

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

Lisa Ann Leatherman
09-23-2014
10 Years
Gail Debnam
09-10-2015
9 Years
Lemuel Carr Tyndall III
09-06-2018
6 Years

Birthdays

F. Patrick McGuire
September 5th
Holly Guyer
September 9th
Melissa Canady Wargo
September 12th
Chelsea S Allman
September 14th

Wedding Anniversaries

Charles William Wolfe
September 1st
Chelsea S Allman
September 19th

Club Leaders



Joyce M. Pope
President



Michael G. Wade
Past President
President



James M. Spiro
President-Elect
RYLA Point of
Contact
Past President



Holly Guyer
iPast President



Matt Saenger
Rotary Foundation
Chair
iPast President



Nancy G. McConnell
Secretary
Past President



Ann M. Pearre
Treasurer



David R. Baker
Membership Chair

News for September 19, 2024

Greetings to the Greatest Rotary Club in the World (and the center of the universe),

It is a pleasure to pinch hit on the Rotor message for our terrific **President Mike Wade** while he travels to cheer on the Catamounts in Montana. To him and others making the journey West safe travels, take bunches of pictures, wear plenty of purple and cheer our Cats on! Go CATS!

Big thanks to **Nick Breedlove**, the Executive Director of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority, for a great presentation last week. The Jackson County TDA does so much for our local economy, and we are fortunate to have Nick leading the way. Amazing to hear the group took tourism spending from \$175 million to \$450 million a year. Thank you, Nick & Jackson County TDA!

Another great speaker this Thursday at noon at First Baptist Church in downtown Sylva. **Western Carolina University Chancellor and club member Kelli Brown** will speak about the 50th Mountain Heritage Day Festival coming up Sept. 28. The Chancellor will provide updates and answer questions about the "why" the festival is offered as a gift to the community. Thank you to Chancellor Brown for being with us. This is a great meeting to invite possible members and guests to don't need to be a member to attend. The Greatest Membership Chair in the World, **Dave Baker**, will be leading the meeting. You will not want to miss it.

Food Orders for Thursday: You can order online to be delivered from Mad Batter Kitchen. Remember to include "Thursday Rotary" in the notes section. Reach out with any questions.

A Quick Reminder: Our club meets at noon on the first three Thursdays of every month at First Baptist Church in downtown Sylva, with a social gathering on the fourth Thursday at a location to be announced.

Our club is more than a group that meets on Thursdays. We're a family. Two outstanding club members and their families are certainly in our hearts and prayers right now " **Phil Haire and Jim Scott**.

See you Thursday!
Todd

Quote of the Week:

"The road to success is always under construction."
Arnold Palmer



Jay Pavey Jr.
Sergeant-at-Arms



Todd Vinyard
Club Public Image
Chair
Past President



Eddie Wells
Club Service Chair
Past President



Scott Baker
Past President
Webmaster



Charles William
Wolfe
International
Service Chair
Past 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

Jackson County Tourism Development Authority Executive Director Nick Breedlove speaks to club

Our club always appreciates the work [North Carolina Mountain Towns of Cashiers, Cherokee, Dillsboro, and Sylva](#) Jackson County Tourism Development Authority Executive Director Nick Breedlove and the group do to promote tourism, our area, and the economy. Thank you so much to Nick for speaking to us. Thank you, Jackson County TDA, for the difference you make in our community! Pictured are Co-President Mike Wade and Nick.



JCPS Education Foundation speaks to club

We appreciate JCPS Education Foundation Chair Laura Dills, and Executive Director Melissa Lewis speaking with us. Thank you to [Jackson County Public Schools](#) Superintendent, and Club member Dr. Dana Ayers for being with us. The JCPSEF was created to bring together a strong community of advocates for educational excellence. They are a 501(c)(3) certified non-profit that is 100% volunteer-based with no paid staff. The primary goal is to obtain supplemental funding for JCPS through various streams, some of which are only available to certified non-profits. Thank you to this group for their efforts, and we encourage all who can to join the work; for more information, visit <https://www.jcpsef.org/>. Thanks, JCPS for all you do for our community!

Pictured - Club Co-President Mike Wade, Jackson County School Superintendent and Club Member Dr. Dana Ayers, JCPSEF Chair Laura Dills, and JCPSEF Executive Director Melissa Lewis.



WCU Football Coach Kerwin Bell speaks to club/GO CATS!

Big thanks to WCU Football Coach Kerwin Bell for speaking to our club today! His message of 'It's Our Time' on the journey to a championship resonated with us, and we're proud to echo the team's commitment: 'All In.' We're fired up and ready to be loud supporting Catamount football! Special shoutout to Past President Eddie Wells for an energizing rendition of the WCU Fight Song. Go Western! Let's pack the stands—grab your tickets at www.catamountsports.com. GO CATS!



Club presentation on cell phones in schools

Many thanks to Stephanie Dickerson, last week's club speaker. She discussed cell phone usage in schools. Thank you to her for the presentation and to everyone who joined us. Stephanie is pictured along with Co-President Joyce Pope.

