

# Rotary



# Club of Sylva

## Years of Service

Charles William Wolfe

12-31-1996  
28 Years

Don Tomas

12-31-2013  
11 Years

Kelli Brown

12-12-2019  
5 Years

Mary Otto Selzer

12-16-2022  
2 Years

Jace Franklin Stowe

12-16-2022  
2 Years

## Birthdays

Reginald E. Moody Sr.

December 11th

Dana L Ayers

December 13th

Ronald Blake Rhodes

December 29th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Ann M Pearre

December 22nd

Roy Warren Burnette

December 29th

## Club Leaders



Michael G. Wade

Past  
President  
President



James M. Spiro

President-Elect  
RYLA Point  
of Contact  
Past

## News for December 5, 2024

### Greetings to the Greatest Rotary Club in the World (and the Center of the Universe)!

A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in the Sylva Christmas Parade! What a fantastic display of *Service Above Self*! Our team handed out over 600 toothbrushes—perfect for brushing after indulging in the 1,000 pieces of candy shared along the route. Special thanks to our Rotary superheroes and the tooth fairies, who returned this year to celebrate McGuire Family Dentistry's role as Grand Marshal. We deeply appreciate all the McGuire family has done for our club and the community.

Speaking of *Service Above Self*, kudos to everyone who took part in the recent Island Cleanup! Carr and his crew did an outstanding job, as always.

Join us this **Thursday at noon at First Baptist Church in Sylva for our first meeting of December**. We'll hear from **Greg Stewart, Chief Technology Officer for Jackson County Schools**.

### Meal Service Email

If you received an email about meal service at club meetings, please respond. Your input is essential as we plan ahead. Reach out with any questions. Thanks to all who have been sharing feedback.

### Club Meeting Schedule:

We meet at noon on the first three Thursdays of each month at First Baptist Church Sylva.

### Save the Date:

Mark your calendars—our Christmas Party is on December 19! Details are coming soon.

### Quote:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.  
*Winston Churchill*

Looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday!

### Yours in Service,

Mike

## Tooth Fairies reappear at Christmas Parade

Great job by the tooth fairies making a reappearance at the fabulous Sylva Christmas Parade today; we gave out more than 600 toothbrushes that can be used after eating 1,000 pieces of candy that were handed out. Rotary superheroes assisted! It was good to have tooth fairies back in the year when McGuire Family Dentistry was Grand Marshal. Our club appreciates all the McGuire family has done in our club and the community. Thank you! Great job, as usual, by everyone at the parade! We were glad to be part of it.



## Care Kit Assembly success by WCU Rotaract

Way to go, [Western Carolina University](http://www.wcu.edu) Rotaract Club! Here is an update from their Care Kit Assembly effort recently. The Care Kits featured toiletry kits to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. They received boxes and carts full of donations from their Amazon Wishlist, donations from a member's high school ROTC, and received a grant to make 100 care kits. They had about 45 people attend the event, all from different organizations around the WCU campus. Some organizations to note - Chancellor's Ambassadors, the Honors College Board of Directors, the Honors College, and Catamount Athletics. They were able to make just under 300 bags. They will be taken to Gr828 this Friday. Great job by these students! Well done! Go CATS!



## Equinox Ranch speaks to club about work

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Treasurer



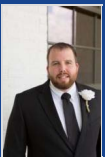
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### Club Meeting

Sylva  
Meets at First Baptist  
Church of Sylva  
Fellowship Hall  
669 West Main Street

Sylva, NC 28779  
Time: Thursday at  
12:00 PM

It was our pleasure to have Margo Rita Capparelli, the Founder and President of the Board of Equinox Ranch, speak to us today. Margo has a passion for helping veterans, and we are glad she is here in Cullowhee. Equinox Ranch aims to provide an environment and support for combat veterans who are ready for change and willing to seek help from others. Thank you to this group for all they do for our amazing veterans. We are proud of our members for donating more than \$400 to this great cause today. For more about them, visit <https://www.equinoxranch.org/>



## Flags for Heroes event - Thank you veterans!

Words can't fully capture our gratitude; we honor our veterans and their unwavering commitment today. Thank you to each veteran for your selfless service. We're also grateful to everyone who helped bring our Flags For Heroes display to downtown Sylva, creating a powerful tribute of appreciation. Thank you!



## WCU basketball coach Tim Craft speaks to club

It was our pleasure to have [Western Carolina Catamounts](#) Basketball Coach Tim Craft speak to us about the season. Loved hearing about his commitment to the community and building the Catamount DNA on and off the court. Welcome Coach Craft! Excellent job, as always, by Past President Eddie Wells with the WCU fight song. Go CATS!  
For information on basketball tickets, visit <https://catamountsports.com/>



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