

Rotary Club of Tryon



Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Announcements



This week, we celebrate the 120th anniversary of Rotary International.

Rotary started with the vision of one man - Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, when Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey met in Loehr's office. The goal was to gather together professionals with diverse backgrounds so they could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

Harris knew Rotarians would be *People of Action* - "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

Congratulations on being part of Rotary's 120-year history.

To ensure Rotary continues the great work we have been doing, we must add new members. This week, the Rotary Club of Tryon will grow a little larger when we induct **Ashley Brazell** as a new member. Join us on Thursday, and show your support for our newest member.

After last week's meeting, the Rotary Club of Tryon Board of Directors met and agreed to pay the registration fee for three Rotarians to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute in Asheville on March 29th. If you are

Birthdays

John F. Gargiulo
February 22nd
Brandon Schweitzer
March 11th
Judith T. Lair
March 26th

Wedding Anniversaries

David Cornelius
March 20th

interested, please contact Dave Scherping.

This Week's Lunch: Pat Gray

This Week's Program: Brian Delmas - Red Cross

Last Week's Attendance: 31

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Keresoma Joins Rotary Club



Rotarians Jared Keresoma & Dave Scherping

The Rotary Club of Tryon continues to grow. At last week's meeting, Jared Keresoma was inducted into the Club. Jared is the Vice President for AdventHealth Polk, and a former Rotarian with the Xenia Rotary Club in Ohio.

The Rotary Club of Tryon is very excited about adding so many new members. With the addition of four members since January, the Club now has over 60 members. Jared's membership in the Club was sponsored by

the Club's President, Dave Scherping.



After the official induction ceremony, Jared shared his 3-minute biography with the Club. Originally from California, Jared and his family are coming to us from Ohio. During his presentation, Jared talked about his wife Christina, their three children, and his passion for being a father. With over 20 years of healthcare experience, Jared is excited about the opportunities available at Advent Health Polk. Jaerd said he "is very interested in working with the dedicated staff at the hospital and building on the hospital's strong culture".

Upcoming RIF Dates



Rotarian Dave Hosick has been working with our elementary schools to set up the next round of visits. Our Reading is Fundamental (RIF) visits give Rotarians a great opportunity to share the love of reading with Polk County students.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

March 10 - Sunny View Elementary School

March 21 - Polk Central Elementary School

April 25 - Tryon Elementary School

As we get closer to the events, Dave will be asking for volunteers.



Volunteer - Champions for Wildlife



**CHAMPIONS
FOR WILDLIFE**

The Rotary Club of Tryon has supported Champions for Wildlife with both financial grants and volunteers. If you are looking for a new volunteer opportunity, here are some dates for March.

Champions for Wildlife, a local non-profit that educates kids grades K-8 about native wildlife through art, is looking for volunteers to help out at their upcoming Wild for Art programs. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please reach out to Sam at americorps@championsforwildlife.org. Thank you!

Wild for Falcons - Sunny View After School
Tue, March 4, 2025

Wild for Owls - Lake Lure Classical Academy
Wed, March 5, 2025

Wild for Birds - Tryon Elementary - STEAM Lesson 1
Thu, March 6, 2025

Wild for Red Wolves - Sunny View Elementary School
Tue, March 11, 2025

Wild for Falcons - Saluda After School
Tue, March 11, 2025

Wild for Red Wolves/Hellbenders - Sunny View Elementary
Thu, March 13, 2025

Wild for Hellbenders - Tryon Elementary
Tue, March 18, 2025

Wild for Monarchs - Saluda Elementary
Tue, March 18, 2025

Wild for Falcons - Tryon Elementary After School
Tue, March 18, 2025

Nature in Your Backyard - Saluda Elementary
Wed, March 19, 2025

Wild for Falcons - Polk Central Elementary After School
Tue, March 25, 2025

Nature in Your Backyard - Tryon Elementary
Fri, March 28, 2025

Upcoming Event Schedule

Date	Event
Feb 27	Club Meeting @ Noon Brian Delmas Red Cross on Helene Recovery Update
March 6	Club Meeting @ Noon Josh Kennedy Polk - Community Health Assessment
March 10	Reading is Fundamental Book Distribution Sunny View Elementary
March 13	Club Meeting @ Noon Craig DeBrew Duke Energy & Helene
March 20	Club Meeting @ Noon George Alley Polk County Schools
March 21	Reading is Fundamental Book Distribution Polk Central Elementary
March 27	Club Meeting @ Noon Jessica Pearce FENCE - EASE Program Parkinson's and Dementia
April 3	Club Meeting @ Noon George Alley Polk County Schools
	Club Meeting @ Noon Lauren Roy

April 10	Hopsice <i>Community Service Project During Our Meeting</i>
April 17	No Thursday Meeting
April 24	Club Meeting @ Noon Aaron Greene Polk County Schools
April 25	Reading is Fundamental Book Distribution Tryon Elementary

Paul Harris Fellow



In 1905, Paul Harris organized the first Rotary Club in Chicago, after which he went on to be the first president of Rotary International. Rotarians honor the memory of Paul Harris by recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Tryon is looking for some additional Paul Harris Fellows, and we will help you reach that status by June 30, 2025.

To earn the Paul Harris Fellow recognition, a Rotarian must contribute at least \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. The Rotary Club of Tryon is willing to use our "Club Points" to help members become Paul Harris Fellows.

In January, any Club member who is not yet a Paul Harris Fellow will be awarded 100 "Club Points" to their Rotary International Foundation account. This is equivalent to having made a donation of \$100 to the Rotary International Foundation. The Club hopes that by investing our Points, we can help you begin your journey towards becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

If you are not yet a Paul Harris Fellow, and have donated at least \$400 to the Rotary International Foundation by March 31, 2025, the Club will award you up to an additional 500 "Club Points". The combination of your donations and Club points will help you reach the \$1,000 level required to be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Donations to the Rotary International Foundation can be directed toward one of the Annual Fund Areas of Focus or Polio Plus. If you would like to know more about your account balance at the Rotary International Foundation, and how you can become a Paul Harris Fellow, please contact Ken Shull.

Footnotes

Visit your Rotary Club's new website at:
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