

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 March 21, 2024

Dear Rotary Friends,

We hope this message finds you well! As members of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World," we have some exciting events lined up, and encourage you to join us and make a difference together.

We will have a **noon meeting this Thursday** with a special guest speaker, **Chad Miller, the Women's Soccer Coach at Western Carolina University**. In the fall of 2023, Coach Miller led the Catamounts to their first Southern Conference Championship since 2008, earning him well-deserved recognition as the SoCon Coach of the Year. His team also participated in our successful Rise Against Hunger event last year, further highlighting Catamount athletics commitment to service in our community. Go Cats!

Speaking of **Rise Against Hunger**, it's that time again! Join us this Saturday at Sylva United Methodist Church for a rewarding morning of packing meals to combat hunger worldwide. The trucks will start unloading at 8 a.m., and the packing begins at 9:30 a.m. We encourage you to arrive between 8 and 9:30 a.m. and bring along anyone who would like to contribute. Remember, this event is open to everyone, not just Rotarians!

A friendly reminder for this Thursday's meeting at First Baptist Church in downtown Sylva: food will be available from Mad Batter to be delivered. Orders can be made at <https://www.madbatterkitchen.net/>.

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Let's continue our tradition of service above self and make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond. We look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the Year:

April 4th & 18th
May 2nd & 16th
May 30th: Grant \$\$ day - We give money to local non-profits based on funds we've raised this year!
June 6th & 20th

Thank you, everyone, for embodying the spirit of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World." Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday!

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

Thank you to our Rotary Island Cleanup Crew

A huge thank you to these fantastic Rotarians who recently participated in the Island Cleanup event to keep Sylva beautiful! Your dedication and [#ServiceAboveSelf](#) attitude genuinely make a difference in our community. We're proud to have such outstanding [#PeopleofAction](#) among us!



A Special Visit from JCPS Teacher of the Year Kristin Holt!

A Special Visit from [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#) Teacher of the Year Kristin Holt! At our Thursday meeting, the Rotary Club of Sylva was truly honored to host Kristin Holt, JCPS Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Holt, a dedicated science teacher at Jackson County Early College, shared insights into her teaching style and emphasized holistically guiding students toward their contributions within the community.

Her message was inspiring and a powerful reminder of how teachers like her care for and prepare students for a brighter future. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Holt and all the incredible educators in Jackson County Public Schools for their unwavering dedication to students, families, and our community. We appreciate you, Mrs. Holt, and all at JCPS for all you do daily!

Mrs. Holt is pictured with Club Co-Presidents Matt Saenger and Holly Guyer in one picture and Jackson County Early College Principal Melanie Jacobs in another. Thank you to Rotary Club member and Jackson County Public School Superintendent Dana Ayers for the great introduction of Mrs. Holt.

Happy dollars were collected and went to the Kenny Nicholson Smoky Mountain High School Service Above Self Scholarship our club supports.



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.

