

# Rotary



# Club of Sylva

## Years of Service

Roy Warren Burnette  
05-03-2012  
12 Years  
Eddie Wells  
05-02-2013  
11 Years  
Melissa Canady Wargo  
05-11-2017  
7 Years  
Hollie A Johnson  
05-23-2019  
5 Years  
Chace A Spillman  
05-04-2023  
1 Year

## Birthdays

Phil Haire  
May 1st  
Joe Rigdon  
May 6th  
Scott Baker  
May 17th  
John Phillips Jr.  
May 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Gail Debnam  
May 4th  
James Montsinger  
May 7th  
Dana L Ayers  
May 10th  
Melissa Canady Wargo  
May 11th  
Christina H Paxton  
May 19th  
Lynette Dickson Lazar  
Darby  
May 23rd  
Phil Haire  
May 28th

## Club Leaders



Matt Saenger  
President



Holly Guyer  
President



Joyce M Pope  
President-Elect

## News for May 2, 2024

Dear Rotary Friends,

May is just around the corner, and we're excited to kick it off with a special presentation by Michele A Garashi-Ellick, a cherished friend of our club and community. Michele will be joining us this Thursday at noon at First Baptist Church Sylva to talk about the CART Fund.

The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is a vital organization that provides crucial funding for groundbreaking research grants aimed at finding a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. We all know someone affected by this condition, making our support for the CART Fund incredibly meaningful.

A big thank you to everyone for making our recent Pancake Breakfast a resounding success! Your efforts truly embody the spirit of service and community engagement that defines our Rotary Club.

For those attending Thursday's meeting, you can order food from Mad Batter online at <https://www.madbatterkitchen.net/> and remember to add "Thursday Rotary" in the notes section.

We also want to extend my gratitude to Eddie Wells, Charles Wolfe, and Mike Wade for their exemplary work in the recent Cleaning Up the Mountains initiative. Your commitment to Service Above Self is an inspiration to us all.

Looking ahead, here's a quick overview of our meeting schedule for the rest of the Rotary year:

- 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 unwavering dedication to service. Together, we continue to uphold the legacy of being "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" in our community.

Yours In Rotary Service,  
*Matt & Holly*

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Nancy G McConnell  
Secretary



Ann M Pearre  
Treasurer



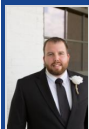
Micah Carter  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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 job on Pancake breakfast!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Rotary Club of Sylva Pancake Breakfast! Your support means the world to us and will make a significant impact on local non-profits. Together, we're making a difference.



## Thank you to members for Cleaning Up the Mountains!

Thank you to the Rotarians that showed up this morning to help with [Cleaning Up the Mountains](#). A total of 9 bags were collected on South River Road, one of the most fished areas in Jackson County. Let's continue to do our part to keep our community beautiful! [#ServiceAboveSelf](#)



## 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!



