

# 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 J. Swaenepoel  
Membership Chair

Lisa Hilbish  
Club Service Chair

**“If someone is too tired to give you a smile, leave one of your own, because no one needs a smile as much as those who have none to give”**

– Rabbi Samuel Hirsch



### The Weekly Agenda

**Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!**  
**Thursday, July 14th**

7:30am	Breakfast and Social Time	
7:35am	Welcome	Yorda Kidane
	Invocation & Pledge	(See Schedule Below)
7:40am	Guest Introductions	Athanasios Koutsaftis
	Health & Happiness	Michael Evola
	Announcements	Committee Chairs
7:55am	Happy Dollars	Members
8:05am	Introduce Program	Yorda Kidane
	Scholarship winner	Isabella Cirincione
	Common Heart update	Keith Adams
	For the Good of Rotary	All
	The 4-Way Test	Yorda Kidane
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
July 14th	Andrew Timothy
July 21st	Kate Turner
July 28th	Sandra Umesh
August 4th	Marcus Watson



[Michael Webber](#)  
Youth Services  
Chair



[Marcus A. Watson](#)  
iPast President



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

## Events

July 14th  
[Waxhaw-Weddington  
Service Committee  
Meeting](#)

July 21st  
[Thirsty Thursday -  
Waxhaw Weddington  
Social](#)

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

## Birthdays

Cristina Tisa Capello  
July 9th

Michael Webber  
July 9th

Sherry McNitt-McCoy  
July 14th

Alicia Campbell  
July 16th

## Member Anniversaries

Don K. Fisher  
07-15-2013  
9 Years

Paula Jeanne Smith  
07-09-2015  
7 Years

Myra Rowell  
07-07-2016  
6 Years

Michael Webber  
07-25-2019  
3 Years

## 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!

## Upcoming Dates

**July 14th - Service Committee Meeting after regular Rotary meeting**

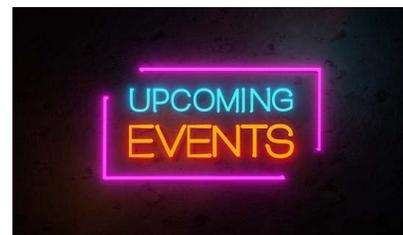
**July 21st - Board meeting and Thirsty Thursday at Emmets Social Table- Waxhaw**

**August 1st - PR/Fundraising Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm - [Zoom Link](#)**

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

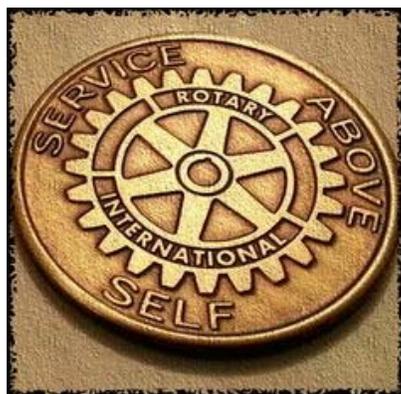
**August 14th - Union County Community Shelter Dinner Service - [Sign up here!](#)**

**August 27th - United Way Day of Caring - Ashley Bode will take point on this event [Read More](#)**



## Service in Action

By Lisa Hilbish



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**"We are all like one-winged angels. It is only when we help each other that we can fly." ~ Luciano De Crescenzo**

**August is a busy volunteer month for us. Service is a big part of our "why" for Rotary and we would love to see you and your family volunteer for one of the awesome events.**

*Waxhaw Back to School Bash* – the Waxhaw Back to School Bash is Saturday, **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Below is the sign-up for the event.

[Waxhaw Back to School Bash](#)

*Union County Community Shelter* - We serve a meal every other month at the Shelter and our next meal is Sunday, **August 14<sup>th</sup>**, and we are serving dinner. The sign-up is below. This is still limited to 4 volunteers.

*United Way Day of Caring* – Larry Hook sent an email that this will be held on **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. As soon as he gets information on who we will be helping, we will share it with everyone. Below is the sign-up for this event. Bring the family!

[United Way Day of Caring 2022](#)

*David G. Barnes Park* – There is some construction going on at the front of the park as they are replacing the bathrooms. I received an update that our sign will be ready soon. As soon as it's up, I'll schedule a time for us to meet and walk through the park and take a look at our sign – it will be a great time for a photo opportunity!

*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 for sharing it on her Facebook page!**

[2022 Operation Warm Donation Link](#)

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## 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 support of the United Way Day of Caring.

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## Flags for Heroes

By Paula Jeanne Smith

Rotary Club of Waxhaw Weddington   



Thank you to everyone who helped with the flags and with a special shout-out to some amazing members.

Kim Angeli - who helped navigate our current payment system

Larry and Diane Hook, Shawn and Kay Persing, Craig Horn - all who helped with getting the flags where they needed to be, including our new location at the Weddington Town Hall.

We flew 70 flags in downtown Waxhaw and 30 flags in Weddington, both with great feedback. In our new location in Weddington, Mayor Horn can attest to the emails and phone calls he received with positive feedback from those who rode past. Shawn even had people stop as the flags

were going up, letting him know how much they loved seeing them.

With only 35 flags sponsored and the expense of new ground spikes and banners, we have a net income of \$1,222.62.

This is far less than what we projected at all 100 flags sponsored. As a club, we will need to really focus and work to raise the funds needed to fulfill our commitment to our future community service projects.

As the torch is passed to our new PR/fundraising chair -

Kim Angeli, I am sure she will come up with many new and exciting ways to get our club and fundraising efforts noticed. I look forward to serving with her!

YIRS, Paula



## Rotary Foundation Moment

By Paula Jeanne Smith

Fellow Rotarians!

We sometimes tend to think our donation to the Rotary Foundation is being used for good somewhere else. Please take a moment to read and listen to one project here at home.



It's not unusual for Navajo homes to lack electricity. The reservation, bigger than the state of West Virginia, sprawls across Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico. It's a harsh, beautiful land marked by extremes of temperature, sun, wind, and dryness. According to a 2016 assessment, about 16,000 Navajo homes don't have access to electricity. Nearly a third have no running water, and more than half lack kitchen and toilet facilities. In an area known as The Checkerboard, in northwestern New Mexico, it can be particularly challenging to gain access to utilities.

Rotarian Joe Williams, a long-standing member of the Durango Daybreak Rotary Club, having returned from an international trip to Nepal, and new member Nancy Lauro, wondered why can't we help our neighbors here, the Navajo, with lights as they did for those in Nepal.

With the help of local Navajo residents, elders from the Navajo tribe were identified and the mission to provide light began! Having light changes lives, allowing for many of the things we take for granted to happen.

This is the power of your contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarians-bring-light-navajo-checkerboard>

<https://youtu.be/Otf083apZds>

## 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

To see a presentation about the CART Fund & the part we each play in Alzheimer's research when we donate, click



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[here](#). To donate, see the link below.

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

PayPal link for Happy

Dollars, dues payment and donations:

<https://www.paypal.me/rotarywaxhawweddingt>

