

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

David R. Baker
10-01-2003
21 Years
Jay Pavey Jr.
10-30-2003
21 Years
Matt Saenger
10-06-2011
13 Years

Birthdays

Joyce M Pope
October 8th
Larry Hinton
October 15th
Christina H Paxton
October 16th
Todd Vinyard
October 20th
Sunita Wright
October 28th

Wedding Anniversaries

Courtney T Umphlett
October 30th

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 October 3, 2024

Greetings to the Greatest Rotary Club in the World,

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out - we're here to help.

Due to recent events, our meeting this Thursday has been canceled. We will update you with plans for meetings moving ahead as the situation evolves and the speaker schedule possibly changes. Please share this information with other members, and take this opportunity to check in on one another.

Many of you have already been spotted around town, whether at the Sylva Walmart or elsewhere. If you need anything at all, please reach out if you can or know someone who can't and needs help.

Western North Carolina has taken quite a hit from Helene, but we are resilient. Our members are already stepping up to help in their organizations and businesses, and as opportunities arise, you can be sure the Greatest Rotary Club in the World will be there to lend a hand.

Stay safe, and remember we're here for you.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Mike & the Rotary Board

Passing along this update from District 7670 -
Urgent Hurricane Update for District 7670

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene across Western NC, including areas like Asheville, Boone, Marshall, and Chimney Rock—all part of our District 7670.

I just spoke with our DG [Connie Molland](#), who's safe but deeply concerned about our clubs and communities. Her shop in Marshall has been hit hard. Please check in if you are a club President and we haven't been able to reach you.

Additionally, I spoke to a club president in Asheville who shared that a crucial food distribution center for 200+ food banks in Western NC is now inactive due to the storm.

Here's how you can help:

1. Reach Out: If you know of any Rotarians or community members displaced or in need, please email me at patricklongano@gmail.com.

2. Donate: Our Rotary Director [Patrick Eakes](#) has shared a donation link on the Zone 33/34 website: <https://www.rizones33-34.org>
Every contribution counts.

3. Spread the Word: Please share this post on your page. Raising awareness is crucial to mobilizing support.
Together, we can make a difference during this challenging time. Let's show our support and solidarity for those affected.

[#RotaryResponds](#) [#District7670](#) [#HurricaneRelief](#)



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

WCU Chancellor Brown speaks to club

We were thrilled to have fellow Rotarian [WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown](#) speak at the 'Greatest Rotary Club in the World' about the 'Greatest University in the World' - [Western Carolina University](#)! Thank you, Chancellor Brown and WCU, for being [#PeopleofAction](#) and for your incredible impact on our region and beyond. Weâ€™re excited for [Mountain Heritage Day](#) on Sept. 28th. Go CATS!
Pictured: Chancellor Brown (right) and Club Membership Chair Dave Baker.



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!

