

Rotary Club of Tryon



Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Announcements

After a week "off" it will be great to see club members at this week's meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended the service for Rick McCallister last week. It was great to see the support for Beth and her family.

We had a good return on the Committee sign-up sheets at our last meeting. If you haven't completed a paper form yet, we will have them at this week's meeting. You can also complete the form online at:

<https://forms.gle/twqPPjbkyRwrwKHv7>

We are looking for Rotarians to provide lunches in April, May & June. We will have the sign-up sheet near the badge box at the next few meetings.

Over the next few weeks, we will have a few more new member inductions and Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. Make sure you attend to support the work being done by your fellow Rotarians.

This Week's Lunch: Wendy Hamil

This Week's Program: Jessica Pearce - FENCE Parkinson's and Dementia Program

Last Week's Attendance: 30

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Birthdays

Judith T. Lair

March 26th

Eileen Mehta

April 1st

John W. Walters

April 1st

Jeffrey M. Allison

April 8th

R. Anderson Haynes

April 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

David Cornelius

March 20th

Patrick R Gray

April 3rd

Margot B Carter

April 13th

Barbara Smith Hagerty

April 23rd

RIF at Polk Central Elementary

The Rotary Club of Tryon recently distributed books to the students at Polk Central Elementary School as part of our Club's Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. The Rotary Club of Tryon has been sharing books with students in Polk County's elementary schools for over 20 years.



Rotarians Skip Crowe and Skip Taylor keep track of the book inventory.



Rotarian Megan Conner reads to Polk Central Elementary students.

As each class was seated in the Science Center, a member of the Rotary Club introduced the students to the program by reading a few selected passages from the available books. The Club started the RIF program as a way to help students become better readers.



Polk Central Elementary School students select books.



Roarians Liz Mossina & Dave Hosick work on the book inventory.

The Rotary Club of Tryon holds two book distributions at Polk Central Elementary School 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.



Rotarian Carol Browning shares a book with Polk Central students.

The Rotary Club of Tryon funds the RIF program through our annual fundraisers. If you would like to learn more about the Rotary Club of Tryon and the work we do in our community, please contact our Club President, Dave Scherping 828-817-2094.

DeBrew Shares Recovery Efforts

The Rotary Club of Tryon was very fortunate to have a long-time friend of the Club return for a presentation last week. Duke Energy's Craig DeBrew, Local Government and Community Relations Manager for Polk County, visited the club to talk about Hurricane Helene recovery and the reliability enhancements being performed in Tryon.



Rotary Club of Tryon President Dave Scherping and Duke Energy's Craig DeBrew

As we all know, the hurricane caused extensive damage across Craig's service area, leaving over 160,000 without power. Duke Energy deployed more than 23,000 field personnel across the Carolinas to repair and rebuild damaged infrastructure, including rkers from 32 states and 4 Canadian provinces. Most counties had service restored to 50% of customers within a week and 90% restored in less than two weeks. In the aftermath of the storm, Duke Energy replaced: 5,000 transformers, 14,000 power poles, and 9 million feet of wire.



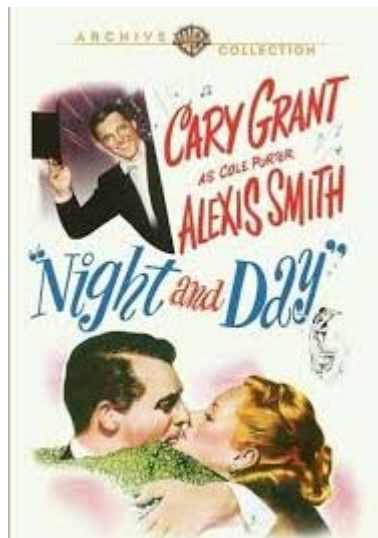
The Heroes of the Recovery

Craig explained that everyone at Duke Energy has a role to play in an emergency, but that the real work is done by the linemen. These men and women were out there doing the work to restore the poles and lines that bring us our electricity, the real Heroes of the Recovery. Craig reminded us that we all have a role to play in keeping these guys safe. If you are using a generator to power your home during an outage, ensure the generator is connected correctly and not energizing the lines leaving your home. Improperly wired generators present a very real danger to workers trying to restore power to an area.



In the second part of this presentation, Crieg explained the reliability enhancements being performed in the Tryon area. Duke is increasing reliability by improving Tryon's connections to the substations in Saluda & Landrum. Over the past few months, they have replaced more than 30 miles of overhead conductors, 150 new poles, and installed 3 new reclosers. This work will improve resiliency and reliability, while also increasing the capacity to meet future growth demands.

Community Chorus - May 4th



Mark your calendar for the spring Community Chorus performance on May 4th.

This year's performance is titled "Night & Day" and will be conducted by Tena Greene-Porter

Rotarians will be receiving tickets soon, so get ready to start selling. Remember, proceeds from this event help fund our scholarship program for local students.

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 (completed)

March 21 - Polk Central Elementary School (completed)

April 22 - Tryon Elementary School

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



Upcoming Event Schedule

Date	Event
	Club Meeting @ Noon Jessica Pearce

March 27	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

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