

# Rotary

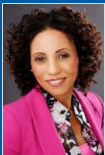


# Club of Waxhaw-Weddington

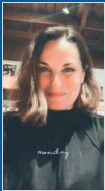
## Club Meeting

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



## The Weekly Agenda

**Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!**  
**Thursday, May 18th**

7:15am	Breakfast and Social Time	
7:30am	Welcome	Yorda Kidane (See Schedule Below)
7:40am	Invocation & Pledge	TBD
	Guest Introductions	Michael Evola
	Health & Happiness	Committee Chairs
	Announcements	Michael Evola
8:05am	Introduce Program	Elaine Marshall
	NC Secretary of State	All
	For the Good of Rotary	Yorda Kidane
	The 4-Way Test	
8:30am	Adjourn	
	Room Clean Up	

**No Happy Dollars this week to make more time for the Speaker.**

## 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 18th	Elizabeth Sol
May 25th	Fiona Swaenepoel
June 1st	Ben Tewolde
June 8th	Andrew Timothy

## Public Relations update

By Kimberley Angeli

Speaker this week:



Let's show our distinguished Speaker Lots of Love with a Full House this week!

In 1996, Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall became the first woman ever elected to a statewide, executive branch office in North Carolina.

Secretary Marshall was a member of the NC State Senate before rising to statewide office. She holds a B.S. in Home Economics from the University of Maryland and a law degree from Campbell University. She has received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Campbell University, Lees-McRae College, Meredith College and the Republic of Moldova Testemitanu State University of Medicine.

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## 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!

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## Board Meeting

**There will be a Board Meeting after the regular meeting this week.**



[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 18th  
[Waxhaw-  
Weddington Weekly  
Club Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Elaine  
Marshall  
Subject: NC Secretary  
of State

### Birthdays

Myra Rowell  
May 21st  
David Willis  
May 22nd

### Member Anniversaries

Sandra Umesh  
05-19-2022  
1 Year

### Wedding Anniversaries

Paula Jeanne Smith  
May 20th



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## Thirsty Thursday



It is time for Thirsty Thursday on **05/18** at **6pm!** Join us at **The Buzz** in Wesley Chapel. Grab your beverage of choice and let the fun and fellowship begin.

Hope to see you there!

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## 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.**

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## Upcoming Dates

**May 18th - Our speaker will be Elaine Marshall, the NC Secretary of State - Let's pack the house!**  
**Board Meeting and Thirsty Thursday**

**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.**

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## Service in Action

By Lisa Hilbish

### SERVICE IN ACTION UPDATE

By: Lisa Hilbish

*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."*

–Erma Bombeck

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**

*a small revolution of kindness*

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

**Spring  
Project**

**at David G. Barnes Park and Picnic afterwards**– our annual spring project at David Barnes park has been scheduled for **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](#)

## Rotary Hikers

**SATURDAY, May 20th 2023,**

**from 11:00 AM – 1 PM**

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

## David Barnes Park Beautification and Cane Creek Picnic Celebration for Ted Platt

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# David Barnes Park Beautification & Cane Creek Picnic Celebration for Ted Platt Saturday, June 3

RSVP (yes,no,maybe) for the  
park and/or picnic using the  
QR Code.



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## Litter Clean up

By Michael Tyler Evola

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.



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## 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!!  
The May prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Emmett's Social Table



Members who have qualified for May so far:

Member	Date	# of Guests

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## Kaleidoscope Festival / Solo Stove Wrapup

By Paula Jeanne Smith

We had a wonderful weekend at the Kaleidoscope festival. Hats off to the



town for making the festival a success! We had a great spot with lots of foot traffic and visitors enticed by the Nothin' Bundt Cake samples our own Betsy Lamb donated. Our raffle winner was Desta Alemu!!

Many thanks to the following members:

Larry Hook  
Anthonis and Sara Koutsaftis  
Bill Whittaker  
Yorda and family  
Amanda Jarrell  
Kate Turner  
Kay and Shawn Persing  
and my granddaughter Ava  
Hopefully I am not missing anyone!!

We could not have done it without the help of these amazing members.

A big thanks to Kim Angeli for her donation of the Solo Stove and S'Mores package and to Betsy Lamb for her delicious cake samples.


Total proceeds are still coming in but I would say it was a great success!

## Upcoming Speakers

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
June 15th 2023	Beth Wood	NC State Auditor

## Polio Plus Update from District Conference

By Cristina Tisa Capello

The year is not over and we can still make a big difference in our efforts to end polio. At the conference, I challenged DG Kam to do the Nevis Bungy jump outside of Queenstown NZ after the Rotary Convention if, by June 15 when he will be in the area, our club and member giving exceeds \$125,000 and all clubs have a minimum giving of \$100. On April 30 we were \$102,281. 

I have seen the video of the jump and it is pretty scary with a 134 meter- 440 foot freefall of about 8.5 seconds where the bungy should stop the fall. This is from a cable tram suspended over a deep valley between two mountains.

Please encourage your members to make one more donation of any amount to the Polio Plus Fund at the Rotary Foundation. I have already and want the **Governor to Jump for Polio!**

On our efforts, we have had one case of WPV1 polio this year, which was in the Bannu district, which is part of the seven polio endemic districts in the southern area of Pakhtunkwa Khyber province of Pakistan. Since January 2021, all cases in Pakistan have come from these districts.

WPV1 is the only remaining wild polio virus in the world as we have eliminated two of the three types of polio. We are looking for 2023 to be the starting point of three years of no type 1 polio cases in the world.

Oral circulating vaccine derived polio is still causing issues but the numbers are greatly decreased as the NOPV2 vaccine which was approved for use in late 2021 is doing its job of breaking the transmission of Type 2 oral vaccine derived polio.

The Polio Plus Society has been a success and has helped increase our giving 21% year to date. Please encourage all members to join the Society.

I am available to make Polio presentations and distribute Polio Plus Society pins to its members. Please contact me at [tjsdg7680@gmail.com](mailto:tjsdg7680@gmail.com) to arrange.

Now is the time for all Rotarians to support our singular global project so we can finish the job and finally eliminate polio from the world.

copied from PDG Tom Smith's report on Polio Plus.

## Every Rotarian Every Year

*Every Rotarian Every Year - (EREY)*

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

Being recognized as an EREY contributor is as simple as contributing \$25.00 or more per Rotary Year to the Annual Fund-Share programs of TRF.

Achieving EREY and more is made even easier by signing up for Rotary Direct. You can avoid remembering to write a check and the postage by having \$10.00 monthly or more automatically deducted from a debit card, credit card or checking account. What is more, by participating in Rotary Direct for a full Rotary Year, you will also be a Sustaining Member at more than the minimum of \$100.00 for Sustaining Membership...all for the equivalent of one drive-through at Starbucks.

[Click Here! For Additional Information](#)

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## Club IT Training

By Kay Persing

**June 1 is Club Training.**



Please bring your laptops and cell phones.

If you do not know your password to DACdb, please reset it.

I'd be happy to support those that need assistance.

Just reach out via call, text, or email.

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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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## Important Rotary Website Links

[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club](#)

[Rotary International](#)

[Dacdb](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)



## 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research) Fund:



A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America

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

