

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



Kay Persing
Secretary



Stephen David
Koehler
Treasurer



D. Craig Horn
Club Trainer



Amanda Jarrell
Public
Relations/Image
Chair



Kate Turner
Bulletin Editor



William Grant
Whittaker
Club Trainer



Wendi S
Keenan
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Athanasios A.
Koutsaftis
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Michael Tyler
Evola
Community
Service Chair



Graham J.
Wilson
International
Service Chair

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



The Weekly Agenda

Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!
Thursday, January 25th

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
	The American Chestnut Foundation	Doug Gillis
	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
January 25th	Yorda Kidane
February 1st	Athanasios Koutsaftis
February 8th	Betsy Lamb
February 15th	Jessica Lindberg



Larry Hook
Youth Services
Chair



Marcus A. Watson
Past President



Andrea S. Wood
Fundraising
Chair

Events

January 25th
**Waxhaw-Weddington
Weekly Club Meeting**
Speaker: Doug Gillis
Subject: The American
Chestnut

January 25th
**Community Service
Committee Meeting**

February 1st
Club Meeting

February 8th
Club Meeting

February 8th
**Membership
Committee Meeting**

February 15th
Club Meeting

February 15th
**Board of Directors
Meeting**

February 15th
Thirsty Thursday

Birthdays

Kate Turner
January 29th

Member Anniversaries

W. T. Platt Jr.
01-25-2011
13 Years

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries
Found

Upcoming Speakers


The Speaker for this week :

January 25th, 2024

MEET OUR SPEAKER

DOUG GILLIS
AMERICAN CHESTNUT
FOUNDATION

Rotary
Waxhaw
Weddington



Doug Gillis

Doug is President of the Carolinas Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation. He has been a member since 2003. He serves on TACF's Chapters Committee and Promotion and Outreach Committee.

He was born in Asheville, NC. His ancestors from Buncombe and Madison Counties date back to the 1700's. His father, Glen Gillis, born in 1913 in Madison County, NC, instilled an interest in American Chestnut in Doug as a youth. Doug is a woodworker and enjoys making handcrafted items from salvaged American chestnut wood.

He writes articles about the American chestnut for the foundation's "Chestnut" magazine and the "eSprout," its online newsletter.

He encourages membership in The American Chestnut Foundation. Visit www.tacf.org to research information about the restoration of American chestnuts and to access archived Chestnut magazine articles and eSprout newsletters.

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 1st 2024	Union Diversified Industry	David Casper - CEO
February 8th 2024	Old Breed General - WWII	Don Brown
February 15th 2024	Microproject	
February, 22nd, 2024	Town of Waxhaw	Ashley Nowell

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



January 25th - Community Service Committee meeting after regular meeting

January 27th - 9:00am - 12:00pm - Mid-Year Assembly - Unity Center, Statesville

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.
[Read More](#)

It's happening again
Go out and get a Pizza

PIZZA TIME

**JAN
25**



**JANUARY 25TH
PAPA'S PIZZA TO GO**

13649 PROVIDENCE ROAD
WEDDINGTON

*10% of the proceeds from the day's sales will
help the rotary club of Waxhaw-Weddington
continue to serve our community.*



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Know Rotary!



MID YEAR ASSEMBLY

ROTARY DISTRICT 7680

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

9:00AM-12:00PM

**8:15AM REGISTRATION AND
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**LOCATION: UNITY CENTER
1145 SALISBURY RD
STATESVILLE, NC 28677**

**CLUB OFFICERS AND INCOMING
OFFICERS, DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
TEAM, AND ANY INTERESTED
ROTARIANS SHOULD REGISTER AND
ATTEND**

REGISTER HERE



Rotary
District 7680



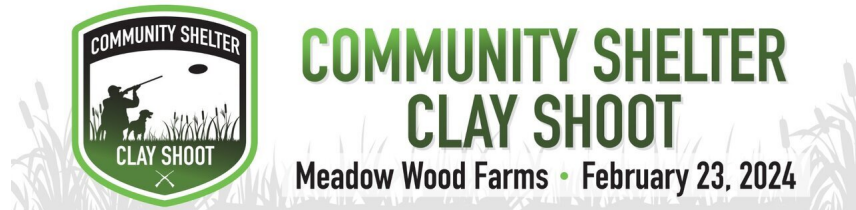
Community Shelter Clay Shoot

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.

Community Service Update

By Michael Tyler Evola

Chair: Michael Evola

Committee Folder : [Link](#)



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



Community
Shelter Meals

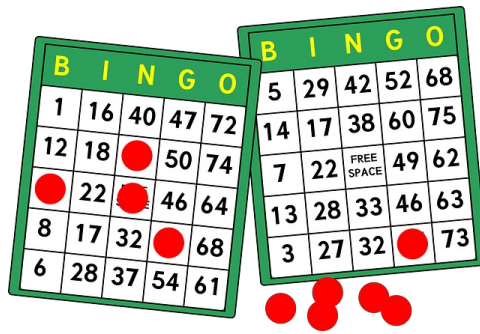
02//24/24 - Lunch - 11am to 2pm
04/13/24 - Breakfast - 7am to 11am
06/02/24 - Dinner - 5pm to 8pm

Sign up in DACdb

Chair: Andrea Wood

The next fundraising committee meeting will be on February 1st.

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



Grants Committee

By Paula Jeanne Smith

Grants Committee

Every year our club applies for a District Grant made possible by your contributions to the RI Annual Fund. We have funded many projects over the years, from sweatshirts and coats to our local schools, dictionaries for many of our local school's 3rd graders, scholarships to students onto the next chapter of their education, and an outdoor classroom providing opportunities for students to learn stem projects.

It is almost time to apply for the grant in the new Rotary year. Looking back 3 years (2021-2022) our club donated \$17,385 of which a quarter of that funding comes back to our club to use for grants. That makes this year's minimum return - \$4346.25! Amazing!! Whatever monies we apply for, the club will be responsible to match so having a project we can all get behind is of the most importance!

I would like to form a Grants Committee to reach out to members, gather ideas, vet the information and present the projects to the club for a vote. This is your money and I would like to have club input on how we spend it.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please reach out to me asap! There is no time to waste with Grants training in March and applications to be submitted in either May or June. If you have an idea to share, please reach out as well.

Thank you in advance for your interest and your ideas!

PE Paula

International Service Committee

Chair: Graham Wilson

No meeting this Month !!!

Membership Updates

Chair: Paula Smith Meet our newest member Steve Boyle who was inducted last week!



Save the date(s)

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

Saturday, March 23 - Grants Training via zoom

Public Relations Update

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=cjZlM2VwVndVQnZnOGR6ZStWcVB0UT09>



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>

Holiday Social

Thanks to every one who came out and partied. A fun time was had by all!!!



Theme for Rotary year 2024/2025

2024-2025 Theme Announced | Rotary Zones 30-31. At the International Assembly earlier this week, R.I. President-Elect Stephanie Urchick unveiled her theme for the next Rotary Year, "The Magic of Rotary".



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?

Important Rotary Website Links

[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club](#)

[Rotary International](#)

[Dacdb](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)

[My Rotary](#)

[RLI](#)

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>



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