

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

Evan Hatch
12-11-2024
0 Years

Michael A Vetter
12-12-2024
0 Years

Melanie C. Joiner
12-12-2024
0 Years

Birthdays

Reginald E. Moody
Sr.

December 11th

Dana L Ayers
December 13th

Ronald Blake Rhodes
December 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Melanie C. Joiner
December 21st

Ann M Pearre
December 22nd

Roy Warren Burnette
December 29th

Club Leaders

Michael G.

News for December 19, 2024

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

It was wonderful to welcome **Melaine Joiner** and **Michael Vetter** to our club this week! We're thrilled to have them join us and know they will help make our club even stronger and our community even better. Welcome Melaine and Michael!

A special thanks to **Sylva Police Chief Chris Hatton** for his insightful presentation and for all the hard work he and the department do to serve and protect our community. We truly appreciate their dedication.

Reminder: Christmas party this Thursday evening!

Instead, join us for some holiday cheer at our **Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19th**, at the **Enole House Wine Bar** in Dillsboro.

- **Time:** Drop in anytime between 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- **Details:** Enjoy fellowship, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar in a cozy, festive setting. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with fellow Rotarians!

If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so here: [\[RSVP Form\]](#)

Lunch At Meetings Feedback Update

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the lunch option at club meetings. It was very helpful. There's enough support from the membership to move forward, and we'll share details on this in January. Appreciate our Board working through this to better our club.

Quote of the Week

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits."
– Albert Einstein

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday **evening** at Enole House Wine Bar in Dillsboro!
Mike

Sylva Police Chief speaks to Club

We were extremely honored to have [Sylva Police Department, NC](#), Chief Chris Hatton with us today. We appreciate all Chief Hatton and our police department do and the way they protect and serve in our community. Thank you!



Welcome Melanie Joiner and Michael Vetter to Sylva Rotary Club! Glad you are with us!

The Greatest Rotary Club in the World just got even greater today!

We're thrilled to welcome Melanie Joiner and Michael Vetter to our Rotary family!

- Melanie Joiner: Sponsored by Dr. Dana Ayers, Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools, Melanie is the Chief Operating Officer at American Sewing Corp. and the Dance Team Coach at Smoky Mountain High School. Fun fact: her daughter is an alum of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)!

- Michael Vetter: Transferring from another Rotary Club, Michael is the Human Resources Director for our excellent Jackson County Public Schools.

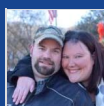
These two outstanding [#PeopleOfAction](#) are already making a difference in our community, and we're so glad to have them on board. Welcome, Melanie and Michael! They are pictured with President Mike.



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
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President



Ann M. Pearre
Treasurer



David R. Baker
Membership
Chair



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 Public Schools Greg Stewart speaks to club

Many thanks to Greg Stewart, the Chief Technology Officer at [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](http://www.jacksoncountypublicschools.org), for presenting to our club today. We appreciate all Greg and other JCPS employees do for students and families in our county. Thank you!



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 Marshall. 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](#) 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

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!



