



DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - August 2021 August is Membership & New Club Development Month

A Message from Governor Ellen!

By Ellen Deaton

Events

September 4th Go Jump In The Lake 5K October 16th Rotary Passport 2021 REVERSE DRAWING

November 13th District 7730 DG Nominee Designate Interviews

November 17th District 7730 Foundation Banquet

December 4th Hayride with Santa

February 26th District 7730 Pre-PETS (President Elect-Training)

March 17th Carolinas PETS

March 26th Boys and Girls Home - Rotary Day

April 28th Morehead City Noon Golf

Tournament May 14th

Fore! Kids Golf Tournament -HOLD THE DATE! Speaker: Fore! Kids Golf Tournament

Club Anniversaries

Kinston August 1st

Morehead City Soundview



We had our first Training Seminar at the Mad Boar in Wallace on Saturday, August 7th. Once again, we were able to meet face to face. John Mohr and his Foundation Team trained on the many aspects related to our Foundation and the levels that are achievable from your donations. Allen Quigley finished the training with a discussion on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It was a very informative session. Thanks to all that took time to attend and participate in this very important training.

I am asking every Rotarian is to give at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation so that for the first time this District can be recognized a 100% Sustaining District and each member give \$50 to the Polio Plus Fund. We have only had 2 cases so far this year 1 in Pakistan and 1 in Afghanistan. We re so close let so make this happen!

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. This is certainly going to be a very different year from last year. I know many of you have helped out with

tutoring in these unusual circumstances. We definitely owe our teachers special recognition for all they have had to do during these unusual times.

I will start my club visits the week of August 22nd. The schedule is now posted. To view the DG visit go to District Tab, then the Calendar and put a check mark in DG Visits to see when I will be visiting your club. I am so excited to get started. Visiting the clubs is one of the best parts of my job.

We had a banner year in giving and set new records. Thank you for all you did to make this happen. Our District is only as strong as its members and we have an outstanding group of members in our clubs.

Your grants have been submitted and now comes the job of approving them. Your grants team will be diligently working on them.

We are in the mist of finalizing a special Foundation Dinner on November 17th at River Landing in Wallace. We are so excited and honored this year to have Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta as our guest speaker. Registration is now open for members of our District. It will open up to the other Districts in our area on September 15, 2021. <u>Click here to register.</u>

Let us all **\$**Serve to Change Lives. **\$** DG Ellen

District Governor Applications Now Available

By Jeff L. Mount on Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Southeastern NC is home to some of the longest serving Rotary Clubs in North Carolina. Comprised of 49 Rotary Clubs, 3 Rotaract Clubs and 26 Interact Clubs in 14 counties. With over 1800 Rotarians, we are known throughout the world as leaders who committed to their communities. One cannot go to any community in our area and not recognize the impact that Rotarians have made. The District Governor provides leadership, inspiration, and guidance to Rotary clubs under the general supervision of the Rotary International Board of Directors. In each jurisdiction or district, the Governor serves as the regional officer of Rotary, fostering success in their district at the club level.

As a District Governor in Rotary, you have proven strong leadership and decisionmaking skills. During your years in office leading to the Governor year and beyond,



District Leaders



Jeff L. Mount DG-Elect





clubs will look to you for leadership, support, and motivation as they carry out service projects and participate in Rotary programs.

What you do as a District Governor? Some duties include:

- Promote positive public image and serve as spokesperson for district.
- Strengthen clubs, organize new clubs, and grow membership.
- Encourage contributions and other support for The Rotary Foundation.
- Develop a safe environment for youth participants.
- Conduct district conference and other meetings.
- Supervise district nominations and elections.
- Prepare budget, provide annual report, and help administer District-Designated Funds.
- Complete online district qualification.
- Work with governor-elect and other district leaders.

The ideal leader in our District will:

- Have enthusiasm for Rotary, the Areas of Focus of Rotary, and the ethics of the 4-Way Test.
- Love speaking to inspire action through service to others.
- Have demonstrated leadership as a Rotarian.
- Demonstrate strong written and verbal communication skills and organizational skills.
- Be excited to work with leaders and volunteers from all over the world.
- Look to our future to ensure that Rotary in our District is sustainable past all of us.
- Be available to grow and learn as you serve in leadership guiding the district and ensuring continuity of Rotary as a Past District Governor.
- Have been a Rotarian for a minimum of 7 years prior to July 1, 2024 and have served as a Rotary Club President for at least one full Rotary year prior to July 1, 2024.
- Be a member in good standing of their Rotary Club as indicated by signatures on application.
- Have demonstrated the knowledge of, and have the ability to, fulfill the duties outlined in the RI Bylaws, Section 16.090.

Other guidance to fulfill the role can be found at <u>www.rotary.org</u> and in the application. Completed applications, including Club signatures, are due no later than Friday, October 1st. Interviews will be held Saturday, November 2nd beginning at 9am at the Mad Boar Restaurant in Wallace, NC. Qualified applicants will be notified of interview selection and time of their interview.

Have questions? Reach out to any Past District Governor or the current Governor line to learn more of the opportunity. All submission logistics questions should be directed to Lin Kelly at <u>lin@linkelly.com</u>

District Governor Application Form

Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute - RLI Sign-up for the 17 September sessions

By Steve Joseph Hellersperk on Tuesday, August 3, 2021



RLI I In Person D7730 event scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 in Jacksonville, NC CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Rotary Leadership - & Learning Institute



RLI Participant in action

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Membership Report for 2021 - 2022

By John R. Scibal

Here's membership through July 31 of this new Rotary year.

So how did YOUR club finish? Click below!









Sincerely, John Scibal District 7730 Membership Chair 252-349-4051

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Rotary and Change

By Magda G. Baggett on Friday, July 23, 2021 I am a shopper! My husband will confirm that.



While enjoying a newly arrived fashion catalogue, I noticed how different it was from the usual ones I used to receive from my favorite stores. The fashion inspirations were global Kamisees from India, Tunics from Afghanistan, espadrille shoes from Spain, Mandarin collars. No more shirtwaist dresses! Vibrant colors paired with more traditional neutrals making for a richer fashion experience.

So, what does all this fashion talk have to do with Rotary? Perhaps more than Rotarians realize. Our Rotary world is also changing to a richer, more varied one. I believe it was meant to be this way from its early times when it adopted The Four Way Test. RI�s recent statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion only

clarifies its spirit and meaning. We can continue to have our **\$**legacy**\$** clubs with their traditional programs but are challenged and better yet, encouraged, to accept some changes **\$** less costs, more hands-on projects, to reflect our diverse communities**\$** Maybe it will happen one step at a time, but all this will have an amazing effect on our membership, our club**\$** growth, and its vibrancy.

Our district has a newly chartered Rotaract Club � the Rotaract Club of Monarchs and Friends. It was founded by Methodist University graduates who were Rotaract members while students. Its charter members are now young professionals starting their careers all over the world, the US, China, Serbia, Italy, Costa Rica, Cambodia, Colombia. They had found a need to continue the community involvement and service they had experienced as university Rotaractors. They wanted to focus less on themselves and to help others. The Rotary Clubs they visited were not necessarily warmly welcoming of a younger generation. Some clubs were attached to their regular bingo games instead of accepting innovative ideas.

This small new club is made up of members ages 22 and up. No maximum age! Their backgrounds, careers, interest, religions, abilities, and colors are all different, but their mission and passion are the same- to do good wherever they are. We wish them success and growth and hope that we will learn from them to be accepting of differences while focusing on our REAL reason for being Rotarians.



Rotarian of the Year

Chris Stevenson was named Rotarian of the Year at our Annual Awards Ceremony on June 24, 2021. President Neil Firth presented Chris with the award mentioning a few of Chris' accomplishments throughout our "tough" year 2020-2021:

- Launched Club newsletter and mentored Candy to take the reins
- Leads trash pickup efforts along with Chris Camac
- Engaged new prospects for membership and as guest speakers
- As Foundation Chair he led us to 6 new club records for the Rotary Foundation and provided shirts, at his expense, to improve Rotary direct giving.
- Chris is invested, thinks outside the box and dedicates himself to helping our Club succeed
- CONGRATS!!!!!



Welcome Rotaract Club of Monarchs and Friends!

By Magda G. Baggett on Monday, August 9, 2021



Rotary Alumni for Club Growth

By Christian B. Felden



Finding and developing new members is always one of the greatest challenges in ensuring the continuing success and development of any club. At first glance, finding new members in changing times appears to add unique challenges that may seem insurmountable.

Yet, in these changing times, it still starts off by finding someone with the desire to serve others in their heart. For most, the next step is the introduction to the ideals of Rotary, followed soon thereafter by the introduction within your individual club to begin building relationships that will hopefully lead to full membership.

How do you find such a person? What if you could find someone you already knew had service in their heart? Not only that, this person was very familiar with the ideals of Rotary, and had already worked closely with your Rotary Club and Rotarians in the past.

Where might you find such a person?

The answer is Rotary alumni, those individuals who have participated with your Club in a Rotary related program in the past, or are former members of your Club, but are currently not Rotarians.

You already know them and they already know you. It s a great time to get reacquainted. So, give them a call, send them an email, invite them to participate in a meeting. Maybe even start a new type of virtual membership in your club to give them more membership options. They already have service in their hearts and just may be ready to work again with your Club in this time of need in our communities.

Chris Felden District 7730 Alumni Chair

Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members from July 1st to July 31, 2021

Member	Start Date	Club
Baker, Dennis	7/2/2021	Newport
Bello, Tony	7/15/2021	Swansboro
Blaney, Carole	7/20/2021	Lumberton
Compton, Barbara	7/8/2021	Pollocksville
Copeland, Tom	7/15/2021	Swansboro
Eschelbach, Kevn	7/2/2021	The Friendship Knot
Folger, Linda	7/15/2021	Swansboro
Galluzzo, Sharon	7/27/2021	Morehead City Noon
Grossmann, Larry	7/7/2021	Southport
Johnson, Jack	7/1/2021	New River
LaMantia, Stephanie	7/28/2021	Sneads Ferry Satellite
Locklear, Bobby	7/20/2021	Lumberton
Martorelli, Michael	7/21/2021	Coastal Pender
Podobnik, Alexandria	7/28/2021	Sneads Ferry Satellite
Smith, David	7/15/2021	Swansboro
Stamey, John	7/15/2021	Shallotte
Standridge, Brian	7/15/2021	Jacksonville
Stokley, Jamie	7/13/2021	Wilmington
Williams, Ava	7/14/2021	Maysville
Williamson, Freddie	7/20/2021	Lumberton

Boys and Girls Fundraiser!

By Vince Juric



Joe Nutz receives Plaque!

By Diane Carolyn Warrender on Monday, August 9, 2021

The Morehead City Rotary Noon Club presented a plaque to Joe Nutz who served as President for the 2020-21 year. Diane Warrender became President for the 2021-22 year. She was the first woman member of the noon club 23 years ago and has been part of the club since that time.

She is very proud to represent the members of her club and wants to branch out into new community projects this coming year.

The past 18 months have been a big challenge to all clubs, but they have been able to retain a good deal of their members and have added 10 new members in the past 3 months. Six of these members were from another club that was dissolved. Four members sought out the noon club to become Noon Rotarians.

Everyone faces new challenges with the Delta virus, but we hope to continue the good work in our community.



Coastal B.U.D.S. Buddy Walk - October 9th at 9:00 am

South Brunswick Islands member Gary Younts' grandson Oliver has a team called Oliver's Entourage in the Coastal BUDS Buddy Walk. Coastal BUDS raises awareness, supports, educates, and connects people with Down syndrome and their families in Southeastern North Carolina.

You can register and donate by clicking the link below.



If you join a team, consider joinging Oliver's Entourage!

1st-ever ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - Rotary Passport Reverse Drawing

By Suzy M. King

ROTARY CLUB OF DISTRICT 7730 PASSPORT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2021 REVERSE DRAWING

Ticket Donations \$100.00 per ticket

Get your ticket for a chance at the \$5000.00 GRAND PRIZE from any Rotary Club of District 7730 Passport Club Member. Tickets are available from July 1, 2021, to October 1, 2021.

Only **200 Tickets** will be sold. Ticket buyers and winner does not need to be present to win. Live Reverse Drawing will be held (in-person and virtually) on OCTOBER 16, 2021, from Stella, North Carolina.



All proceeds benefit the Rotary Passport Club 2021-22 Service Projects.

More information will be available soon on how to purchase your tickets online.

GO. BE. DO. ROTARY!

Living Shore Restoration Event

By Jeff L. Mount on Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Fort Caswell Beach is requesting volunteers on August 16th to place oyster shell bags and plant Spartina grass in our marsh at Fort Caswell. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Brittaney Pace at bpace@fortcaswell.com. Volunteers must be middle school age or older. We will be in the mud all day, so bring appropriate footwear. See below for why this is so important to our environment. For your GPS: 100 Caswell Beach Rd. Oak Island, NC 28465

Oysters are a bivalve shellfish that are often referred to as decosystem engineers because of their tendency to attach to hard substrate or other oyster shells to create large reefs made up of thousands of individual oysters. These reefs play an essential role in the nearshore coastal and estuarine environment, providing habitat for many other species including recreational and commercial fish, creating nursery habitat for fish and crabs, and providing small animals shelter from larger predators.

In addition to offering shelter and food to numerous coastal species, oyster reefs provide a number of benefits that promote healthy coastal environments. Oyster reefs buffer coasts from waves, reducing erosion and creating calmer waters that support the growth of coastal marshes and seagrass beds. Oysters are also extremely effective filter feeders, improving their surrounding water quality and clarity and further enhancing the health of the larger bay or estuarine systems in which they reside.

Oyster reefs serve as natural breakwaters \diamondsuit their physical structure absorbs the force of waves, creating calmer waters on the shoreline side of the reef and reducing the impacts of erosion. Studies from the Gulf of Mexico have found that oyster reefs are capable of reducing the energy of high-power waves by as much as 76 to 93 percent. The effectiveness of any single reef will depend on its size, orientation, and location. In northern latitudes, where reefs are entirely subtidal, their ability to reduce wave energy may be reduced.

In addition to directly reducing wave energy, oyster reefs play an important role in protecting and building coastal marshes and seagrass beds, which can in turn provide their own flood and erosion reduction benefits. Natural coastal protection is most effective when multiple habitat types can work in concert together to maximize the overall benefits to coastal communities.



Infant Car Seats & Cribs Needed

By Jennifer Hardee Vanasse on Tuesday, August 3, 2021



Samara's Village is currently out of infant car seats and cribs. They can only accept brand new car seats due to safety concerns, and cribs must be less than 10 years old and meet the following safety standards:

• no gaps larger than two fingers between the sides of the crib

and the mattresssides that do not drop down

all pieces are included

Samara's Village is located at 1450 -F Fifty Lakes Dr, Southport, North Carolina 28461 and is open from 10-1 on Wednesdays. Contact Samara's Village at 910-294-0292 to find out where to drop off items during the times when our resource center is closed.

Fair Bluff Rotary Club's 15th Annual Duck Race

By Brittany Moore



This year, the 15th Annual Fair Bluff Rotary Duck Race will be held on Saturday, August 14th at 2pm. The race is the signature fundraiser for The Rotary Club of Fair Bluff. The race will be held as part of the annual Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival.

The race can be viewed from the riverwalk of the Lumber River, adjacent to Riverside Drive in the Town of Fair Bluff. For those unable to attend the race in person, the race will be broadcast live online, and can be viewed at <u>facebook.com/fairbluffwatermelonfestival</u>.

Try your your luck on a duck! You could win a cash prize of up to \$1,000. Tickets cost \$10 each. Only 1,000 tickets will be available for sale. Buy multiple tickets and increase your odds of winning. Funds raised support our clubs community service projects. Here s what you could win:

1st prize: \$500 (doubled to \$1,000 if you are present at the race) 2nd prize: \$125 (doubled to \$250 if present)

All other tickets will be eligible for 3rd, 4th, & 5th place prize drawings.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting any member of The Rotary Club of Fair Bluff. Online ticket sales will go live on July 26 at <u>fairbluffrotary.org</u>.

Shallotte Welcomes Gov Ellen to Installation of Officers!

By Dianne W. Bennett on Monday, August 9, 2021

We can t start off our new Rotary year without sharing about our 2021 induction ceremony as we gathered in person with our community!



District Governor elect Ellen Deaton joined us as well as District Administrator Lin Kelly our District Communication Officer. Governor Ellen gave us the honor of inducting our 2021/2022 Club President <u>Dale</u> <u>Lepovetsky</u> and gave a beautiful send off to President <u>Kelli Pratt</u>. Kelli led our club with grace and fierce determination during the chaos of a pandemic that would have brought some to their knees. We appreciate Kelli s leadership, and we look forward to our year with Dale at the helm!

We would also like to welcome our newest member, John Staley. John was this month, and we are all

excited to have him in our family.

STARS Graduation

By Kathleen MacDonald on Monday, August 2, 2021

Vince Juric and I decided to take MEG's invitation to the STARS graduation ceremony. If your calendar is free next year, consider attending. It is a very moving ceremony and as Rotarians we should be proud to support such an impactful project.

STARS graduated 23 rising second and third grade students from the Union and Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary Schools. During the ceremony, the teachers told the audience something about each of the students. Without exception, the comments described the educational and social growth of each and every student. The first student sintroduction was particularly heartwarming. This young man proclaimed at the start of STARS that reading was his least favorite thing to do but by the end of the program he loved reading! The parent since comments from the post-program surveys indicated their children had gained so much confidence in themselves and their ability to read, an increased love of reading, and changes the family had made to support their child s reading at home such as dedicated reading space and time.

South Brunswick Islands Rotarians can be proud to be a part of STARS. Unfortunately, due to COVID, Rotarians were not able to volunteer this year, but our financial support made a difference. With club charity funds SBIR purchased **P**ig Life Journals and subscriptions to the magazine Highlights for each of the children.

The Journals provide a way for the children and families to continue to build on Growth Mindset activities they shared during STARS by journaling together. Children a sability to read is affected by so many factors outside of basic reading skills - this summer, Growth Mindset activities were added to the STARS program. Each morning the children all participated in a morning meeting which included a short video on one of the components that help develop a Growth Mindset which is often defined as **the belief that intelligence improves through study and practice**. Children with a growth mindset tend to see challenges as opportunities to grow because they understand that they can improve their abilities by pushing themselves. If something is hard, they understand it will push them to get better. Many of the daily take-home activities provided opportunities for families to learn about and practice these Growth Mindset activities.

If you or your children read the Highlights magazine, you know that these magazines are chock full of stories, crafts, puzzles, and games. For 60 years, Highlights magazine has been helping children grow by engaging and fostering joyful learning.

STARS serves students, recommend by the schools, that need literacy support during the summer to prevent summer slide in reading. Over the last eight years of data collection and analysis, children grow in some aspect of their reading. With the easing of COVID restrictions, class sizes have been increased from 6-7 per class, still maintaining masks, distancing, etc. Children receive very individualized attention which adds to their growth.





Students and proud families.

Rotarian Mary Ellen Good welcoming everyone to the ceremony. Notice the student backpacks containing their Big Life Journals and other school supplies.





A couple of students receiving their certificate of graduation.





Recognition of South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club.

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30th Annual King Mackerel Tournament.

By Scott Franko on Monday, August 9, 2021

It s TIME!

Join us August 20-21, 2021 for our 30th annual King Mackerel Tournament. This tournament is sanctioned by the Southern Kingfish Association. Register your boat now at <u>SFKMT.com</u>

Don t forget to join us Friday night for the fun! Our club is showing up big this year! The annual Captain s Dinner and classic Sneads Ferry Shrimp Feast starts Friday at 4pm.

At 6pm, the 3rd part of our 4 part FREE concert series - <u>Sundown in the Ferry</u> - begins at 126 Park Lane (at the <u>Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival</u> grounds) right around the corner from the marina. Stop by and enjoy live music by <u>The Phantom Playboys</u>, local vendors, a beer garden, and fun for the kids.

We re looking forward to seeing y all in the Ferry!

CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO!

Wilmington Club Blood Drives!

By Daniel W. Parks on Monday, August 9, 2021 Blood Donors!

- Final tally on the 7/28/2021 drive was 41 units collected, great work!
- Rotary clubs of Wilmington will be sponsoring a drive a month for the next year.

Next drive is 8/18/2021 at the Independence Mall in the JC Penny Building wing across from the American Outfitters.

• Hope to see you there.

Any questions or if you need help scheduling call my cell 207-692-7052 or e-mail me.

Thanks Dan Parks Wilmington East Rotary



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Rotaract Chair: Magda Baggett

For more information: Rotaract@rotary.org

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Chair: Phil Panzarella

Youth Exchange Chair: Jean Hall

Interested in getting involved?

- You can find our clubs in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties!
- In the meantime, you can view the following links:
 - Rotary International link provides information about the program at <u>https://www.rotary.org/en/youth-exchanges</u>
 - The Club Finder gives students and schools a way to find nearby Rotary clubs that might consider

- sponsoring them. <u>https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder</u>
 Essex (EasternStates Student Exchange) is the Rotary Group that our district does all our exchanges. Click Here
- Club Short Application http://www.directory-
- online.com/Rotary/Accounts/7730/Pages/PDF%20Documents//Club%20Short%20App2.pdf • Our Student Protection Officer - Looking for someone to volunteer for this positions
 - <u>Student Protection Policy</u>
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Rotary International Calendar

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