jackson County Public School Teacher of the Year.
- March 9th: Island Cleanup** Join Carr and his amazing group for an Island Cleanup. Your participation has a positive impact on our community.
- February 27th: IMPACT Club Meeting** Our IMPACT (formerly Sylva Satellite) Club will meet at 6 p.m. on February 27th. Don't miss this opportunity to connect.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Event (RYLA)** Exciting news! We are currently supporting two students to the RYLA event. The application deadline is March 11th. Please reach out if you know of someone interested.
- Club Grant Seminar with President-Elect Mike Wade** A special thank you to President-Elect Mike Wade for attending the upcoming Club Grant seminar. Your commitment is appreciated.
- March 23rd: Rise Against Hunger Event** Mark your calendars for our "Rise Against Hunger" event at Sylva United Methodist Church. Details will follow, and it promises to be a fun community event for all ages.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for keeping the spirit of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" alive. Have a fantastic week!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Matt & Holly



Nancy G McConnell
Secretary



Ann M Pearre
Treasurer



Micah Carter
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Jay Pavey Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



James M. Spiro
RYLA Point of
Contact
Membership Chair



Eddie Wells
Club Service Chair



Roy Warren
Burnette
Club Public Image
Chair



Todd Vinyard
iPast President



Michael G. Wade
iPast President

Club Meeting

Sylva
Meets at First Baptist
Church of Sylva Fellowship
Hall
669 West Main Street
Sylva, NC 28779
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Great Chili Chowdown event/Thank you!

Celebrating the success of the first Rotary Club of Sylva Chili Chowdown! Huge thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a fantastic experience. Your support means the world. All proceeds from this flavorful day are going straight to participating nonprofits, making a positive impact on our community. It was more than just chili; it was a day filled with warmth, community, and a commitment to [#ServiceAboveSelf](#).



Birthstone Wellness Center part of great club meeting!

A Greatest Rotary Club in the World type meeting. No surprise that would take place with the Greatest Rotary Club in the World this week. Super presentation by Brandi Harrison, owner of Birthstone Wellness Center in Downtown Sylva. Birthstone is a perinatal wellness center dedicated to a revolution in wellness among young families. The guests were Andy Buckner (guest of Jay Pavey) and Dr. Camilla Hoytenga (Rotarian from Germany). Thanks to all who joined us.



Kenny Nicholson Smoky Mountain High School Service Above Self Scholarship/Thank you Kenny!

"The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" is excited to officially recognize the naming of the Kenny Nicholson [Smoky Mountain High School](#) Service Above Self Scholarship. Kenny is an amazing Rotarian, community member, and former [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#) principal, including at Smoky Mountain High School. He is truly one of our best [#PeopleofAction](#). We deeply appreciate all his efforts, especially for so many generations of young people in Jackson County. Thank you to Kenny and his wife Karen for being with us at the announcement and we greatly appreciate JCPS and SMHS administration helping us make this scholarship opportunity for students possible. It is wonderful to see future generations of students at our high school SMHS be inspired to service by Kenny's terrific example.
Go Mustangs!



Congratulations to our Rotary Club of Sylva Student of the Month - Sades Carroll

Congratulations to our Rotary Club of Sylva Student of the Month - Sades Carroll. Only a sophomore, she is involved in various activities at [Smoky Mountain High School](#) and has a reputation for offering to help whenever needed and being very kind and supportive. Happy to honor this standout [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#) student and have her family, Smoky Mountain High School music teacher Linda Haggard, and Smoky Mountain High School Principal Evelyn Graning with us at our meeting today. President Matt made the presentation on behalf of the club. Thanks for all you do Sades, and best of luck in your future. We're proud of you!



Welcome new member Ray Roberts!

Welcome new member Ray Roberts! We appreciate Ray joining us and becoming part of our [#PeopleOfAction](#). It was our pleasure to have Ray and his wife, Kathy, with us today. Welcome, Ray!

Ray is pictured with Club membership chair Jay Spiro.

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