

# 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.  
Koutsafis  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms



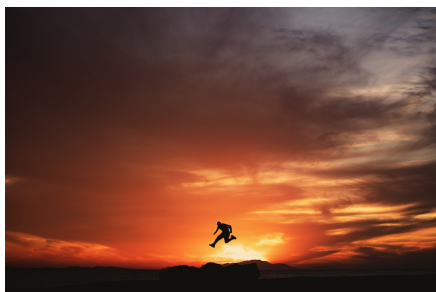
Michael Tyler  
Evola  
Community  
Service Chair



Graham J.  
Wilson  
International  
Service Chair

"Grant me courage to serve others; for in service there is true life."

Cesar Chavez



### The Weekly Agenda

**Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!**  
**Thursday, March 21st**

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
	Project 2 Heal	Marci Turso
	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
March 21st	Jeanne Pritt
March 28th	Myra Rowell
April 4th	Paula Smith
April 11th	Elizabeth Sol



**Larry Hook**  
Youth Services  
Chair



**Marcus A  
Watson**  
iPast President



**Andrea S Wood**  
Fundraising  
Chair

## Events

March 21st

### **Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Project 2 Heal

March 21st

### **Board Meeting**

March 21st

### **Thirsty Thursday**

March 28th

### **Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Beth Trotter

**Subject:** Foundation  
Presentation

March 28th

### **Community Service Committee Meeting**

April 4th

### **Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Liz Romero -  
Director, Regional Career  
Services at Goodwill  
Industries

**Subject:** Goodwill

April 11th

### **Club Meeting**

April 11th

### **Membership**

### **Committee Meeting**

April 13th

### **Community Shelter Breakfast Service**

## Birthdays

No Birthdays

## Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries

## Upcoming Speakers

The Speaker for this week:

### Marci Turso-Project 2 Heal



Project 2 Heal's mission is to increase the availability of service dogs for veterans, children with special needs, and adults with disabilities. They are the only non-profit in the U.S. dedicated to the husbandry and nurturing of world-class Labrador Retriever puppies, which are then donated to carefully selected service dog training organizations nationwide.

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

March 28th, 2024	Foundation Presentation	PDG Beth Trotter
April 4th, 2024	Goodwill	Liz Romero
April 11th, 2024	Club Presentation	Member Spotlight

## 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!

**Board meetings will be on the third Thursday of every month immediately following the regular meeting.  
(using same zoom link as regular meeting)**



This month's meeting is this Thursday, March 21st.

All are welcome. In fact, the more the merrier.

## Distinguished Rotarian

Congratulations to **Paula Smith** for being named Waxhaw Weddington Rotary's 2023/2024 Distinguished Rotarian! Paula exemplifies what it means to practice our motto "Service Above Self" and contributes so much to our club. We recognized and celebrated Paula's hard work, dedication, and big heart last week during our meeting.



# Community Service Update

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: 5/12/24



David G. Barnes  
Park Beautification TBD



Community  
Shelter Meals

Upcoming dates:  
04/13/24 - Breakfast - 7am to 11am  
06/02/24 - Dinner - 5pm to 8pm

Another amazing service to our community happened recently when 20 jam-packed Easter baskets were donated to DHHS to help serve our neighbors in need. Many thanks to Wendi and her family for organizing and delivering these on behalf of Waxhaw Weddington Rotary!





## Fundraising Moment

Chair: Andrea Wood

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered and played at our Bingo Fundraiser! We had a great time and made over **\$2500!** This money goes to support our projects, including providing meals at the Community Shelter.



## Foundation Update

Chair: Wendi Keenan



The Foundation Committee is **“MAD”** about March! You can **BET** our Ethiopian families count on clean water and hygiene, so please don’t forget to **SINK** your extra donation or sign up for automatic deduction at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)!

by Paula Smith



This weekend's attendance at the President-Elect Training Seminar in Greensboro was an awesome experience. Despite having been to many such seminars before, this one stood out with its enjoyable atmosphere and the "magic" of Rotary that filled the air.

I had the pleasure of reconnecting with old friends and making new ones while spending time with other Union County Presidents. The spirit of collaboration was strongly emphasized, and I'm confident that we'll embrace it wholeheartedly. DGE Kevin has proposed several major initiatives, from cleaning up the Catawba River to providing 1000 pairs of shoes for children in Title I schools across the district, and I'm excited about our participation in these and many other projects.

There will be much more news to share as we plan the upcoming Rotary year! I am excited for the opportunities we will have to make an impact in our community and "do good in the world."

## Important Rotary Website Links

### [Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club](#)

[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Member Facebook Page](#)

[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Next Door Page](#)

[Rotary International!](#)

[Dacdb](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)

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## 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?

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## 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](mailto:rotarywaxwed@gmail.com).

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