

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

Todd Vinyard
04-21-2016
8 Years

Birthdays

Mary Otto Selzer
April 12th
Benjamin J. Pendry
April 21st
Chace A Spillman
April 21st
Michael G. Wade
April 22nd
Brian K Huskey
April 28th
Lynette Dickson
Lazar Darby
April 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Joe Rigdon
April 5th
Benjamin J. Pendry
April 24th
Joyce M Pope
April 25th

Club Leaders



Matt Saenger
President



Holly Guyer
President



Joyce M Pope
President-Elect



Nancy G McConnell
Secretary



Ann M Pearre
Treasurer



Micah Carter
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Jay Pavey Jr.
Sergeant-
at-Arms

News for April 11, 2024

Dear Rotary Friends,

No noon meeting this Thursday. Please mark your calendars for **April 18th** when Scotti Carnes from Persons First (a division of Disability Partners) will be speaking to the noon club. Great opportunity to learn more about this program in our community.

It's coming - the Rotary Club of Sylva Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser - **Friday, April 26 from 7 to 9:30 a.m.** at First [Sylva First United Methodist Church](#). All proceeds go to help local non-profit efforts to improve our community. Eat good pancakes for a good cause! Rotarians, please sell your tickets and invite friends. Please contact us about helping that day. Sponsorships are available as well.

Here is our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year:

- April 18th
- May 2nd & 16th
- May 30th: Grant \$\$ day - We will be distributing funds to local non-profits based on our fundraising efforts this year!
- June 6th & 20th

Thank you all for showing the spirit of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" in our community.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Matt & Holly



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 Rise Against Hunger Event! Thank you to all involved!

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](#)



Honoring Excellence and Dedication/Thank you Linda Haggard from the Sylva Rotary Club!

The Rotary Club of Sylva had the honor of recognizing someone truly exceptional who has touched countless lives in Jackson County - Linda Haggard, the Smoky Mountain High School Performing Arts Teacher. Mrs. Haggard, who is retiring, has made an extraordinary impact by nurturing students and helping them develop lifelong skills on screen and stage and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#) staff who joined us to celebrate Mrs. Haggard's remarkable contributions, including club member Superintendent Dr. Dana Ayers and Smoky Mountain High School Principal Evelyn Graning. We also want to express our appreciation to students Tucker Buchanan and Ella Ledford for sharing their stories and highlighting the profound impact of Mrs. Haggard's program on their lives. Proud to have impressive young people like this in our community. All of you are [#PeopleofAction](#) in our book. Thank you!

Thank you, Mrs. Haggard, for your incredible service to our community and the young people whose lives you've enriched!

Go Mustangs!



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.

