

Rotary Club of Tryon



Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Announcements

Now that the Club is growing, we need to form a few committees for our upcoming projects and activities. We will have a paper sign-up sheet at tomorrow's meeting, or you can volunteer using this link to the online sign-up. [Volunteer Form](#) This is a great way to expand our reach into the community.

Over the next few weeks we will be recognizing some new Paul Harris Fellows. If you have not yet reached Paul Harris Fellow status for your donations to the Rotary Foundation, the Club is still offering to match your donations up to \$500. Contact Ken Shull if you have any questions.

I signed up for the 9:30 AM-12:00 shift at the March 22nd District 7670 project at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Liz Mossina has already asked to ride with me, so I have room for two more Rotarians that would like to join us. 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!

This Week's Lunch: Judy Lair

This Week's Program: Craig DeBrew - Duke Energy

Last Week's Attendance: 40

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Birthdays

Brandon Schweitzer
March 11th
Judith T. Lair
March 26th
Eileen Mehta
April 1st
John W. Walters
April 1st
Jeffrey M. Allison
April 8th

Wedding Anniversaries

David Cornelius
March 20th
Patrick R Gray
April 3rd

Dee James - Paul Harris Fellow



Dave Scherping, Dee James, Ken Shull

Dee James, Executive Director at Tryon Estates, was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow at a recent Rotary Club of Tryon meeting. The Club bestowed this honor upon Dee for her continued support of our Rotary programs.

When we wanted to expand our Club's reach into the community, Dee agreed to host a Rotary Club of Tryon Satellite Club at Tryon Estates. Her generosity allowed many long-time Rotary members to continue their participation without having to travel to our weekly meetings. Dee has opened her facility for Rotarians to sell Community Chorus and Shrimpfest tickets. Dee supported our Holiday fundraiser when she allowed former Rotarian Ray McClees to set up a Nut Sales table at Tryon Estates.

Dee was selected to receive this recognition because the Rotary Club of Tryon believes her life exemplifies the humanitarian objectives of the Rotary Foundation. We thank you for your commitment to helping people.

RIF at Sunny View Elementary

The Rotary Club of Tryon recently distributed books to the students at Sunny View Elementary School as part of our Club's Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. As each class came into the Library, a member of the Rotary Club introduced the students to the program by reading a few selected passages from the available books.



Rotarian Les Casterline reads to SVE students.



SVE students sharing their new books with Rotarian Megan Conner.



Rotarian Brandon Schweitzer reads to Sunny View Elementary students.

After the introduction, students then had the opportunity to select a book to take home. The Rotary Club of Tryon holds two book distributions at Sunny View every year. When students start in the school's PreK program and stay at the school through 5th grade, the Rotary Club will have donated 14 books to the family's home library.



SVE students enjoying their new books.

Board Meeting This Week



There will be a Board Meeting this week immediately following our Thursday Club Meeting.

2025-2026 RCOT Board Nominations

The nominating committee presents the following Rotarians for service on the Rotary Club of Tryon Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year. If you would like to add your name for nomination, please contact Dave Scherping.

President - Martin Gilchrist
President Elect - Anne Day
Treasurer - Kam Kammerer
Secretary - Kristin Hylland
Membership - Dave Scherping

Youth Services - Allan Purtil
RI Foundation Chair - Ken Shull
Community Service - Stephanie Winterrowd
Member at Large -Skip Crowe
Member at Large - Barry Gold
Immediate Past Pres. - Dave Scherping
Impact Club Chair - Elected by Impact Club
RCOT Foundation Pres. - Elected by Foundation

Lost Rotarians



I saw this photo and the first thing that came to mind was these guys saying, "Did Dave give you any instructions about what we are supposed to do?"

2025 Bike Tour

An advertisement for the 'Fabulous 4th Bike Tour'. The top part features the text 'Fabulous 4th BIKE TOUR' in a stylized font, with a bicycle icon. Below this, it says 'Charity bike tour through scenic upstate SC and the foothills of Tryon, NC.' A large, red, semi-transparent word 'postponed' is overlaid across the center of the image. To the right, there is a photograph of several cyclists in colorful gear riding their bikes. At the bottom left, the website 'https://fabulous4thbiketour.com' is listed. At the bottom right, the 'Rotary Club of Tryon' logo is displayed, featuring the Rotary wheel symbol.

The Rotary Club of Tryon will not be hosting the Fabulous 4th Bike Tour this July.

Hurricane Helene affected many parts of the tour course, forcing the Rotary Club to postpone this year's tour. Watch the Club's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Rotarycluboftryon> for updates. Hopefully, our community will recover quickly, and we can bring the tour back to North & South Carolina.

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 22 - Tryon Elementary School

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



Upcoming Event Schedule

| Date | Event |
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| March 13 | Club Meeting @ Noon Craig DeBrew Duke Energy & Helene |
| March 20 | Club Meeting @ Noon George Alley |

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| | 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 ?? Rescheduled - Red Cross ?? |
| April 10 | Club Meeting @ Noon Lauren Roy Hopsice <i>Community Service Project During Our Meeting</i> |
| April 17 | No Thursday Meeting |
| April 22 | Reading is Fundamental Book Distribution Tryon Elementary |
| April 24 | Club Meeting @ Noon Aaron Greene Polk County Schools |

Footnotes

Visit your Rotary Club's new website at:

www.rotarycluboftryon.com

Follow your Rotary Club on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/Rotarycluboftryon

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