

Rotary

Club of Tryon



Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Announcements

Good News - I verified that Josh Kennedy will be attending tomorrow's meeting, so you don't have to listen to me for three weeks in a row!

If you haven't been to a meeting recently, you missed the induction ceremonies for Ashley Brazell, Windy Hamil, Les Casterline, and Jared Keresoma. If you make it to this week's meeting, you will see Rotary Foundation Chair Ken Shull and I recognize a few new Paul Harris Fellows. We had almost 40 members and guests in attendance last week, so come join the fun.

At last week's meeting I mentioned the District 7670 project at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Rotary clubs, the district and RI have pulled together resources to provide \$100,000 to rebuild Robertson Dining Hall. Now they need some hands to help with the project. You can sign up to help on March 8th, 15th, or 22nd. Click on <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BABAA28A0FF2-55384310-rotary> to reserve your spot. You are welcome to sign up for more than one shift, but please be sure to sign up!

Monday, March 10th, is our first Reading Is Fundamental program for the Spring semester. Rotarians will be at Sunny View Elementary from 8:00-12:00. See Dave Hosick if you want to be part of this exciting project.

We have a few empty spots to help at our upcoming meetings. At this week's meeting, I will have a sign-up sheet for the meeting greeters in May and June. The greeter makes sure members get "checked-in" and greets visitor and guest speakers. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow club members. I will also have a sign-up sheet for lunches in April, May and June.

This Week's Lunch: Moose Penfold

This Week's Program: Josh Kennedy - Polk Community Health Assessment

Last Week's Attendance: 36

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Birthdays

Brandon Schweitzer
March 11th
Judith T. Lair
March 26th
Eileen Mehta
April 1st
John W. Walters
April 1st

Wedding Anniversaries

David Cornelius
March 20th
Patrick R Gray
April 3rd



Brazell Joins Club



Rotarians Cassie Lloyd, Ashley Brazell, and Dave Scherping

The Rotary Club of Tryon is growing again! This week, the Rotary Club of Tryon welcomed Ashley Brazell as our newest member. Ashley's membership in the Club was sponsored by Rotarian Cassie Lloyd and the induction ceremony was performed by the Club's President, Dave Scherping.

Ashley was welcomed into the Rotary Club of Tryon because we believe she possesses the qualities that exemplify the true spirit of Rotary. She has shown herself to be a person with a heart for service, exhibited a commitment to the ideals of Rotary, and a willingness to put these ideals into action.



After the induction ceremony, Ashley shared her 3-minute biography with the Club. Ashley is from West Columbia, SC and a graduate of the University of South Carolina. She has worked in YMCA's across South Carolina as Membership Director /Office Manager, Wellness and Sports Director, Sports Director, and Aquatics Director. She is bringing over 10 years of YMCA experience to her new role as the Operations Director for the Polk County YMCA.

The Rotary Club of Tryon is excited to have Ashley as a member, and we are looking forward to working with her at the new Polk County YMCA.

Taylor Named to Second Wind HOF



Rotarians Skip Taylor & Carol Browning

At last week's meeting, Rotarian Skip Taylor was inducted into the Second Wind Hall of Fame. Rotarian and Second Wind Hall of Fame Board Member, Carol Browning officiated over the induction. Skip served two terms as President of the Rotary Club and is currently President of the Rotary Foundation. He has served in many different capacities of the club's activities and was recognized as Rotarian of the Year for 2023-2024. Before moving to Tryon, he was active in Rotary in Highlands.

Skip has volunteered at Outreach, serving on the half-marathon race committee, as a Manna truck volunteer, and a home repair volunteer. He has served Tryon Presbyterian Church on the Missions Committee and Property Committee, and as Clerk of Session, and he has been involved in many other tasks at the church. Where there is a need, Skip is willing to volunteer.

Before moving to Tryon in 2017 with his wife Mary Ann, he was an active volunteer while pursuing a career in media with community newspapers. Leaving print journalism in 1996, he joined the team of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital as director of communications. After many years in public relations, he launched a business in furniture restoration, tapping into his love of woodworking and furniture repair. Because of his civic involvement, he was honored in 2017 with a mayoral proclamation for his years of service to the Town of Highlands.

The Rotary Club of Tryon was proud to sponsor the membership of such a fine Rotarian.

Tryon Chili Cookoff



The Rotary Club of Tryon participated in the 2nd Annual Guns & Hoses Chili Cookoff last weekend. The event was part of the Tryon Downtown Development Association's 4th Friday event, and the proceeds supported the Tryon Fire Alliance. Firefighter, cookbook author, and soon-to-be Rotarian Steven Siler created the event to support the great work being done by the Tryon Fire Department.



Rotarians Ken Shull & Dave Scherping

Rotarian Ken Shull provided the Club's entry of Possum Free Chili (Vegetarian), that we shared with over 200 visitors. During the evening, many Rotarians stopped by the table to lend their support.

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

????? - Tryon Elementary School

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



Upcoming Event Schedule

Date	Event
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
April 10	Club Meeting @ Noon Lauren Roy 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

Footnotes

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