

# Rotary



# Club of Sylva

## Years of Service

Sunita Wright  
01-13-2011  
14 Years

## Birthdays

Paul Garner  
January 1st  
Steven Prager  
January 1st  
Melanie C. Joiner  
January 1st  
Robert D. Carpenter  
January 20th  
Charles William Wolfe  
January 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Scott Baker  
January 2nd  
Steven Prager  
January 27th

## Club Leaders



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

## News for January 2, 2025

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

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to another great year of service.

We will have our first meeting of 2025 on Thursday at noon at First Baptist Church in downtown Sylva. Jackson County Board of Elections Director Amanda Allen will be our speaker. North Carolina's 100 county boards of elections conduct local elections, operate voting sites, maintain voter registration lists and handle many other aspects of elections administration. Appreciate all Amanda and the Board of Elections do for Jackson County. Hope you can join us!

The club voted to return to a lunch option at meetings. Our board is currently working on the plan and hope to have more information on that later this month. For meetings now, feel free to bring food or order online from our friends at Mad Batter for delivery. Thank you to all who shared thoughts about this effort. It was extremely helpful.

See you all Thursday!  
Mike

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## Wonderful Holiday Party!

It was a fun time for the holiday social for the club! Special thanks to Gail and Jack Debnam for hosting the event at [Enloe House Wine Bar](#) and to Peggy Wike for planning the event! Excellent pictures by Scott Baker as always. Thanks!



Ann M Pearre  
Treasurer



David R. Baker  
Membership Chair



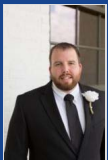
Jay Pavey Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms



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



## 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.



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## 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!



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## **Jackson County Public Schools Greg Stewart speaks to club**

Many thanks to Greg Stewart, the Chief Technology Officer at [Jackson County Public Schools, NC](https://www.jcps.nc.gov/), 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.

