

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

Sunita Wright
01-13-2011
14 Years

Shelley Carraway
01-02-2025
0 Years

Birthdays

Paul Garner
January 1st

Steven Prager
January 1st

Melanie C. Joiner
January 1st

Shelley Carraway
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

News for January 9, 2025

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

Thank you to last week's speaker, **Amanda Allen**, Director of the Jackson County Board of Elections. We're grateful for the important work Amanda and our members do to uphold fair and transparent elections.

This week, we have a slight change in plans. Our previously scheduled speaker, Dan Warrior, with his presentation "From Homeless to Hollywood," will need to reschedule. Stay tuned for details on a future date!

The good news is that club member **Dr. Don Tomas**, President of "The Greatest Community College in the World"—Southwestern Community College—has graciously agreed to step in. He'll give us a "state of the college" update, including insights on enrollment, post-Hurricane Helene planning, and exciting upcoming projects. Dr. Tomas will provide a more in-depth talk in the future. We're thrilled to hear from him this Thursday. We deeply appreciate all Don does for our club and community!

A special thanks to everyone supporting our Meals on Wheels initiative. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors in need. If you'd like to volunteer for Friday deliveries, please sign up [here](#).

Thank you for your commitment to Service Above Self.

See you Thursday!
Mike

Quote

"Often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things we should despise and forget. We lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that, in a year's time, will be forgotten by us and by everybody. No, let us devote our life to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings."

Andre Maurois
For Life is to Short to be Little.
Bemjamin Disraeli

Jackson County Board of Elections Director Speaks To Club

We had the honor of hosting Amanda Allen, Director of the Jackson County Board of Elections, as our guest speaker. A heartfelt thank you to Amanda and the countless dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to operate voting sites, maintain voter registration lists and oversee the many aspects of election administration. Your hard work ensures the integrity of our democratic process, and we deeply appreciate all you do for the community! Thank you!
For more information on how to get involved and all the Jackson County Board of



Chair
iPast President



Nancy G McConnell
Secretary
Past President



Ann M Pearre
Treasurer



David Rhett 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

Elections does, visit <https://jcnelections.org/>



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.



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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at 12:00 PM
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