

# 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 28, 2024

Dear Rotary Friends,

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our Rise Against Hunger event last Saturday. Together, we accomplished an amazing feat by packing more than 10,000 meals in less than an hour! Your dedication and hard work truly made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your contributions to this important cause.

As a reminder, there will be **no noon meeting this week**. Our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- April 4th & 18th
- May 2nd & 16th
- May 30th: Grant \$\$ day - On this day, we will distribute funds to local non-profits based on the funds we've raised throughout the year.
- June 6th & 20th

Thank you, everyone, for embodying the spirit of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" and for your continued dedication to service. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday!

Yours In Rotary Service,

Matt & Holly

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## Great Rise Against Hunger Event! Thank you to all involved!



Nancy G. McConnell  
Secretary



Ann M. Pearre  
Treasurer



Micah Carter  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Jay Pavay 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

What an incredible day of service! We're grateful to everyone who joined us to pack over 10,000 meals in less than an hour for [Rise Against Hunger](#) event at Sylva United Methodist Church. Together, we're making a real impact in the fight against hunger worldwide. Huge thanks to [Rotary District 7670](#) District Governor Sean Gibson for his presence and support. Special shoutout to the Southern Conference Champion [Western Carolina Soccer](#) team, members of the [Western Carolina Catamounts](#) football team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (<https://www.fca.org/>) leaders and members, Rotary club members from [Rotary Club of Bryson City](#), [Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley](#), [Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak](#) and [Haywood Rotary Club](#), Southwestern Community College President Don Tomas, Abigail Clayton from the State Employees Credit Union, and Jackson County Schools School Board for their participation. We even had to bring in an extra table to accommodate all the volunteers! Special thanks to Captain Rotary and Rotary Woman for reminding us that we can all be superheroes through service. A massive round of applause to Charles and Wanda Wolfe for their incredible work in organizing this event! Thank you to all the [#PeopleofAction](#) of all ages who made today a success! [#RiseAgainstHunger](#) [#ServiceAboveSelf](#)



## 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.

