

Rotary



Club of Waxhaw-Weddington

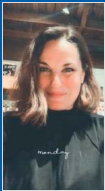
Club Meeting

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



Cristina Tisa Capello
President - Elect



Kay Persing
Secretary



Stephen David Koehler
Treasurer



Kimberley Angeli
Public Relations Chair
Fundraising Chair



Kate Turner
Bulletin Editor



Athanasios A. Koutsaftis
Sergeant-at-Arms

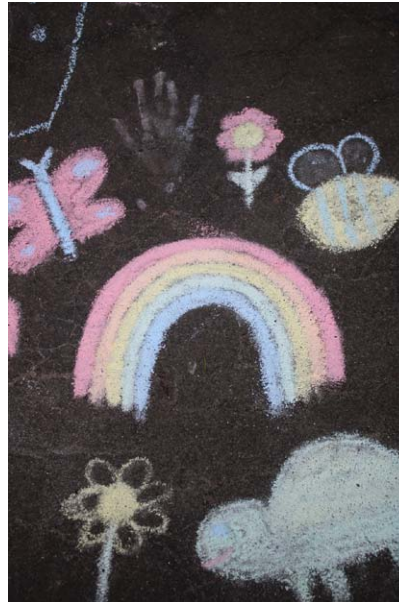


Paula Jeanne Smith
Rotary Foundation Chair

Fiona

Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

[Franz Kafka](#)



The Weekly Agenda

**Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!
Thursday, May 11th**

7:15am	Breakfast and Social Time	
7:30am	Welcome	Yorda Kidane
	Invocation & Pledge	(See Schedule Below)
7:40am	Guest Introductions	TBD
	Health & Happiness Announcements	Michael Evola
7:55am	Happy Dollars	Committee Chairs
8:05am	Introduce Program	Members
	Wellness Program	Yorda Kidane
	For the Good of Rotary	Chris Howard
	The 4-Way Test	All
8:30am	Adjourn	Yorda Kidane
	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
May 11th	Paula Smith



Swaenepoel
Membership
Chair



Lisa Hilbish
Club Service
Chair



Michael Webber
Youth
Services
Chair



Marcus A Watson
iPast
President



Paula Jeanne Smith
Assistant
Governor-
Union County

Events

May 10th
Youth Services
Committee Meeting

May 11th
Waxhaw-
Weddington Weekly
Club Meeting
Speaker: Chris Howard
Subject: Wellness
Program

May 11th
Waxhaw-
Weddington Service
Committee Meeting

May 13th
Solo Stove Raffle

Birthdays

Kay Persing
May 14th

Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service
Found

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding
Anniversaries Found

May 18th	Elizabeth Sol
May 25th	Fiona Swaenepoel
June 1st	Ben Tewolde

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 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!

Public Relations update

By Kimberley Angeli

Speaker this week:
Chris Howard will give us a wellness program. Get ready for a healthier you.



Volunteers Needed!



Rain or shine this weekend for the 2023 Kaleidoscope Festival! Praying for a sunny day ?
We need volunteers for Saturday, May 13th for the Kaleidoscope Festival where we will be selling Flags for Heroes Sponsorships, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Raffle Tickets!
[Sign Up Here](#)

If you are on Nextdoor, please share our meeting event on your page and say you are attending
– [Click Here to Share on Nextdoor](#)

Kaleidoscope Festival - This Weekend

By Paula Jeanne Smith



Rain or shine this weekend for the 2023 Kaleidoscope Festival! Praying for a sunny day.



Please be sure to bring any tickets, stubs and money you have collected from ticket sales to the meeting this week and give them to Kay.

WE need volunteers at the tent - so far we only have two sign-ups to cover the morning and no one for the afternoon. I know it's a very busy time of the year, but **please** consider even a few hours to help out. Club participation is essential to have a successful fundraiser!

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[Sign Up Here](#)

Service in Action

By Lisa Hilbish

SERVICE IN ACTION UPDATE

By: Lisa Hilbish

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."
– Author Unknown

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.



Common Heart Mobile Food Pantry – Thursday, June 1, 2023
– [Sign up here!](#)

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?Spring Project at David G. Barnes Park and Picnic afterwards– our annual spring project at David Barnes park has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 3rd from 10-12**. The town has asked us to do the following:

- Trim area around the sidewalk leading to the gas station
- Straighten Rocks
- Plant mondo/liriope grass along the rock trench
- Add Pavers in front and around the bench
- Trim Tree Limbs
- Stain Sign

They will supply the mondo grass, pavers and stain. We will need manpower, tools (weed trimmers, limb trimmers, shovels, etc.) and lots of smiling faces. I am looking for 10 plus



volunteers to help - please let Lisa know if you can be there.

There will be a club social/picnic after the David G. Barnes Park beautification project. We have shelter 1 reserved at Cane Creek Park and have it for the whole day so folks can stay for a little bit or until the park closes. More information on the social will be coming soon, but there are many activities people can enjoy, like kayaking, canoeing, swimming, miniature golf, and hiking.

[Spring Project and Picnic Sign-up](#)



Union County Community Shelter - We serve a meal every other month at the Shelter and our next meal (breakfast) is Saturday, **June 10th** from 7am-9am. Below is the sign-up to volunteer.

[Union County Community Shelter Meal Sign-up](#)

Upcoming Dates

May 13th - Kalidescope Festival in Waxhaw - volunteers need to work our booth. Sign up Here

May 18th - Our speaker will be Elaine Marshall, the NC Secretary of State - Let's pack the house!

June 1st - Common Heart Food Pantry Service opportunity - [Sign up here!](#)

June 3rd - Spring Project at David Barnes Park and Social at Cane Creek Park after

June 7th - Membership committee Meeting 1:30pm to 2:00pm - [Zoom Link](#)

June 8th - Service committee Meeting following the weekly meeting.

June 10th - Union County Community Shelter - Breakfast Service (7am to 9am) [Union County Community Shelter Meal Sign-up](#)

June 24th - Litter Pick up - 11:00 - 12:30 at the Village Commons in Wesley Chapel - Meet up at the Buzz.

[Read More](#)



Committee Chair Needed

**We are still seeking a Membership Chair.
This can also be a co-chair position (twice the fun and split the work).**

Here is a little bit about the committee and some of the responsibilities of the Chair.
To develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment, retention, development, engagement, and welfare of members.

Here are just some of the fun responsibilities of the membership committee and membership chair:

- Provide committee update during Club Assembly meeting
- Inform and motivate club members
- Monitor the general welfare, level of engagement and morale of members
- Prepare the Induction Kit
- Assign mentors to new members..
- Facilitate the Red Ribbon program for new members
- Plan special events for Club members and guests
- Coordinate with other Chairpersons to maintain member participation.
- Maintain a register and monitor progress of all nominations for membership/application. Advise nominees of the results of their membership application.

To learn more about this exciting role in Rotary, please reach out to Fiona Swaenepoel.

Bring a Guest Contest

By Kay Persing

BRING A GUEST CONTEST!!!

For each new guest you bring to a weekly meeting or a service event, you will be awarded 50 Paul Harris points and be entered in a monthly drawing for fun prizes.
Who do YOU know that you can invite?

Bring a guest this week to be added to the May drawing!!



April's winner was Amanda Jarrell !

You could be next !!

Members who have qualified for May so far:

Member	Date	# of Guests
Athanasios Koutsaftis	5/4/23	1

District Conference 2023

By: Yorda Kidane, President

This past weekend, we attended the 2023 District Joint Conference for D7680a and D7690 with some of our club members and fellow Rotarians. One of the highlights was the International Night, where Rotarians showcased their cultural attire, representing various countries. My family and I wore our traditional Eritrean outfits, and it was a delightful experience seeing so many countries being represented. Our club was awarded Second Place in District Participation, and I'm grateful to all who participated. Congratulations to Lisa Hilbish, our Service Chair, who was recognized as the Distinguished Rotarian of the Year at the District level. Kudos also to Andrea Wood, Amanda Jarrell, and Dr. Elizabeth Sol for completing the first step of The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). It's great to see new members gaining knowledge and leadership skills in Rotary. This is Rotary Family -Service Above Self!





Rotary Hikers



???????SATURDAY, May 20th 2023,
from 11:00 AM – 1 PM

Rotary Hikers - Spring Hike

Join us at Landsford Canal State Park right on the Catawba River, only 30 minutes from Waxhaw in South Carolina, for a hike through the ruins of a canal system built during the 1800s and see the Spider Lillies bloom along the river.

This hike is ranked as easy and non-strenuous for folks of all abilities to enjoy. Be sure to bring any and all supplies such as appropriate clothing and footwear, water, snacks, etc., for this hike.

May 20 from 11:00 AM-1:00PM

Litter Clean up

By Michael Tyler Evola

The date has moved to June 24th from 11:00 - 12:30 at the Village Commons in Wesley Chapel.

We're hitting the streets, taking pride in our community by helping eliminate litter and promote a culture of environmental stewardship in our town. **Let's meet up at the Buzz at 11:00 am.**

Litter is a nasty pollutant to our environment and a drain on our resources, and we must do our part to ensure it is gotten rid of as much as possible.

So please join us! All are welcome and when we're done we'll grab a quick bite and have a drink at The Buzz.



May 2023

Celebrate Youth Service Month this May

Posted on May 4, 2023 by [rotaryservice](#)

By Casey Jones, Programs and Communications Specialist, Rotary Programs for Young Leaders



May is Rotary's Youth Service Month! Throughout the month, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, leadership development, connections, and FUN of Rotary's programs for young leaders.

Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary's youth programs across [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#). Rotary's Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders' local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

Excited to celebrate? Here are four ways to participate:

1. **Partner with young leaders.** Invite youth participants to your Rotary or Rotaract club meetings and together create opportunities for collaboration. Young people are looking for a way to make a difference. Show them how Rotary equips them to do so and join forces as you serve your shared community.

2. **Start your service-learning journey.** Rotary's approach to youth service, service-learning, is youth-led, hones life skills, and has a lasting impact on communities. Interactive courses and downloadable workbooks are available in Rotary's Learning Center for adult advisers and youth participants ages 16 and older. Watch this informative [video](#) and get started on your service-learning journey today at [rotary.org/learn](#).

3. **Attend a webinar.** As part of the Cultivating Effective Projects webinar series, Rotary International is hosting a webinar on Thursday, 18 May at 18:00 (UTC-5) titled [Expanding Reach: Partner with Youth in Service](#). Learn how to connect and collaborate with youth to increase the impact of your projects and develop youth into leaders.

4. **Follow along for youth-centered stories.** Throughout the month of May, Rotary's young leaders will be featured across multiple Rotary International platforms. Read the [Rotary magazine](#) feature about Interact's 60th anniversary, subscribe to the [Young Leaders in Action](#) newsletter, visit Rotary's blogs [Service in Action](#) and [Rotary Voices](#) each week, and follow Rotary's social media channels to hear directly from youth participants about their Rotary experiences!

Upcoming Speaker



Please go ahead and mark your calendars for May 18.

We want as many members in attendance for a very special guest speaker. Michael has invited and confirmed North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall to speak at our morning meeting. She is the first woman to serve as Secretary of State and has continued to serve since 1997. Very exciting!

Upcoming Speakers

May 11th 2023	Chris Howard	Wellness Program
May 18th 2023	Elaine Marshall	NC Secretary of State
May 25th 2023	Mike Morton	NFL Referee
June 1st 2023		Club IT Training
June 8th 2023	Laura Sur	UC Humane Society



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](#)

CART Fund and Happy Dollars



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

To see a presentation about the CART Fund & the 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>

We are no longer using PayPal for payments to

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