

Rotary



Club of Waxhaw-Weddington

Club Meeting

Waxhaw-Weddington
Meets at Weddington Swim & Racquet Club
4315 Weddington Matthews Rd
Weddington, NC 28214
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

Club Leaders



Yorda Kidane
President



Marnie E. Carter
President-Elect



Kay Persing
Secretary



Stephen David Koehler
Treasurer



Kimberley Angeli
Public Image Chair
Public Relations
Chair
Fundraising Chair



Kate Turner
Bulletin Editor



Athanasios A. Koutsaftis
Sergeant-at-Arms



Paula Jeanne Smith
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Fiona Swaenepoel
Membership Chair

Lisa Hilbish
Club Service Chair

"It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness."

– Chinese Proverb



The Weekly Agenda

Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!
Thursday, August 4th

7:15am	Breakfast and Social Time	
7:30am	Welcome	Yorda Kidane (See Schedule Below)
7:40am	Invocation & Pledge	Athanasios Koutsaftis
	Guest Introductions	Michael Evola
	Health & Happiness	Committee Chairs
	Announcements	Members
7:55am	Happy Dollars	Yorda Kidane
8:05am	Introduce Program	Keith Adams
	Common Heart	All
	For the Good of Rotary	Yorda Kidane
	The 4-Way Test	
8:30am	Adjourn	
	Room Clean Up	

Invocation & Pledge Schedule

If you are scheduled to give the Invocation & Pledge but can not make that meeting, please try to find someone to sub for you. Thank you!

Date	Member Name
August 4th	Marcus Watson
August 11th	Michael Webber
August 18th	Jenna Westbrook



[Michael Webber](#)
Youth Services
Chair



[Marcus A. Watson](#)
iPast President



[Paula Jeanne Smith](#)
Assistant Governor-
Union County

Events

August 1st
[Fundraising/PR committee Meeting](#)

August 3rd
[Waxhaw-Weddington Membership Committee MONTHLY Meeting](#)
Speaker: Fiona Swaenepoel
Subject: Membership monthly meeting

August 11th
[Waxhaw-Weddington Service Committee Meeting](#)

August 13th
[Waxhaw-Weddington Back to School Bash](#)

August 14th
[Waxhaw-Weddington Union County Community Shelter Meal \(Dinner\)](#)

August 18th
[Thirsty Thursday - Waxhaw Weddington Social](#)

August 27th
[Waxhaw-Weddington United Way Day of Caring](#)

Birthdays

Gayle S. Fox
August 9th

Jeanne M. Pritt
August 14th

Sandra W Smith
August 16th

Kimberley Angeli
August 17th

Marnie E. Carter
August 19th

Michael Evola
August 26th

William G. Whittaker
August 29th

Member Anniversaries

Lisa Hilbish

August 25th	William Whittaker

Hybrid Meetings!

Hybrid meetings are now in effect. Whether you prefer to attend virtually or in person, it is always a great Thursday morning. Masks are optional and at individual discretion.

To participate in person:
Weddington Swim & Racquet Club
4315 Weddington Matthews Rd, Weddington, NC 28104

To participate virtually:
[Click to join Zoom meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 788 2144 2471
Passcode: 222910

At this new location volunteers are needed each week to:

- Set up and tear down tables and chairs
- Pick up breakfast
- Deliver any leftover breakfast to Waxhaw Police Department

Remember: Many hands make light work!

Cell Phones

New (revisited) Cell Phone policy.



[@waxhawclub.com - 702.204.0884](#)

In case you missed it at the last meeting, the club has decided to reinstate the No Cell Phone use during meetings policy.

Please silence and put away your phones during the meeting and **enjoy spending time with each other and our speakers.**

Upcoming Dates

August 4th - Common Heart Food Pantry Serve - [Sign up here!](#)

August 11th - Service Committee Meeting

August 13th - Back to School Bash - [Sign up here!](#)

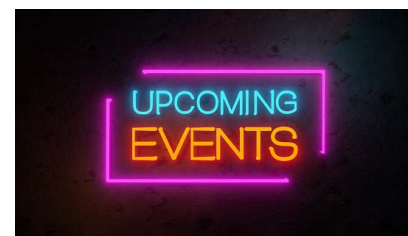
August 14th - Union County Community Shelter Dinner Service

August 18th - Board Meeting and Thirsty Thursday.

August 27th - United Way Day of Caring - Ashley Bode will take point on this event - [Sign up here!](#)

September TBD - PR/Fundraising Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm - [Zoom Link](#)

September 7th - Membership Committee Meeting



08-17-2017
5 Years
Athanasios A. Koutsaftis
08-23-2018
4 Years
Ann H. Davis
08-08-2019
3 Years
Betsy Lamb
08-20-2020
2 Years
Michael Evola
08-12-2021
1 Year

September 8th - Service Committee Meeting

October - Poker Run Fundraiser - Detail to come soon
[Read More](#)

CommonHeart Food Pantry Service- First Thursday of Each Month



First Thursday of Each Month
Our Rotary club partners with The Common Heart Mobile Food Pantry at the Union UMC the first Thursday of every month. The next opportunity to participate is Thursday, August 4th, from 5:45pm to 8:00pm. We unload the truck, organize the items, and pass out much-needed food supplies to local families. This is one of our ongoing volunteer opportunities, and we still need **volunteers**.

Location: Union United Methodist Church 6315 New Town Rd., Waxhaw

[Sign up here!](#)

Serving at the UC Community Shelter

By Lisa Hilbish



We will be serving meals at the Union County Community Shelter on the following dates: **August 14th(Dinner), October 8th(Breakfast), December 3rd(Lunch)**.

The link below will take you to the Community Shelter meal sign-up for the rest of 2022. Thank you to those who signed up for the August meal. At this time, no further volunteers are needed in August. This is a great opportunity to give a couple hours of your time and make a difference. We hope to see you at an upcoming meal!

Below is the link to sign up to volunteer for these meals:
[Community Shelter Sign-up](#)

United Way Day of Caring



Breaking news, **ASHLEY BODE** is taking charge of this years Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club participation in the **2022 Union County United Way Day of Caring**.

This is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th!

This event has always been a very special day. Hundreds of volunteers (usually around 1,000) serve across Union County, showing our disabled neighbors and senior citizens that we **CARE** about them as volunteers provide assistance with outside chores. It truly is a wonderful day for each individual that serves and for our Union County neighbors whose lives are enriched by your incredible acts of kindness.

I hope our Club will once again be able to support the program.

As you know, the Rotary Club of Waxhaw Weddington has always enjoyed joining forces in

Membership Updates

By Fiona Swaenepoel

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

*August is
MEMBERSHIP
MONTH with Rotary
International!*

As your current Membership Chair, I am happy to be of service to you! I wanted to take a moment to THANK YOU for your membership in our club! Our membership committee is gearing up for a fun year ahead! We want to do our best to make sure our members get the most out of their Rotary membership! That may look a little different to every member, and that's OK!! One of the things that attracted me the MOST to our club was the fun and friendly atmosphere, but equally as important was the **no-pressure** attitude. I felt like I found a home with others that prioritized their families and shared a passion for giving back, but I was also able to give what I could, when I could, and not feel bad about how that measured up. The leadership of this club, in particular, one of our Past Presidents, Jeanne Pritt, always said that service comes in many shapes and sizes, and whatever YOU are doing to help IS a type of service to the club. Not everyone can show up at events, but we need **all sorts of help** to keep this club going! So, YOU get to choose how YOU want to help! ?? The Membership committee is going to be reaching out and connecting with our members this year, and also working with the other committees! We want to help members **feel connected**, and if they need help getting plugged in, we are here to help! Stay tuned - you will be hearing from us!



Yours In Rotary Service,

Fiona Swaenepoel
Membership Chair

(Along with THIS powerful team of Committee Members - Kay & Shawn Persing, Wendi Keenan, Michael Evola and Immediate Past President Marcus Watson. You are welcome to join us!)

Public Relations update

By Kimberley Angeli



Are you a member of our MEMBERS Only Facebook Group?

If you are not, click here to join. [Waxhaw Weddington Rotary - Members Only | Facebook](#)

Service in Action

By Lisa Hilbish

"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." – John Bunyan

Service is a big part of our "why" for Rotary and we would love to see you and your family volunteer for one of our service projects.



Waxhaw Back to School Bash – the Waxhaw Back to School Bash is Saturday, **August 13th**. We will be sponsoring this event and helping serve food. The event is being held at Waxhaw Elementary School from 11:00-2:00 and is a drive-through event again this year. Volunteers are asked to come early and stay after for clean-up, so we will need everyone from about 10:00-3:00. **Thank you to Ann Davis, Wendi Keenan (2), Paula Smith and her granddaughter and Yorda and her family for signing up.** If you would like to sign up see the link below.

[Waxhaw Back to School Bash](#)

Union County Community Shelter - We serve a meal every other month at the Shelter and our next meal (dinner) is Sunday, **August 14th**. **Thank you to Yorda Kidane, Nico and Christy Iannelli and Alicia, John and Sawyer Campbell** for signing up. We have enough volunteers for this meal.

United Way Day of Caring – Thank you to **Ashley Bode** for leading this event that will be held on **August 27th**. As soon as she gets information on who we will be helping, we will share it with everyone. **Thank you to Kay, Shawn and Brody Persing, Paula and Tom Smith, Lisa Hilbish and Yorda and her family for signing up.** Below is the sign-up. [United Way Day of Caring 2022](#)

Operation Warm – we are **officially** gearing up for Operation Warm. We have chosen Walter Bickett Elementary School this year. They have 502 students. The coats increased to \$22 each this year, so depending on how much we can raise will depend on how many coats we can purchase. I like to dream **BIG**, so we are starting early with our fundraising efforts. Please share the link below on your social media pages. I have some sample wording you can use if you need it. I'll give updates as we go along, but tag me in your social media posts (there might be something fun for those who post and share the most). More to come on some of our other fundraising efforts for this great event! **Thank you to Cristina Capello and Paula Smith for sharing on your Facebook page!** [2022 Operation Warm Donation Link](#)

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

By Paula Jeanne Smith

August: MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT Month

It's time to celebrate our Rotary club, our members, and the good we do in our community and around the world.

Membership is always at the forefront of many Rotary events. Make the most of your membership. Here's some ways each member can have an impact:

AUGUST DESIGNATION IS



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

1. Identify a need in our community and work with our club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
2. Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, SFTL, and Rotary Youth Exchange.
3. Try a new role. Our club needs leaders. Get involved and help our club by serving as an officer and/or committee member.
4. Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia! Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary.
5. Be part of history and help eradicate polio. Become a member of the Polio Plus Society!
6. Use the resources in the [Rotary Brand Center](#) to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
7. Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
8. Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), LinkedIn, [Pinterest](#), and more. [Join the conversation](#).
9. Support **The Rotary Foundation**. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. [Learn more](#).
10. Think of your friends, coworkers and family members who have a heart for service and would enjoy the fellowship, friendship and service opportunities that Rotary offers. Invite them to a meeting!

Rotarian of the Year Award

Congratulations to Kay Persing, winner of the Rotarian of the Year Award for the 2022-2023 year!!

And last week she got the physical award to prove it.

Way to go Kay!!!



Club Events - Attention Committee Chairs

As our club continues to grow, so does the event schedule (& the impact!). Fundraising events, socials, committee meetings, service opportunities should all be put into DACdb as events on our calendar. Any club event entered will automatically pull into the newsletter each week for not only our members to see but also current and past guests.

Committee Chairs, you have access to add events. Just log into DACdb, go to the Calendar tab, and click Add Event at the top of the page. Fill in the details and save it. That's it! You can put events into the calendar as far in advance as you'd like. Once we get within 30 days of the event, you'll see it in the newsletter. If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Kay Persing or Kate Turner

CART Fund and Happy Dollars



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

To see a presentation about the CART Fund & part we each play in Alzheimer's research when we donate., click [here](#). To donate, see the link below.

CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research) Fund:
<https://mycartfund.org/index.cfm>

Dollars, dues payment and donations:
<https://www.paypal.me/rotarywaxhawweddingt>

PayPal link for Happy

