

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



Nicolino Iannelli
President



Yorda Kidane
President



Paula Jeanne
Smith
President-Elect



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Secretary



Stephen David
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Treasurer



D. Craig Horn
Club Trainer



Amanda Jarrell
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Whittaker
Club Trainer



Wendi S
Keenan
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Athanasios A.
Koutsafis
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Michael Tyler
Evola
Community
Service Chair



Graham J.
Wilson
International
Service Chair

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens."

Kahlil Gibran



The Weekly Agenda

Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!
Thursday, February 1st

7:15am	Breakfast and Social Time	
7:30am	Welcome	Nico Iannelli
	Invocation & Pledge	(See Schedule Below)
7:40am	Guest Introductions	Sergeant at Arms
	Health & Happiness	Elizabeth Sol
	Announcements	Committee Chairs
7:55am	Happy Dollars	Members
8:05am	Introduce Program	Paula Smith
	Union Diversified Industries	David Casper
	For the Good of Rotary	All
	The 4-Way Test	Nico Iannelli
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
February 1st	Athanasios Koutsafis
February 8th	Betsy Lamb
February 15th	Jessica Lindberg
February 22nd	Bryce Miller



Larry Hook
Youth Services
Chair



Marcus A. Watson
Past President



Andrea S. Wood
Fundraising
Chair

Events

February 1st

Club Meeting

Speaker: David Casper -
Executive Director - Union
Diversified Industries

February 8th

Club Meeting

Speaker: Best selling
Author - Don Brown

February 8th

Membership

Committee Meeting

February 15th

Club Meeting

Speaker: Membership
Presentation

February 15th

Board of Directors Meeting

February 15th

Thirsty Thursday

February 22nd

Club Meeting

Speaker: Ashley Nowell

Subject: Downtown
Waxhaw Association, Inc.

February 22nd

Community Service Committee Meeting

February 24th

Community Shelter Lunch Service

Birthdays

Christopher Scott Howard

February 2nd

Member Anniversaries

Nancy McCoy Duncan

02-02-2006

18 Years

started with Rotary

???????03-12-2002

Amanda Jarrell

02-02-2023

1 Year

Wedding Anniversaries

Kimberley Angeli

February 5th

Upcoming Speakers

The Speaker for this week :

David E. Casper III



David E. Casper III is a Union County native. He graduated from Sun Valley High School and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wingate University. Before joining Union Diversified Industries, Inc. in January of 2018 as the Chief Operational Officer, David worked in various capacities for Easter Seals UCP of North Carolina & Virginia, Inc. and Agape Youth and Family Services. David has been in non-profit management and executive leadership for over 17 years and was appointed as the Executive Director of Union Diversified Industries Inc. in summer of 2019.

Union Diversified Industries (UDI) started in 1970 as a result of a Monroe Jaycees Project with the mission to enhance the lives of adults with developmental disabilities. Over 50 years later, our organization is still enhancing lives.

We are a hybrid company that bridges the gap between two major categories of individuals: underemployed adults with developmental disabilities and manufacturing organizations that are looking to outsource repetitive processes. We have strong partnerships and are the largest employer of adults with developmental disabilities in Union County, NC.

In addition to providing employment, we offer habilitative services to adults with developmental disabilities on our beautiful campus in Monroe, NC, in an individual's home, or in the surrounding community.

Join us for fun, fellowship, food and to see how our club is progressing this year.

**Our upcoming speakers are as follows:
Please invite a future Rotarian**

February 8th 2024	Old Breed General - WWII	Don Brown
February 15th 2024	Membership Presentation	
February, 22nd, 2024	Town of Waxhaw	Ashley Nowell
February 29th, 2024	Field Trip	

Hybrid Meetings!

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 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!

Upcoming Events



February 1st - Fundraising Committee Meeting after the regular meeting.

February 5th - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Public Image Monthly Meeting - [Zoom Link](#)

February 8th - Membership Committee Meeting following the regular meeting

February 15th - Board meeting and Thirsty Thursday.

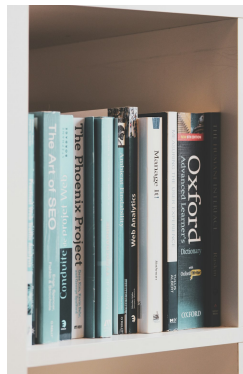
June 15th - 6:00pm - 9:00PM - Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club 20th Anniversary Party at Threshold Church - Save the Date.

Community Service Update

By Michael Tyler Evola

Chair: Michael Evola

Committee Folder : [Link](#)



Dictionary Project

WE HAVE DATES FOR OUR DICTIONARY PROJECT! Our club project has been scheduled. We will be distributing dictionaries to Union County 3rd graders in 7 schools on the mornings of February 20th and 21st. We will need lots of volunteers – 16 on the 20th and 12 on the 21st. We will be distributing the dictionaries along with the Interact students so this will be a fun event. 2-4 people will visit each classroom to distribute the dictionaries and tell them a little about Rotary and Interact. We will then have the students look up the word service in their new dictionaries. Below is the sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094CABAA229-47566103-dictionary>



Dogwood Park
Butterfly
Pollinator Garden
Maintenance

We need help providing ongoing maintenance to the pollinator garden at Dogwood Park in Wesley Chapel. Be sure to bring your spade, a pair of gloves, and your biggest brimmed sun hat. Then, after we're done planting, we'll enjoy a leisurely stroll around the park and lunch.

Meeting Location: Dogwood Park, 121 Lester Davis Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173
Project Dates: 3/10/2024 & 5/12/24



David G. Barnes
Park
Beautification

TBD

02//24/24 - Lunch - 11am to 2pm

We are cooking lunch at the Community Shelter on February 24th! We need your help – please sign up below if you can help cook and serve this meal.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094CABAA229-47543468-lunch>

Additional upcoming dates are below:

04/13/24 - Breakfast - 7am to 11am

06/02/24 - Dinner - 5pm to 8pm



Community
Shelter Meals

Clay Shoot

By Paula Jeanne Smith

Are we the Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington ready to compete for this great cause?

Anyone else interested in participating??

Could make for some friendly member competition!!
Join us for the fun! No experience necessary!



Exciting News! 2024 Community Shelter Clay Shoot Competition Returns!

Dear Community Shelter friends,
Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping experience! The 2024 Community Shelter Clay Shoot Competition is back, and it's going to be bigger and better than ever. We just wrapped up an exhilarating shoot in November, and now we're gearing up for another round as the hunting season comes to a close.

?? Save the Date: Date: February 23 Location: Meadow Wood Farms, Union County

?? What's New This Year? Prepare for an even more social, competitive, and downright fun experience. This cannot-miss event is not just about sponsors; we need shooters like you to make it a success!

?? Join Forces with Us - Become a Shooter or Sponsor! We're calling on individuals and businesses alike to join us for a day of camaraderie, skill, and impact. Whether you're a seasoned shooter or a first-timer, this event is for everyone.

For businesses, we extend a special invitation to become sponsors. Your support is crucial in ensuring the continued success of our mission to provide emergency shelter, food, and rapid rehousing services to those in need.

Please visit [2024 Clay Shoot](#) for sponsorship levels, details, and to register yourself and your team.

Let's make a difference together! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Membership Updates

Chair: Paula Smith

Save the date(s)



February 15 - Thirsty Thursday - Trivia Night at the Taproom in Waxhaw.

Saturday, March 23 - Grants Training via zoom

Feedback from the Mid-Year Assembly!

President-Elect Nominee Craig Horn, Michael Evola and I attended the Mid-Year Assembly in Statesville on Saturday.

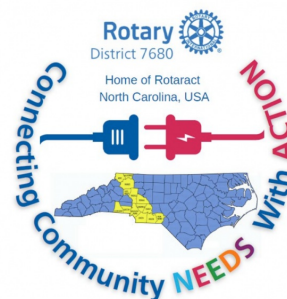
I am sure they will agree it was worth the early morning and an hour drive!

We learned about the vision RI Elect Stephanie Ulrich and the meaning behind the new Rotary logo. DGE Kevin also gave his vision and a presentation during Pre-Pets and the expectations of the clubs to meet those. Below is the new District pin! I love it!!

We had breakouts on PR/PI, membership, expanding our reach, impact and Rotary's ability to adapt. Lots more to come!!!

District Priorities

- Developing a multi-year strategy utilizing the RI Action plan.
- Working with DG Chain, building our District committees and teams for continuity.
- Growing our membership and clubs.
- Intentional trust-building with communities.
- Continuing our initiatives:
 - Polio Eradication
 - Member Care
 - Mental Health
 - DEI
 - Empowering Girls
- Growing our footprint, internally and externally.
 - Collaboration = Impact



Public Relations Update

By Amanda Jarrell on Monday, September 4, 2023

Chair: Amanda Jarrell

FEBRUARY PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

We will meet via Zoom on FEBRUARY 5th at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in social media or design should join!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81866762156?pwd=cjZlM2VwVndVQnZnOGR6ZStWcVBoUT09>



Our weekly meetings are listed as events on Facebook. Please share the event for each week with your friends. We'd love to get more followers online and visitors in person.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING ON FACEBOOK: <https://fb.me/e/3oYyeIruB>

Waxhaw Weddington Rotary 20th Anniversary

By Paula Jeanne Smith

SAVE THE DATE



On June 15th, 2024 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, our club will be celebrating 20 years of doing good in the community and in the world.

We are going to Celebrate with a Party at Threshold Church in Weddington. The theme for the evening is a 1920s Great Gatsby theme.

Also, please save your liquor bottles as we are going to be decorating them and using them as part of the centerpieces.

Thank you!
Paula



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CART Fund and Happy Dollars



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

To donate, <https://mycartfund.org/index.cfm>

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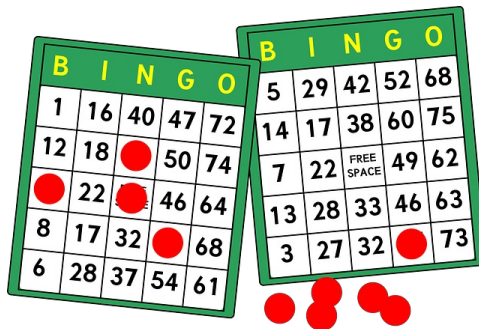
When you want to send money to the Rotary for Dues, Donations or "Happy Dollars", please use zelle - rotarywaxwed@gmail.com.

Fundraising Moment

Chair: Andrea Wood

The next fundraising committee meeting will be this Thursday, February 1, after the regular meeting.

And save the date for our club bingo fundraiser, which will be on March 13th.



Important Rotary Website Links

Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club

[Rotary International](#)

[Dacdb](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)

[My Rotary](#)

[RLI](#)
