



# WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
CapeFearRotary.com

Thursday, November 11th, 2021

## Club Meeting

Wilmington Cape Fear  
Meets at Jungle Rapids  
5320 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

## THIS WEEK at ROTARY - VP/General Manager & News Director at WECT

By Constance H. Knox on Wednesday, November 10, 2021

## Club Leaders



Jane E. Morrow  
President



Jean M. Hall  
President - Elect



William E. Mitchell  
President - Nominee



Ann L. Willard  
Secretary



Mark Stanley Paradis  
Treasurer



Andy Constantine  
Aretakis  
Membership Chair



Gus A. Aretakis  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Doug Bevell  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair

Richard L. Mitchell  
Club Service Chair



### Mark Mendenhall Vice President/General Manager - WECT

A North Carolina native, Mark grew up in Siler City, and got his first taste of broadcasting when he worked as a news announcer at WKNC while attending NC State University. After graduating from NC State, he worked as a sales Account Executive at WLFL-TV in Raleigh, before moving to Wilmington in 2002.

Mark began working at WECT as an Account Executive in June of 2002, and quickly grew fond of the station's rich heritage. In 2005 he was promoted to National Sales Manager, and moved into the General Sales Manager role in 2008, where he led the station's revenue efforts for 10 years. During that time, Mark served on Raycom Media's Sales Advisory Board. In 2018, Mark was promoted to Vice President and General Manager of WECT.

Mark resides in Wilmington with his wife Beth, and their two children, Piper and Jack. He is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Wilmington, serves on the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Board of Directors, and is currently a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club.

### Brad Myers, News Director - WECT

Brad Myers started at WECT in 2016, working as the Executive Producer for Carolina in the Morning. About a year later, he was promoted to Executive Producer for all newscasts at WECT/WSFX. In May of 2019, Brad was promoted to News Director where he oversees all news operations.

Brad is originally from West Virginia but has been visiting the Cape Fear region his entire life. In fact, he and his wife, Rachael were married on North Topsail Beach in 2006.

Brad started out his television career at WSAZ in Huntington, WV nearly 20 years ago. While still attending classes at Marshall University, he worked his way up through many different positions at WSAZ including photographer, producer, reporter and anchor.

Brad has been through several management training programs including Raycom Leadership training and Leadership Wilmington (class of 2020). Brad and family love living in Wilmington and having the opportunity to showcase the stories of this area and the people who call it home.



**Zoom Link**



Brent Boswell  
Club Community  
Service Chair



Patrick J. Bradford  
iPast President  
Fund Raising Chair



Constance H. Knox  
Club Public Image  
Chair



J.E. Graham  
RAD Chair  
Club Director  
Rotaract Chair



Brandon W. Haines  
MBA, CFP  
Club Committee Chair  
Club Director



Colleen M. Hattingh  
Club Director



Peter B. Sweyer  
Club Director



Kathleen Yerkes  
Grants Committee  
Chair



Allen Quigley  
Area Governor



By Constance H. Knox on Wednesday, September 8, 2021



Cape Fear Rotary - Virtual Zoom Option  
07:30 AM Eastern Time

**Join Zoom**  
**Meeting**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85437003578>

**Passcode: universe**

One tap mobile  
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+16465588656,,85437003578# US (New York)

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+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

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### No Meeting on 11/19/21 - Social Instead

By Constance H. Knox on Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Please don't come to Jungle Rapids on Friday morning 11/19/21... if you do you will be by yourself.

Instead, make sure to attend the club social at Rick Mitchell's house. It's time to get together and have some fun!

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### Social at Rick Mitchell's House on Friday 11/19/21 - UPDATE!

By Constance H. Knox on Tuesday, November 9, 2021



**Rick Mitchell** has graciously volunteered to have a club social at his home on the evening of **November 19th** starting at **5:30 PM** at **1761 Kingslanding Road, Hampstead, NC 28443!**

There is **parking** in **Rick's driveway** and **across the street on a grass lot**. Kitty & Connie will be there to help direct parking, just look for us with flashlights. Please try not to run us over!

Beer and wine will be provided. BYOB for other spirits.

**PLEASE RSVP HERE by**

**11/15**, so Rick has an idea of how many are coming!

See you there!

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## Events

December 3rd  
**James Jarvis - American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Speaker:** James Jarvis - American Red Cross Blood Drive

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## Birthdays

Chris M. Nagle  
November 14th  
Robert W. Martenis  
December 3rd  
Douglas Hahn  
December 10th

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## Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin E. Edwards  
November 12th  
Kyle M Mitchell  
November 16th  
Sounia Nejad Chaney  
November 18th  
William Edwin Link Jr.  
November 28th  
Robert F. Whitehead  
November 29th

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## RSVP to the Greatest Rotary Club Christmas Party!

By Constance H. Knox on Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**WOO HOO - our Christmas Party is in person this year.**  
Are so ready to get back to some type of normalcy? Or course our Christmas Party is not just normal - it is top notch. We need your RSVP for our Annual Christmas Party and the number attending.

**Friday December 10th, 6:00 - 10:00 PM**  
**Cape Fear Country Club**

An email was sent Tuesday to everyone about signing up for the Christmas Party. Below is the link in case you missed that email. Please plan to attend this year and **RSVP by 12/3/21** to help us get an accurate headcount.



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### CLUB SERVICE...

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### Christmas Families is Happening This Year!

By Constance H. Knox on Tuesday, November 9, 2021

The annual Christmas Families Project is back on this year (as it had been before Covid) providing money to needy families who otherwise would not be able to provide gifts to their children.

Last year we gave away Target gift cards to families in need because of the pandemic. However, this year we're going back to meeting with the families in-person at **Target** on **December 8th, 2021**.

We need **6-7 volunteers** to work this event from **4:00 PM** until... we're done. Even if you can't make it at 4:00 PM, later is okay too, we'll likely be there for several hours into the evening.

If you have questions, please email [Ann Willard](#) or [Stan Paradis](#) with questions.



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### CLUB OPERATIONS...

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### We Need Speakers!

By Constance H. Knox on Saturday, October 23, 2021

#### JEAN NEEDS HELP WITH SPEAKERS!

We have a few dates this quarter that need to be filled and nothing booked after the first of the year.

Please take a moment to think about who you know that would be an interesting speaker. Reach out and see if they would be interested.

**Please provide Jean Hall the speakers contact information** so she can set a meeting date with your speaker.

Thanks in advance, for helping to make this club, the Greatest Rotary Club in the Universe!



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## Cape Fear Rotary Scholarship Changes

By Constance H. Knox on Tuesday, November 9, 2021

The Cape Fear Rotary Club's Board of Directors voted today to make a few changes to the way our scholarships will be given going forward.

This year our club will contribute to the Cape Fear Community College Endowment (previously established) adding \$10,000 as a one-time contribution to increase the base amount to approximately \$30,000 this year... with a goal of increasing the endowment to a minimum of \$50,000 in the future.

The interest earned on a \$50,000 endowment will support two student scholarships each year in perpetuity. Cape Fear Community College will oversee the scholarship endowment fund.

The Board feels it is important to continue to support students with scholarships as the cost of education continues to rise.



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## WE'RE THE FUN CLUB...

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### Swing and a Miss! The Queen is Still Hiding in There!

By Constance H. Knox on Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Two weeks in a row... we've missed in the attempt to find the Queen of Hearts. The pot is growing, the cards are reducing. Who will be the next winner? You need to be in it to win it! Thanks Andy for the photos!



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## Kids Make Us Smile

By Constance H. Knox on Monday, October 11, 2021

Thanks to Ann and Doug for their regular funnies contributions.





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