

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 30, 2024

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you all for the fantastic **Flags for Heroes** event. It was a wonderful display of flags in our town to remember and honor some of those brave individuals who gave all for our country. Special thanks to Mike Wade for all his efforts!

We get to see fundraising work in action this **Thursday at noon** with our meeting at the First Baptist Church Sylva, as grants are given to local non-profits from the money we raised this year. This is a great opportunity to bring a guest to a meeting and show them what we do!

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.

Please reach out to Co-President Matt by email as soon as possible if you are attending the **installation dinner on June 20th** at the hospitality room in the Ramsey Center on WCU campus. Also, include your drink preference. We're looking forward to a great time as we anticipate Co-President **Joyce Pope and Mike Wade** leading our club! A sign-up sheet will be available at this week's meeting.

Dates to Remember:

- June 6th: Regular meeting at First Baptist Church Sylva
- June 20th: Installation dinner at the Ramsey Center on WCU campus

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

Thank you community for successful Flags for Heroes event

Thank you to all who made the Flags for Heroes event possible Memorial Day weekend in downtown Sylva. We are proud to be able to help honor and remember those who sacrificed so much for our country. Anyone who would like to be part of this event for the July 4th and Veterans Day event may email Michael@michaelgwade.com for information. The cost of both events is \$50. Flags can be purchased to honor a service member or any hero in the community, such as a first responders or teacher or others. All proceeds go to support local non-profits in Jackson County.



Smoky Mountain High School Athletic Director/Boys Basketball Coach Tom Young speaks

The Rotary Club of Sylva appreciates [Smoky Mountain High School](#) Athletic Director and Boys Basketball Coach Tom Young speaking to us. We enjoyed hearing his plans to work with local youth programs and develop junior varsity programs. Appreciate this effort to increase youth participation and provide more opportunities. Thank you, Coach Young and others at SMHS [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](#), for all you do. We were also glad to donate our Happy Dollars to Smoky Mountain High School athletics. Proud to support these coaches and athletes who represent our community. Go Mustangs!



Change in Dates for Poteet Park work

Due to the projected forecast this weekend of heavy rain and thunderstorms, we have rescheduled the staining of Poteet Park event to the rain dates of June 14th & 15th. We will start on Friday, June 14th at 1pm and then come back the next day if needed at 10am. The flyer has been updated. If you would like to sign up to volunteer that can still be done on the same website: volunteersignup.org/HEMEB We hope that you will join us in our efforts to refresh Poteet Park on June 14th.



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. The date will be June 14th & we will come back on the morning of the 15th if not finished. For more information email Eddie Wells at eddiewells@jacksonnc.org

June 14th 1pm - until

&

June 15th 10am - until
(if needed)



Signup to volunteer at :
volunteersignup.org/HEMEB



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.



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/>

