

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

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.”

– Mahatma Gandhi



The Weekly Agenda

Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!
Thursday, July 28th

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
	Member Spotlight	Yorda Kidane
	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 28th	Saundra Umesh
August 4th	Marcus Watson
August 11th	Michael Webber
August 18th	Jenna Westbrook

Hybrid Meetings!



[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 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](#)

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 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

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

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

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



A Message from our President

By Yorda Kidane



Dear Members and Guests,

As we embark on Rotary Membership Month, I am so proud to be a Rotarian and most honored and humbled to be elected as the President of **The Rotary Club of Waxhaw-Weddington**. It has been a wonderful few weeks since our Rotary year started on July 1st and it has been a delight serving as your new president! July is our Rotary Leadership Month, and I want to take time to recognize and show my excitement by welcoming Marnie Carter as our President-Elect for 2023-2024. I also want to extend my gratitude to our past President, Marcus Watson, for his leadership, guidance, and smooth transition. Our club has been built on a foundation of strong leadership. I thank all our founding members, past presidents, and our very own District Governor for 2021-2022, Nico Iannelli, for their incredible commitment and leadership to our club. We can all be proud to have two past Governors: Nico Iannelli and Graham Wilson, as well as Assistant Governor Union County, Paula Smith, as members of our club.

I also want to welcome and thank our new Board for their commitment to making our club even better and more vibrant. Thanks to: Kay Persing, Secretary; Stephen Koehler, Treasure; Athanasios Koutsaftis, Sergeant-at-Arms; Michael Webber, Youth Services Chair; Lisa Hilbish, Service Chair; Kim Angeli, Public Image and Relations Chair; Fiona Swaenepoel, Membership Chair; and Paula Smith, Assistant Governor Union County & Foundation Chair. Our club is fortunate to have you lead us and I personally appreciate your leadership and your commitment to **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**.

At our last club meeting, I shared our vision “**BE A VIBRANT CLUB**” for the 2022-2023 Rotary Imagine year. Our goal and area of focus aligns with Rotary’s action Plan Priorities: Enhance Member Participation, Tell Our Story, and support The Rotary Foundation. Our club will continue the great work it has been doing with so many awesome service projects and continue Youth Service engagements in Union County. This year, our club will go beyond borders to engage and participate in an International Rotary service project. I am confident that by sharing ideas, learning, and working together, we will move our club’s Imagine Vision to impactful actions. We are PEOPLE of ACTION! I hope that we all are energized, committed and passionate to do what we do best, take care of each other and serve our community. I call on all of us to **MOVE our IMAGINATION to ACTION!**

Please look out for the local Tri-W August 11 newsprint of our Club Leadership Press Release. We are grateful to Tri-W for supporting us by telling our Rotary stories. Please also keep an eye out for these upcoming fundraisers to ensure we can continue our service projects:

- **Operation Warm Coat Drive – August 1, 2022**
- **Poker Run – October 1, 2022**
- **Sale Christmas Wreaths**
- **Flags for Heroes – July 4, 2023**

August is **Membership** Month, which means it’s time to celebrate our Rotary Club, our members, and the good we do in our community. Share on social media profile: I am a Proud Member, using the hashtag #WeAreRotary to mention a few. See link for more details:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/celebrate-membership-month>

I am fortunate to lead an amazing, dynamic, and fun club that fully embraces the Rotary way of living - Service Above Self. I am confident that with the help and support of our board members and fellow club members, I will do my best to meet the challenge. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. I thank you all in advance for your continued support and engagement to make our club even better. Let’s have fun serving together!

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Yorda Kidane
President 2022-23*

PR/Fundraising Moment

By Kimberley Angeli



The next meeting is Monday, August 1st at 5:30 - Here is the link to attend our next meeting. [Zoom Link](#)

Public Relations and Fundraising is an integral part of our club. Without FUNRaising we would not have an impact on the community. The money we raise goes to service projects such as gifts for our Christmas bureau families, Common Heart, Turning Point, Community Shelter, Charitable Giving, and Honor Flight, just to name a few. Promoting ourselves and our endeavors in the community helps us have greater reach with our fundraising and greater impact with our giving. Imagine a community that understands the impact we make each week, each month, each year in giving back. Let’s not be the best kept secret!

Help us get the word out on Nextdoor about Rotary! Every connection helps the visibility of our page.

Click this link to [Recommend YOUR Rotary on Nextdoor](#)



Who wants to help with our Speaker Calendar? We will help with speakers and topics. We need someone to own this and it will be a great way to engage with speakers and members.

Thank you – Kim Angeli

Service in Action

By Lisa Hilbish

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." – Aristotle

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 Betsy Lamb, 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 about who we will be helping, we will share it with everyone. **Thank you to Kay, Shawn and Brody Persing, Paula and Tom Smith and Lisa Hilbish 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 them on your Facebook page!**
[2022 Operation Warm Donation Link](#)

Paul Harris Award

In our meeting last week, we had the privilege of recognizing a new Paul Harris award. Please join me in congratulating our newest Paul Harris Fellow!

Don Fisher (Paul Harris +1)

Congratulations Don and thank you for your contributions to The Rotary Foundation!



Learn Rotary

Rotary District 7680 is proud to host a membership, foundation and public image summit titled, *Learn Rotary* on Saturday, September 17, 2022. The summit brings together Rotary leaders to exchange thoughts and take away cutting-edge ideas on how to energize and bolster your club for growth, service and public interaction. Learn Rotary is designed to engage current and future leaders with fresh new thinking, so you can walk away with hands-on tools to help strengthen your club's membership, public image and involvement in Rotary Foundation fundraising and programs.

Be a champion to help strengthen your club and Rotary!

The training is targeted for club president, president-elect, president nominee, membership chair, foundation chair, public relations/communications chair and district assistant governors. All Rotary members (Rotarians and Rotaractors) are welcome to attend. This summit will be packed with discussion leaders, breakout sessions, some prizes and fun. You'll also make some new friends.

Register NOW for **Learn Rotary Membership/Foundation/Public Image Summit** to be at Gaston College, Kimbrell Campus in Belmont, NC.

External registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/7680mfpsummit>. Consider these reasons for attending:

- Location is within close proximity to all 14 counties in our District
- Free parking
- No cost to attend the event
- Optional box lunch is available at \$15 per person

Imagine how much you'll take home in just a half a day.
Thank you,

Kamlesh (Kam) Chandan
Proud Member of Rotary Club of Lake-Norman Huntersville
DG 2022-23 Rotary District 7680 - Birthplace of Rotaract

IMAGINE
how Membership, Foundation and Public Image can make your club vibrant!

Rotary
District 7680

LEARN ROTARY

SEPT 17

Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Gaston College ~ Kimbrell Campus in Belmont

Register
<https://tinyurl.com/7680mfpsummit>

MEMBERSHIP
Learn how everything in Rotary starts with a member. Innovative membership strategies will enhance growth and service to others.

FOUNDATION
Learn why some clubs and people give extraordinary gifts, where the money goes, and how lives are changed because of gifts to the Foundation.

PUBLIC IMAGE
Learn how to improve your Club's image and outreach making impacts internally with your members and externally with your community.

CommonHeart Food Pantry Service- First Thursday of Each Month



**COMMON
HEART**
a small revolution of kindness

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!](#)

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!

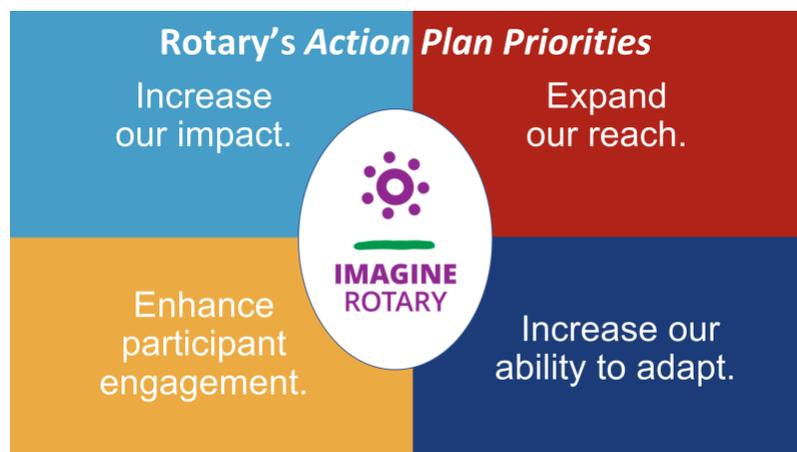
This event has always been a very special day. Hundreds of volunteers (usually around 1,000) serve across Union County, showing our disabled neighbors and senior citizens that we **CARE** about them as volunteers provide assistance with outside chores. It truly is a wonderful day for each individual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



Last Weeks Program



Last week Yorda gave a fantastic presentation on the focus of this Rotary Year.

Here is a [Link](#) to the full PowerPoint presentation.

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

