

# 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 16, 2024

Dear Rotary Club Members,

We hope this message finds you all in good spirits. Congratulations to our graduates and their families within our club. Your accomplishments are a testament to hard work and dedication, and we are all incredibly proud of you!

A friendly reminder that we have our noon meeting scheduled for this **Thursday at the First Baptist Church Sylva**. We are honored to have **Smoky Mountain High School Athletic Director, Tom Young**, as our guest speaker. Tom assumed this role in March, following his successful year as the SMHS basketball coach. He brings a wealth of experience and vision, emphasizing collaboration with local youth programs and the development of Junior Varsity programs. Go Mustangs!

For those planning to attend, please note that you can order food from Mad Batter online at <https://www.madbatterkitchen.net/s/order> using "Thursday Rotary" in the notes section.

Additionally, we have some exciting community initiatives coming up. **Calling all volunteers!** We need your help to refresh Poteet Park in downtown Sylva. This collaborative effort with Hands on Jackson, the Rotary Club of Sylva, and the Town of Sylva will begin on **May 17th at 1 pm**. Your participation is invaluable, so please sign up using the online form at [volunteersignup.org/HEMEB](https://volunteersignup.org/HEMEB)

**Flags for Heroes** is on the horizon. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor local heroes and support our community's non-profits. Reach out to us or Mike Wade for more information on how to participate.

On a bittersweet note, we bid farewell to **Jim Montsinger and his wife Jennifer**, as they embark on a new chapter. Jim has been a cherished member of our club, and we will miss his wit, style, and dedication to service. Best wishes to the Montsinger family!

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

- **May 16th**
- **May 30th:** Grant \$\$ day - Distributing funds to local non-profits based on our fundraising efforts this year!
- **June 6th & 20th**

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to service. Together, we continue to uphold our legacy as "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World" in our community.

Yours In Rotary Service,  
*Matt & Holly*



Nancy G McConnell  
Secretary



Ann M Pearre  
Treasurer



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

## Welcome Brianne Hudak!

We have a new member in our IMPACT Club! Welcome to Brianne Hudak who was initiated on April 30th and is sponsored by Holly Guyer. She is pictured with Chris Stuckey from the Sylva Rotary IMPACT Club. Thanks for joining our #PeopleofAction.



## Volunteers needed to refresh Poteet Park

Calling All Volunteers! It is time to refresh Poteet Park and volunteers are needed to help make it happen. Hands on Jackson is teaming up with [Rotary Club of Sylva](#) and Town of Sylva to stain all the equipment at Poteet Park in downtown Sylva. This is a big job and we need the community to come help. The event will start on May 17th at 1pm and we will work as long as we have volunteers that afternoon. May 18th will be set the following day starting at 10am only if needed. To be sure we have enough paint brushes for everyone, please use the online signup form [volunteersignup.org/HEMEB](http://volunteersignup.org/HEMEB)



It is time to refresh Poteet Park again in Downtown Sylva and volunteers are needed to complete. This equipment was installed by the Rotary Club of Sylva in 1999, and they are partnering with Hands on Jackson and the Town of Sylva to stain all the equipment to keep it looking nice for our children. All materials will be provided. Dates will be May 17th & 18th (if needed) with a rain date of June 14th and 15th at the same times. For more information email Eddie Wells at [eddiewells@jacksonnc.org](mailto:eddiewells@jacksonnc.org)

May 17th 1pm - until

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May 18th 10am - until  
(if needed)



Signup to volunteer at :  
[volunteersignup.org/HEMEB](http://volunteersignup.org/HEMEB)



## Happy visit by Michele A Garashi-Ellick about The CART Fund

Many thanks to our good friend and former club member Michele A Garashi-Ellick for the visit and for speaking about [The CART Fund](#). Very grateful for the work Michele and others do to help push back against Alzheimer's. For more on this work, visit <https://www.cartfund.org/>



## 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.

