

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 25, 2024

Dear Rotary Friends,

We hope this message finds you well. Last week's meeting with Persons First was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the incredible work they do in our community. We appreciate everyone who joined us for that inspiring session.

This week, please note that there will be no noon meeting. However, we have some exciting events coming up that we wanted to highlight:

- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:** Our Rotary Club of Sylva Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is happening on Friday, April 26, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. at First Sylva First United Methodist Church. This event is crucial in supporting local non-profit efforts that improve our community. Don't miss out on delicious pancakes for a good cause!

- **Cleaning Up the Mountains:** Join us this Saturday for our annual Cleaning Up the Mountains event. We'll meet at Webster Baptist Church at 8 a.m. to pick up trash along the river. I'll have all the necessary equipment ready for everyone. Special thanks to former President Eddie Wells for leading this effort!

Here's a quick overview of our meeting schedule for the remainder of the Rotary year. Speakers and topics can be found at <https://www.sylvarotaryclub.org/> under the speaker section:

May 2nd & 16th

May 30th: Grant \$\$ day - We'll be distributing funds to local non-profits based on our fundraising efforts this year!

June 6th & 20th

Thank you all for your dedication to service and for upholding 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

The Rotary Club of Sylva Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser April 26th - Eat great food for great cause

No need to make breakfast on April 26th. The Rotary Club of Sylva Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is coming on 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! Ask a Rotary member about tickets or purchase them that day. Thanks to our community for making this event successful and helping so many!



Persons First presents to Rotary club/Thanks for all you do!

We're grateful to Scotti Carnes from Persons First (a division of [DisAbility Partners - Sylva Office](#)) for presenting to our Rotary Club today. It was wonderful to have some of their clients and staff members join us and share their experiences with Persons First. We deeply appreciate the incredible work and dedication of everyone involved in Persons First. You are all truly [#PeopleofAction](#), positively impacting our community!



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!



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](#)

