

Rotary



Club of Sylva

Years of Service

Sunita Wright
01-13-2011
14 Years

Shelley Carraway
01-02-2025
0 Years

William K. Haggard
01-10-2025
0 Years

Birthdays

Paul Garner
January 1st

Steven Prager
January 1st

William K. Haggard
January 16th

Robert D. Carpenter
January 20th

Charles William Wolfe
January 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Scott Baker
January 2nd

William K. Haggard
January 20th

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

News for January 29, 2025

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

I hope everyone is staying warm as we approach February. A quick reminder: We are meeting on the first and third Thursdays of each month, and then there will be a social get-together in **the fourth week**, so there will be no meeting this week.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, Feb. 6, at noon** at Sylva First Baptist Church. It's going to be a great one! We'll hear from **Alex Gary, Athletic Director at Western Carolina University**, who will share updates on the exciting developments in Catamount Athletics, including the *Fill the Western Sky* campaign. (Learn more at westernsky.wcu.edu). Don't miss this meeting — Go CATS!

Mark your calendars for the Chili Cook-off at First United Methodist Church on Feb. 21, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Please connect with Ann Pearre if you'd like to help out. All proceeds will support local non-profits, so let's make it a success!

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to support **Meals on Wheels**—the response has been excellent! We still have openings starting in March, so if you can lend a hand, please sign up [[here](#)].

Stay warm, and I look forward to seeing you at Rotary soon!

Mike

Chili Cookoff to help local non-profits



Matt Saenger
Rotary Foundation
Chair
iPast President



Nancy G. McConnell
Secretary
Past President



Ann M. Pearre
Treasurer



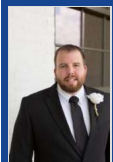
David Rhett Baker
Membership Chair



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 ROTARY CLUB
PRESENTS

CHILI COOK-OFF

02.21.2025 **GOOD FOOD FOR
GOOD CAUSES** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS

First United Methodist Church
77 Jackson Street Sylva, NC



WCU baseball coach Alan Beck speaks to club

Snow may be on the ground, but we're already fired up for baseball season after an incredible presentation today by [Western Carolina Catamounts](#) Baseball Coach Alan Beck! Coach Beck's passion and leadership are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see Catamount Baseball back in action at the Whee. A special thank you to Coach Beck and his wife, Kim, for joining us and sharing their enthusiasm for the season ahead. And a shoutout to Past President Eddie Wells for getting us in the spirit with a rousing rendition of the Catamount Fight Song! Go Western!

Don't miss out—grab your Catamount tickets now at <https://wcuathleticstickets.universitytickets.com/w/>

Sylva
Meets at First Baptist
Church of Sylva Fellowship
Hall
669 West Main Street
Sylva, NC 28779
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

As always, Go CATS!



Happy to have new members joining us!

Welcome New Members to the Sylva Rotary Club!

We're excited to celebrate a familiar face and a new addition to our Rotary family!

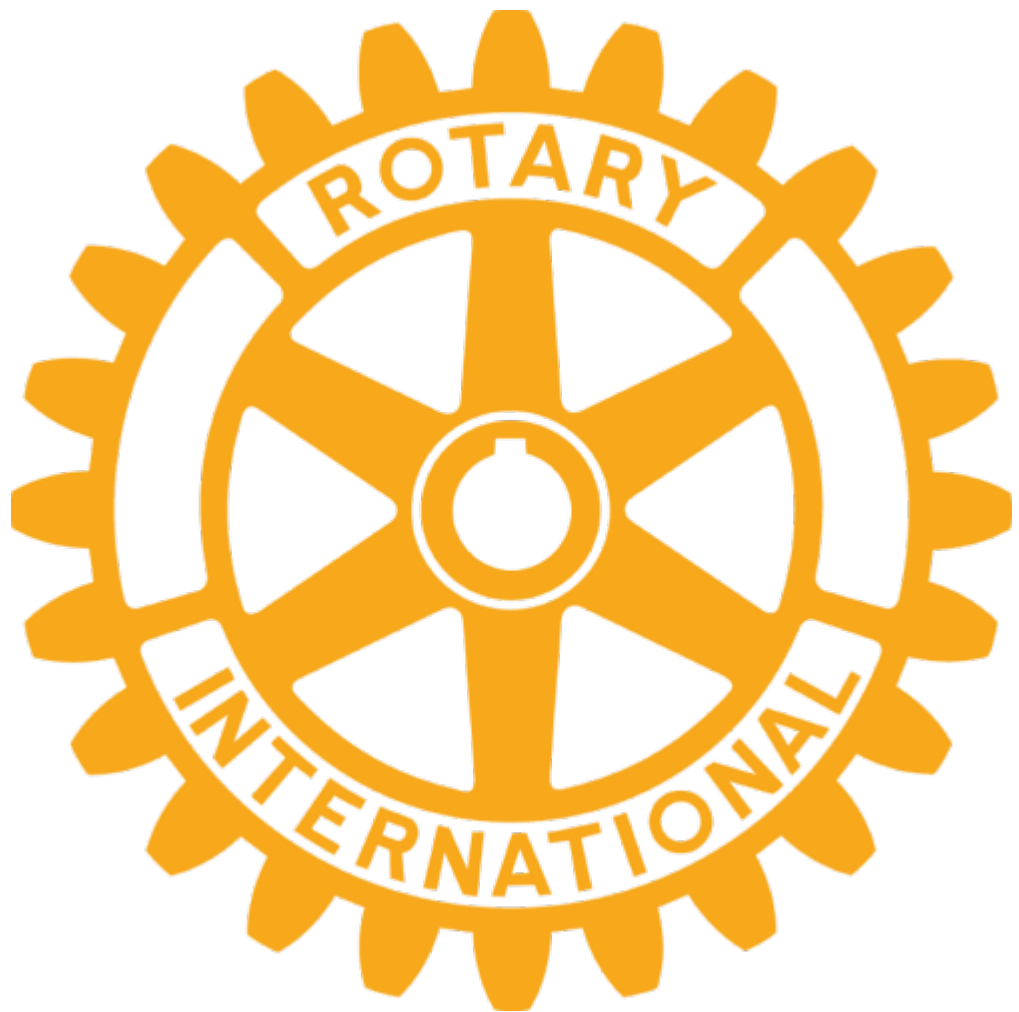
Welcome back, Shelley Carraway!

Shelley, a former club member who served as Health Director of Jackson County, has returned! She now serves as the Executive Director of the Great Smokies Health Foundation, and we couldn't be happier to have her back.

Welcome, Wes Cogdill!

Wes brings a wealth of experience and energy to our club! With ties to Jackson County, he recently joined the Western Carolina Catamounts Catamount Club from Gardner-Webb University, where he was the Executive Director of the Bulldog Club. Appreciate member Ben Pendry sponsoring Wes. Go CATS!

We're thrilled to have Shelley and Wes join us as we continue to serve and make a difference in our community.



SCC Dr. Tomas speaks to our club

Many thanks to [Southwestern Community College NC](https://www.southwestern.edu/) President and club member Dr. Don Tomas for the informative update on "The Greatest Community College in the World." We deeply appreciate all he and SCC do to enrich our community and positively change lives. Thank you!



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



