

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



Paula Jeanne Smith
President



Craig Horn
President-Elect



Kay Persing
Secretary



Stephen David Koehler
Treasurer



Brie Foster
President-Nominee



Kerry Guley
Bulletin Editor



Wendi S Keenan
President-Nominee



Betsy Lamb
Club Trainer



Jeanne M. Pritt
Club Trainer



Andrea S Wood
Public Relations/Image
Chair
Fundraising
Chair



Lisa Hilbish
Membership
Chair

James H Young
Sergeant-at-Arms

The Weekly Agenda

Welcome Waxhaw-Weddington Rotarians and Guests!

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

| | | |
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| 7:15am | Breakfast and Social Time | |
| 7:30am | Welcome | Paula Smith |
| | Invocation & Pledge (See Schedule Below) | |
| 7:40am | Guest Introductions | Sergeant at Arms |
| | Health & Happiness | |
| | Announcements | Committee Chairs |
| 7:55am | Happy Dollars | Members |
| 8:05am | Introduce Program | Paula Smith |
| | Wingate University | Rhett Brown-President |
| | For the Good of Rotary | All |
| | The 4-Way Test | Paula Smith |
| 8:30am | Adjourn | |
| | Room Clean Up | |

Upcoming Speakers

THIS WEEK:

Rhett Brown-President Wingate University

Thursday,
February 27,
2025 7:30 AM

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Rhett Brown
President
Wingate
University



Elizabeth
Carpenton
Community
Service Chair



Larry Hook
Youth Services
Chair



Nicolino Iannelli
iPast President



Yorda Kidane
iPast President

Events

February 27th
Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Rhett Brown
Subject: Wingate
University

March 6th
Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Amy Carr
Subject: Matthews Free
Clinic

March 6th
**PR-Fundraising
committee monthly
meeting**

March 11th
**Youth Service
Committee monthly
meeting**

March 13th
Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Caitlin Panas
Subject: Member
Speaker

March 13th
**Membership
Committee meeting**

March 20th
Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Ashley Pritt

Birthdays

Caitlin Drew Panas
March 4th

**Member
Anniversaries**

No Years Of Service

Join us for fun, fellowship, food and to see how our club is progressing this year.

Our upcoming speakers are as follows:

Please invite a future Rotarian

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|
| March 6th, 2025 | Matthews Free Clinic | Amy Carr |
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Invocation & Pledge Schedule

| Date | Member Name |
|----------------------|------------------|
| February 27, 2025 | Fiona Swaenepoel |
| March 6th, 2025 | Ben Tewolde |

**Please try and find someone to sub for you if you are
unable to attend on your assigned date. Thank you!**

Message from Paula

I am back from Disney in one piece!! We all had a fantastic time and, of course, the kids are clamoring about when we can go back. 😊 I am sorry (not really) that I missed the cold weather, but it was quite chilly as well in Florida!!

This week we will have Rhett Brown as our speaker! He is the President of Wingate University and, again, this is a wonderful opportunity to bring a guest!!

We will also have one of our two scholarship winners - Lauren Powers from Weddington HS. She will be presenting her essay and telling us about herself and her future goals. She will be bringing her parents, so please be sure to make them all feel welcome!

BINGO is right around the corner and our meal-packing event planned for May 10th is coming together nicely!! We will have plenty of ways to ask for volunteers since we will need approximately 100 to complete the task of packing 20,000 in 3 hours! Much more to come on this!!

Don't forget our team for the Hunger Walk this Saturday! If you haven't signed up, please do!! Lisa will have our new shirts so we can show off our Rotary gear!

See everyone on Thursday!!! NO SNOW!!! LOL!!!

Board Meetings



This month's meeting will be this **Thursday, February 27th**, after the regular meeting.

Foundation Update



History of the Peace Pole Project

A Peace Pole is a monument declaring the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the language of the country in which it is planted and usually several other languages.



The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan by Masahisa Goi (1916 – 1980), who dedicated his life to spreading the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". Mr. Goi was greatly affected by the destruction caused by World War II and the atomic bombs which fell on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His desire to assist in the creation of world peace was answered when in 1955, the Peace Message, May Peace Prevail on Earth, came to him in a moment of great inspiration and deep prayer. Not long after Mr. Goi authored the Universal Peace Message in 1955, Peace Poles inscribed with the Peace Message began to appear in various locations across Japan initiating the start of The Peace Pole Project.



The Peace Pole Project was first introduced to the United States with the opening of The World Peace Prayer Society offices in San Francisco and New York in 1986, The International Year of Peace.

A PEACE POLE is a POSSIBILITY!

Would you like to see a little bit of Rotary represented in our area? Let's talk PEACE POLE.

We have a few opportunities to place our footprint around Waxhaw. We have a spot in Dogwood Park. We can explore downtown Waxhaw, the new park or town hall.

Would you be willing to contribute time, talent or treasure?

Please reach out to Wendi.
Thanks

Fundraising Moment



JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAXHAW WEDDINGTON'S

Wee Bit of Fun



Night!



Seats are limited!

Sales end March 7th!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH

6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM



AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
801 E SOUTH MAIN ST, WAXHAW



Early Bird Tickets: \$40

Save \$5 by purchasing before February 21st!

Tickets: \$45

Ticket includes 6 game cards.
Extra game cards, raffle tickets, and food can be purchased separately.

Hotdogs, popcorn, prizes, and more!



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www.zeffy.com/ticketing/rotary-bingo-march-12--2025

Your generous contribution will directly support our elementary school literacy projects.

Community Service Update



Common Heart Hunger Walk is Sunday, March 2nd.

Click the link to register for the WaxWed Rotary Team! Together, let's raise funds & awareness to end local hunger right here in Union County!

waxwedrotary.commonhearthungerwalk.org

Hybrid Meetings

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM](#)

HYBRID MEETINGS



THERE ARE 2 WAYS FOR YOU TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS EACH WEEK:

- VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM- Meeting ID: 788 2144 2471 Passcode 222910
- IN PERSON

WEDDINGTON SWIM & RACQUET CLUB:

4315 Weddington Matthews Rd, Weddington, NC 28104

THURSDAYS FROM 7:30-8:30 AM

Volunteers needed each week to:
Set up/tear down tables and chairs,
pick up breakfast, & deliver any leftover breakfast to Waxhaw Police Department.



Important Rotary Website Links



[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Club](#)

[Waxhaw Weddington Rotary Member Facebook Page](#)

[Rotary International](#)

[Dacdb](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)

[My Rotary](#)

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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](#) or [here](#)

To donate, <https://mycartfund.org/index.cfm>



When you want to send money to the Rotary for Dues, Donations or "Happy Dollars", please use zelle - rotarywaxwed@gmail.com.

