



DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER, 2020

December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

As We Close Out 2020.....

By Dawn W. Rochelle on Friday, December 4, 2020



It seems somewhat ironic that December is Disease Prevention month in this time of surge in the current pandemic. So many Rotarians responding locally and globally in prevention strategies and intervention strategies to eradicate this virus. As Rotarians, we know how to do this. It is part of the Rotary DNA. I remain inspired by all that I experience with each of you through social media, emails, texts and calls in how you are continuing to see opportunity and figure out how to meet the needs of our communities in Southeastern North Carolina.
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Events

October 15th

Shallotte Rotary - Las Vegas Car Raffle

November 26th

Wilmington West Run From the Relatives, A Virtual Road Race

December 8th

District 7730 ICA Committee Meeting

December 14th

District Zoom Meeting - Second Monday of Each Month

December 14th

DG-AG Leadership Zoom Meeting

December 17th

PASSPORT COOKERY - Live Cooking Class

Speaker: Jessica Bright McMullen, Owner and Chef KitchenAble Cooking Schools & Catering

Subject: Online Cooking Class with Top Chef Jessica Bright McMullen, Owner and Chef KitchenAble Cooking Schools & Catering

January 11th

District Zoom Meeting - Second Monday of Each Month

January 11th

DG-AG Leadership Zoom Meeting

January 12th

District 7730 ICA Committee Meeting

February 8th

District Zoom Meeting - Second Monday of Each Month

February 8th

DG-AG Leadership Zoom Meeting

February 9th

Wilmington Rotary Online fund-raising raffle

PETS and Pre-Pets Training

By Ellen Deaton on Monday, December 7, 2020

It is time to make preparations for the **President Elects** and **Area Governors** to register to attend PETS. This year will be very different than those in previous years. This class will be the first to be trained virtually. We are becoming trailblazers! PETS will be March 18, 19 and 20, 2021. The training will be from 3-6 pm each day. The cost is \$125 with an early registration discount of \$100. In order to take advantage of this discount you must register by January 20th.

All clubs should have a PE in place by now and entered in DACdb. If not please do so quickly. Your club will not be eligible for grant money next year unless you attend. If your President Elect cannot attend someone from your club must take their place. In mid-January you will start receiving material for your preparation to attend.

Final preparations are being completed for PRE-PETS. This will be held in January, 2021. This training will be conducted by Areas. You will hear more about this soon.

If you are having any issues entering information, please contact Lin Kelly and she can assist you.

I am excited to have you on my team and know we will have an outstanding year with your help!

Thank you for all you do to support Rotary.

Ellen Deaton
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Telling Our Story

By Robert F. Stinson

February 9th
[District 7730 ICA
Committee Meeting](#)

March 8th
[District Zoom Meeting -
Second Monday of Each
Month](#)

March 8th
[DG-AG Leadership Zoom
Meeting](#)

March 9th
[District 7730 ICA
Committee Meeting](#)

March 18th
[Carolinas PETS](#)

April 12th
[District Zoom Meeting -
Second Monday of Each
Month](#)

April 12th
[DG-AG Leadership Zoom
Meeting](#)

April 13th
[District 7730 ICA
Committee Meeting](#)

May 7th
[Golf Tournament - No
Meeting](#)

May 10th
[District Zoom Meeting -
Second Monday of Each
Month](#)

May 10th
[DG-AG Leadership Zoom
Meeting](#)

May 11th
[District 7730 ICA
Committee Meeting](#)

May 14th
[Presidential Conference
Series - Save the Date!](#)

June 8th
[District 7730 ICA
Committee Meeting](#)

Club Anniversaries

[South Brunswick Islands](#)
December 10th

[Whiteville](#)
December 12th

[Southport](#)
December 18th

District Leaders



[Dawn W. Rochelle](#)
District Governor



[Ellen Deaton](#)
DG-Elect

[Jeff L. Mount](#)
DG-Nominee



Several years ago Simon Sinek wrote a book entitled ***Start with Why.*** Every time I visit a town for the first time I look for the Rotary Wheel on the welcome sign. To me, as a Rotarian, it means that the town has a Rotary Club and it is making a contribution to making the community a better place. But why and how is it accomplishing that? We know what the fire department and police department does. We know what the scouts do. We know what the church does. You and I know what Rotary does, but do the others in the community know? That is what ***telling our story*** and ***Public Image*** does. Isn't worth telling?

This is designed by Rotary as a month to emphasis ***Diseases Prevention and Treatment Month.*** This is one of our seven key areas of focus. Internationally that effort has been instrumental in advances of the eradication of Polio. Without turning away from that priority, we must recognize the health crisis we face in our communities, the covid-19 virus. The good news is that multiple vaccines are now becoming available, but their full effect is in sight months away. This is not a political issue and Rotary is not a political organization. This a disease and healthcare issue.

As Rotarians, we need to be faithful to this month's area of focus. We need to follow the CDC guidance while helping to make sensible decisions in opening our schools and businesses. We need to exercise care in holding meetings, fund raisers and social events. Our SBI Club is selling Rotary masks to display our support and other Clubs are doing similar projects.

That is our ***Why*** and Rotary leadership is the story we tell.

DEI News!

By April A. Clark on Monday, December 7, 2020

Billboards are up! Be on the lookout for our ***Better Together*** billboards in the Wilmington, Fayetteville and Jacksonville areas. They are part of our strategy of awareness and action for Rotary and the DEI initiative.

The District 7730 DEI Task Force recently released a survey to all club presidents, presidents-elects, and president-nominees. Please take 5 minutes to respond to this important survey and help us build a more effective DEI program for our district.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

The District DEI Statement:
Rotary District 7730 values diversity and celebrates the contributions of all people. We are committed to reflecting the communities we serve by being inclusive of all cultures, experiences and identities. A first step to action is to officially adopt the Rotary International statement on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Realization of this statement in the district requires significant commitment, planning and execution.



District Alumni Report!

By Christian B. Felden

The best way to find information on alumni with a connection to our district is the District Alumni Report. You can help collect information to keep the report as updated and useful as possible. What's the best way to do this?

The answer is simple and easy: All alumni should create a My Rotary Account.

Remember that anyone can create an account on My Rotary. The best way we can collect information about our former and current program



Nancy S. Carr
DG-Nominee
Designate

participants is for them to create a My Rotary account and fill in the Programs section. The information alumni provide will be reflected in our district report.

As your alumni chair, I encourage you to speak to all Rotary program participants BEFORE they become alumni and encourage them to create My Rotary profiles while they are in their current programs. For example, many districts have found success carving out a time in their scholar or exchange orientations or in their RYLA to specifically sit participants in front of a computer to create My Rotary accounts.

Please encourage all alumni you encounter to create a My Rotary profile.

Chris Felden
District Alumni Chair



Membership Report for December- Damn Grinch has taken over Membership

By John R. Scibal



Where does your club stand? Here's our latest membership reports broken down by clubs and areas. Unfortunately 24 of 50 clubs have lost members this Rotary year, and 5 clubs have lost over 10%. All areas except Area 1 are in the membership red. And as much as I hate to say it, membership *always* takes a downturn in December as clubs remove inactive members from their rosters to reduce their dues.



Don't like what you see with your club? Give me, Dawn, Doug, or your AG and let's make a plan!



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

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This is NOT Your Father's Rotary Club

Is your Rotary Club's schedule not working for you anymore? Do you have a favorite charity, organization or cause that you wish your Club or District would work on?

Rotary is changing to meet the changing world. Some people don't want to meet every week for a sit-down meal. Consider starting a new Club, your imagination is the only limit. New Clubs are starting focused on issues like Literacy, Health, the Environment, Military members or Veterans etc. Satellite Clubs are being formed from an existing Club to meet at a different time and location.

I am leading a District Committee named Innovative Club Advocates. A small group of Club Leaders meet for an hour on Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 PM. Join our December 8th Meeting to hear ideas and be inspired as we develop new Rotary Clubs in Eastern North Carolina. Send me an email (douglas.e.wolfe@gmail.com) and I will send you the login details for our Meeting.



Help us remake Rotary to be relevant in 2021 and beyond. We need YOUR ideas.

Thank you
Doug Wolfe
IPDG

Feeding the Hungry -Telling our Story

By Laura Hagerman on Saturday, November 21, 2020

We know Rotarians are busy during this important work of feeding the communities we serve, we just need to "pat ourselves on the back" and report our good-doings! Please share the following information with your Club Presidents to churn up reporting efforts.

What is the Feed 10 Million Initiative?

Please watch the video!



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[Feed10Million Kickoff Video - YouTube](#)

www.youtube.com

Rotary International: Public Image:

Rotary: Zone 33:

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There are many ways clubs might participate in Feed10Million. We created this list to help remove the idea that this initiative is limited to large scale meal packing events such as Rise Against Hunger or Meals of Hope, though these are viable options as shown below.

Suggestions for Feed10Million service projects include, but are not limited to:

- Serve meals at a food kitchen
- Serve meals at a club/Area/District event

- Pack or deliver food at a food bank
- Pack or deliver food for a backpack program
- Pack or deliver food in concert with another organization
- Participate in a Rise Against Hunger, Meals of Hope, or other similar packing event
- Provide funds and/or labor, where appropriate, to collaborate with another organization
- Collaborate with local or regional food banks

What each club should do:

- Do what clubs do best - provide Service Above Self to our neighbors and the world.
- Provide a monthly report of number of meals served to the District Feed10Million Champion.
- Report service hours and financial progress through Rotary Club Central
- Engage club members and other community members/organizations to join in this initiative.
- Share Feed10Million photos and videos on Facebook, Instagram, and other social media outlets using the hashtag #Feed10Million.
- Share club successes on Rotary Showcase.
- Use our Feed10Million Initiative to Open Opportunities and bring attention to Rotary.

How does our Club report our feeding efforts?

Submit - rizoness33-34.org

www.rizoness33-34.org

In Rotary Club Central open to the Dashboard with a black bar down the left. From the black bar select Service Activities. Choose Add New Service Project or if you have entered this project last year, Repeat Past Service Project.

Want more information? Copy the link below in your browser:

<https://www.rizoness33-34.org/feed10million-initiative/>

Interested to see how we are doing with the challenge? Here is a real-time report:

<https://rotaryshares.org/feed10millionreport>

Laura Hagerman
District 7730 10 Million Meal Challenge Chair
Past President Maysville Rotary Club
laura.hagerman@uss.salvationarmy.org

District Grants - Did you start work on your Grants?

By Steve Joseph Hellersperk



December 4th is the deadline to start work on your District Grant. Now is the time to make it happen!

Your Grants are funded by your contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The more you give, the more funds are available to come back to you to make more things happen.

Presidents - now is the time to start working on your contributions for this Rotary year. Let's see if we can have every member be at least a Sustaining Member at \$100 per year. Only you can make it happen.

Bottom line -- Again, the more you give, the more you get back.

- Our next deadline is December 4, 2020 ♦ Date by which all Grant activity must be started. District will check the progress and projects should be cancelled if not started.
- Deadline for Project completion is March 31, 2021.

Thank you for participating in our District Grants Program. You are making it happen and that is what

we as Rotarians do!

Steve Hellersperk
D7730 District Grants Chair
252-725-7377

Rotary Learning Institute (RLI)

By Steve Joseph Hellersperk



Due to the Corona virus all of our in person 2020 events are cancelled. Looking forward to potentially start with events either in person or via remote means in 2021

Steve Hellersperk
D7730 RLI District Chair
252-725-7377

Part III Graduates showing you the way



RLI Graduates from Part III celebrate during the Graduation ceremony. Our District Governors support our events. Are you there?

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Officer Reminder!

This message was sent to all current and incoming Rotary club officers from Rotary International! Need Help - Contact Lin Kelly at lin@linkelly.com

Dear current and incoming Rotary club officers:

This is a friendly reminder to update your club membership and officer information in your local country or district database by 1 January 2021. We will use this information to generate your January 2021 club invoice.

It is important that your club's member information is up-to-date, because Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

As a current club officer, you can ensure that your club invoice will be correct by updating the information in your local database.

1. Your club has indicated that it is using a local country or district database connected to RI to manage membership. Please make all updates to membership in your local database.

2. Report all new or terminated members and 2020-21 club officers no later than 1 January 2021.

- ◆ Members with admission dates of 1 January 2021 or before will be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.
- ◆ Members with termination dates of 1 January 2021 or before will not be counted for the January 2021 club invoice.

If you are interested, you are able to see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into My Rotary.

Besides updating membership, any changes to subscriptions to Rotary (formerly The Rotarian [in English]) should be reported to data@rotary.org prior to 1 January 2021.

Boys and Girls Quick Facts - November 2020

By Vince Juric



Quick Fact Sheet

NOVEMBER 2020

MISSION STATEMENT:
Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., is dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of residential and community-based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual development.

QUICK STATS

TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chelan, Kwan's, Rotary and Optimist Cottages	16
TRANSITIONAL LIVING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lion and Jaycee Cottages	7
SOLOMON CENTER	7
FOSTER CARE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Foster Care• Therapeutic Foster Care	109
THE JANET MITCHELL WINSTEAD	34
LAKE HOUSE I & II	8
TOTAL	181
THOMAS ACADEMY (Includes residential and community students)	100
Adoptions in 2020	13

IN THE NEWS

The Duke Endowment provides grant to B&GH
The Duke Endowment has awarded a \$184,000 grant to support the Success Coach program at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.
<https://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/The-Duke-Endowment-provides-grant-to-B-GH>

Greater Spruce Pine Jaycee Challenge provides new van to B&GH
On October 17, a small group of Jaycees gathered for the presentation of the keys for a 12-passenger van to leaders of Boys and Girls Homes at Vann Underwood Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Whiteville.
<https://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/Greater-Spruce-Pine-Jaycee-Challenge-2020>

Bright Hope partnership coming to B&GH thanks to GCC Grant
Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, in partnership with Brunswick Christian Recovery Center, has received a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission to create Bright Hope, a no-fee, residential family-based treatment program.
<https://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/Bright-Hope-partnership>

Columbus County native named CFO at B&GH
Columbus County native Daniel M. Nolan was announced as the new Chief Financial Officer for Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina during the Board of Trustees meeting held Saturday, Oct. 24.
<https://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/Nolan-named-CFO>

For more news, visit
<http://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News>

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21 - 27 Thanksgiving Holiday	December 15 - 18 Thomas Academy High School Semester Ending 27 - 29 Christmas Holiday
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TRUSTEE STORIES

Ricky Benton II joins B&GH Board of Trustees
Cerro Gordo's Ricky Benton II became the newest member of the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina Board of Trustees during their quarterly meeting held virtually on Oct. 24.

"The Benton family has a long tradition of supporting the children and families served by Boys and Girls Homes," said President Ricky Creech. "With his great love of children, immense business knowledge, connections and passion for the work of B&GH, Ricky will contribute greatly to our efforts as we find new ways to provide an environment of care where health, healing and hope are experienced every day."

<https://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/News/Ricky-Benton-II-joins-Trustees>

Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members from November 1st thru November 30th

Member Name	Start Date	Club
Dedeo, Kelly	11/10/2020	Wilmington Central
Elks, Dale	11/10/2020	Morehead City Noon
Post, Charlotte	11/1/2020	Beaufort Ole Towne
Robbins, Kim	11/12/2020	Burgaw
Smith, Janet	11/12/2020	Burgaw
Steadman, Danny	11/1/2020	Lumberton

COVID19 Has not Stopped Burgaw!

By Ruth A. Glaser on Monday, December 7, 2020

Despite the fact that Covid-19 has changed our world, our President, Cathy Guidry, is finding creative ways to keep our club active and contributing to our local community! November's Service Project was a day spent at Camp Kirkwood doing a clean up. Camp Kirkwood is run by one of our Rotarians, Luke Dooley! He and his organization support our club in so many ways . . . serving as a location for many of our events. Pictured here are two of our newer Rotarians, Olivia Dawson and her children, and Lori McKoy!



Clinton-Sampson Rotarians Sponsor Downtown Christmas Tree

By Eileen A. Coite on Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Clinton-Sampson Rotarians sponsored and decorated a beautiful Christmas tree in downtown Clinton! Be sure to visit and see the beautiful trees during the holiday season. Our tree is located outside WCLN Radio on E. Main Street. Thank you to our Rotarians for creating such beautiful ornaments and decorating the tree!



First Annual Raffle



First Annual Golf Car Raffle

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS IN
OUR COMMUNITY AND ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL TO ACHIEVE WORLD
UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE THROUGH
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN,
EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS LIKE "END POLIO NOW!"

**Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary raffle tickets are
\$20 per entry**
**<https://beaufort-Rotary.rallyup.com/beaufort-rotary> or scan QR code or text golfcar to
855-202-2100 and enter to win!**



**Drawing date is
December 14 , 2020**

Golf Cart Sponsored by:


This raffle for Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary Club will support our local community by funding grants for nonprofits. Due to COVID-19, our annual road race that funded local grants was canceled. Rotary is committed to supporting programs that do great work and provide critical services, more important now

than ever, and your purchase will help us continue this tradition in Beaufort, Morehead, and Down East. Our club also supports Rotary International's mission of achieving world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs, including the global health campaign "End Polio Now!" <https://beaufort-rotary.rallup.com/beaufort-rotary/>

Fair Bluff Rotary Donates Coats to Boys and Girls Home

By Brittany Moore on Thursday, December 3, 2020

The Fair Bluff Rotary Club in Fair Bluff, NC is always trying to live out the Rotary motto **service above self.** In October, Fair Bluff Rotary donated 400 new, unused coats to the Boys and Girls Home in Lumberton, NC. The donation was made possible through the generosity of DSC Sales, a distributor of beach accessories and sun care products out of Myrtle Beach, SC. Woody Strickland, project chair, said the retail value of the coats was \$8,000. The coats will be given to the children in the home. Great job Fair Bluff Rotary Club!



Pictured above from left to right: Woody Strickland, Brittany Moore, Clarice Faison packing the coats to be given to the Boys and Girls Home.



Left to Right: Alaine Powell, Dr. Mason Fuller Smith (from the Boys and Girls Home), and Clarice Faison when Dr. Smith came to pick up the coats donated by the Fair Bluff Rotary Club.

14th Annual Fair Bluff Rotary Club Duck Race

By Brittany Moore

For the past 14 years, the Fair Bluff Rotary Club has held their annual fundraiser during the Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival. Due to COVID-19 and the festival being cancelled, Fair Bluff Rotary had to come up with a new way to have their annual fundraiser.

So, they decided to go virtual this year. In addition to print tickets, they also sold tickets online. On November 19, club members came together and had a duck race drawing. The ducks could not be put in the river due to hazardous river water levels. Two local town officials, Travis Causey (Fire Chief) & Ralph McKoy (Town Councilman), drew the winning ducks. The two lucky winners were: Brad Townsend (1st place \$1,000) and Paul Gerald (2nd place \$500).

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who donated. Jeff Prince (Club Treasurer) presents a check

to first place winner, Brad Townsend



Leland Rotarians Volunteer at Brunswick Family Assistance

By Candy Adams

Holiday elves aka Leland Rotarians helped Brunswick Family Assistance sort and pack Christmas boxes and bags for Families and Seniors for 3 days this week.



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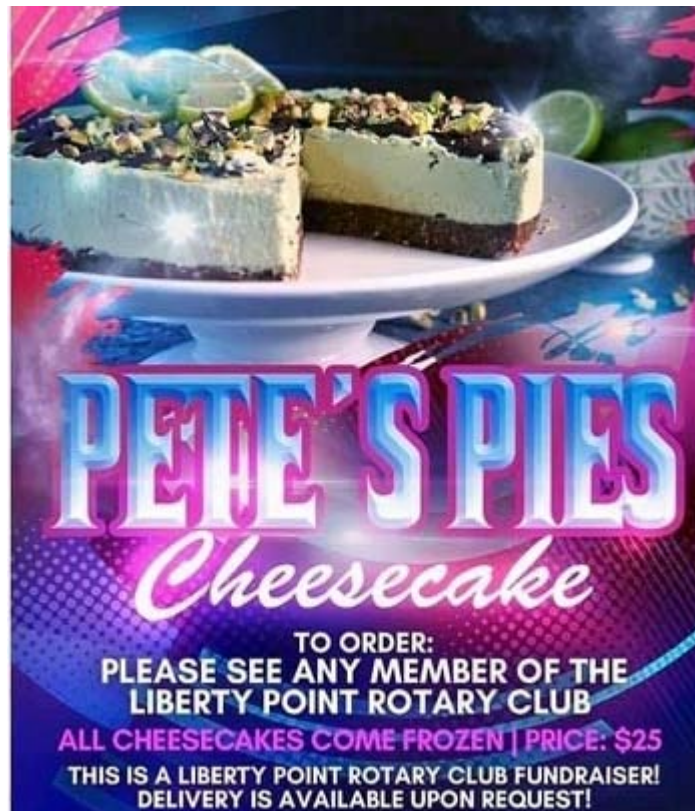
Liberty Pointe continues their yearly Traditions!

By Shadonna M. McPhaul on Monday, December 7, 2020

This year we be keeping up our ongoing traditions and community efforts to ensure ♦Every Child Deserves a Christmas♦ with On After Pub and Grub.



Pete's Cheesecakes are now on Sale! Connect with any member of our club to purchase 1, 2 or 25. Whatever you need we can accommodate! Each cheesecake is \$25.



Our annual Christmas Parade will look and feel a lot different this year, but nonetheless Santa is still coming to town Saturday, December 12th!



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

ShaDonna "Mo" McPhaul

Morehead City Dental Event on Ocracoke Island

By Stephen M. Smith on Monday, December 7, 2020

Pictures of dental event on Ocracoke Island Nov 18,19,20. The Rotary Club of Morehead City and District 7730 sponsored a dental clinic on Ocracoke Island in November by renting the dental clinic from Baptist on Mission.

They provide 2 staffers to run the sterilizer, drive to location, set up and break down of clinic. The doctors were Stephen Smith DDS[Morehead City Rotary], Jim Hoke DDS[SW Durham Rotary], Dr Joe Laehy. we had 5 assistants participate at various times during the clinic. Holly Willis from MHC participated as the Hygienist on Friday. Judith Wheeler participated as coordinator for the island.

69 patients were seen in the 3 days. procedures performed on patients included cleanings, fillings, extractions, examinations and Xrays.

We hope to return in February. Thanks to the Anchorage Inn and Marina for comping our rooms.



New River Rotary Club Blood Drive

By John M. Potter

The New River Rotary Club will be sponsoring a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Monday January 4th 2021 at Sturgeon City, 50 Court Street in Jacksonville.

The blood drive will run from 10:00AM ♦ 2:00PM and you can sign up online at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results...>

You can also call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your time slot.

The Red Cross blood supply comes from caring donors like you. It takes about one hour of your time. When you give blood, it gives someone another smile, another hug, another chance. It is the gift of life.



Dictionary in the Schools Day with Newport Rotary

By Anita K. Moreau



Newport Rotarians brave COVID-19 restrictions to give out free dictionaries in two local elementary schools.

Thursday, November 12, 2020 was a busy day for some Newport Rotarians (Tammy Blizzard, Anita and Rick Moreau, Julia Saikali). It was dictionary day ♦ and this year was a bit different. We missed out on delivering dictionaries because of the school shutdown earlier this year due to the COVID-19 virus. SO ♦ on Thursday we delivered dictionaries to last years 3rd graders (now in the 4th grade) and this year ♦s 3rd grade students. The school administrators were amazingly helpful, even with all the regulations they must abide by. Newport Elementary teachers and office staff met us as the door with carts to transport the large boxes of books ♦ and allowed one of the 4th grade students (with parental permission) to act as a representative for all the students. Shelby Dixon ♦ braved the rain, wet weather to shake hands with Rotarians Tammy Blizzard and Rick Moreau, and receive the first dictionary. Perhaps next year we can meet up with the students inside and tell them all about Rotary.

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SBI Blood Drive - Give the Gift of Life!

By Michael Hebert

Mike Hebert is leading our second blood drive.

What better gift can you give at this time of year. Your donation of one pint of blood has the potential of saving up to three lives. The Blood drive will be on January 7th 2021 from 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm at Beulah Baptist Church - 670 Hickman Road NW, Calabash, NC 28467.

Please sign up as soon as possible so you get the appointment time you need. This Blood drive is dedicated to my niece Danette. Please read her story below.



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TO GIVE BLOOD](#)
[Read More](#)

SBI Rotary Three Bridge Tour raises \$9,000 to support children!

By Kathleen MacDonald

South Brunswick Islands, North Carolina, November 29, 2020 ♦ More than 130 cyclists attended the South Brunswick Islands Rotary ♦s Bridge Tour. SBI Rotary ♦s focus is the education and welfare of Brunswick County children and supports a wide range of local and international efforts.

The second annual Three Bridge Tour was a rousing success. Tour organizer TJ Spivey remarked that the event double the number of participants and at this rate, will soon rival the Appalachian Mountain tours. Cyclists from Greensboro, Raleigh, Greenville SC came to our beaches to enjoy a challenging flat-land ride as well as the other views from atop our bridges.

Start of the Race



Crossing Holden Beach Bridge



Socially Distanced Rest Stop



On the Road



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Shallotte Rotary's Las Vegas Car Raffle

By Dianne W. Bennett



Rotary Club of Shallotte replaces 2021 Las Vegas Night with car raffle

The Rotary Club of Shallotte's annual Las Vegas Night each January might be the most-fun night of the year in the area, and the club has raised nearly \$1 million for community groups over the past 15 years.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced cancellation of the event for 2021, but the club has replaced it with a car raffle with a January drawing that will award a 2020 Chevrolet Spark purchased from event sponsor Ocean City Chevrolet in Shallotte.

◆The pandemic has curtailed community events, but it certainly hasn't curtailed community needs,◆ said Kelli Pratt, president of the club. ◆If anything, the needs have grown. We felt it was super-important to do something to replace the funds that would be lost without our annual event.

◆People who participate by purchasing tickets or sponsoring the raffle will support programs that truly make a difference for people in Shallotte and Brunswick County,◆ she added. ◆Rotary has an outstanding reputation. You can be confident your dollars will go to organizations and programs that really help local people in need.◆

Las Vegas Night proceeds are distributed annually to local schools and community groups with an emphasis on underprivileged and underserved youth in Shallotte and Brunswick County. Some of the club's more visible recent projects include the new Little Library at Mulberry Park, the Shallotte Gazebo and the sun shade at Union Elementary School.

Raffle tickets are available from Shallotte Rotary Club members at a cost of \$25 for a single ticket, \$50 for three and \$100 for eight. There also are significant sponsorship opportunities that include 40 or more tickets.

Raffle tickets are available online at the club's Web page, [Rotary Club of Shallotte](https://www.rotaryclubofshallotte.com). After you purchase at the secure online site, your tickets will be distributed to you. Raffle tickets also are available by calling 910-755-7557. For sponsorship inquiries, contact Doug Terhune at 910-755-7557.

Southport Evening Club's Virtual Silent Auction

By Angela M. Kaminsky on Monday, November 23, 2020

We are holding a Virtual Silent Auction December 3 - 10th. Click on the link below to access the site. Participants are all local area vendors, let's support our local shops this holiday season !

<https://www.32auctions.com/RotaryHoliday>



2020 Books for Christmas!

Rotary Club gives a book to each 6th grade student at South Brunswick Middle School as a Christmas gift.

The Southport Evening Rotary Club, through its' "Building Better Futures" campaign, will be delivering books to all 6th-grade students at South Brunswick Middle School. This is the 4th year we have donated books to



the students through our literacy program. It is amazing to see our youth get so excited about books! [Read More](#)

Porches South Brunswick

By Angela M. Kaminsky

PORCHES - In 2010, Christine Cotton, Debbie Horwitz, and Susan Romaine came up with a simple idea to help neighbors without enough food to eat.



Mary Beth and Kate Livers set up "Porches South Brunswick"

The goal is to set up once a month:

1. collections from neighborhoods Southport, OKI, St James, BSL
2. in every participating neighborhood-each community neighbors (6 houses or 60) put out their backs of donations on their porches
3. volunteer neighborhood community coordinators each pick up from their designated community
(Kate is already reaching out w/feelers to various folks-if any Rotarians are interested in taking on this role for their neighborhood-let us know)
4. and they deliver donations to
 - o sorting space (volunteers sort & deliver to pantry)
 - o to intermediate group such as No Hungry Child
 - o directly to pantry organization (Food Pantry in BSL, Matthew's Ministry, Meals on Wheels etc)

If anyone from Rotary is interested in working with us- being on this founding committee- we do not want to supplant any existing great programs, but see this as a way to pool our resources, work with existing food groups/agencies in an ongoing organized way- helping all our neighbors to share the gift of food year round.

<https://porchcommunities.org/>

Wilmington Rotary Annual Fundraiser Raffle - February 9, 2021

By Robby Collins

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

15 CHANCES



WILMINGTON ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE

TICKETS TO BE SOLD AS FOLLOWS:

\$100 PURCHASES 1 TICKET
\$300 PURCHASES 4 TICKETS
\$500 PURCHASES 7 TICKETS
\$1000 PURCHASES 15 TICKETS
\$2500 PURCHASES 40 TICKETS

DRAWING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
LIVE DRAWING AT OUR WEEKLY ZOOM MEETING



DRAWING ORDER

FIRST: Nothing Bundt Cakes and Slice of Life (2 large pizzas, a 10" bundt cake decorated for the occasion, 1 dozen assorted bundtins with toppers and a small bouquet of coordinating balloons). **Value: \$150**

SECOND: Champagne Basket (Champagne, chocolates, champagne flutes, Tiffany sterling silver key chain), champagne cork/keeper). **Value: \$225**

THIRD: Beau Rivage golf for four. Greens fees and cart fees included. **Value: \$246**

FOURTH: paws4people Puppy Party + \$50 Target gift card. (p4p Assistance Dog in Training appearance for your personal event! Puppies can be available for birthday parties, grand openings, special events and more. Party must be in Greater Wilmington, NC area. The staff will bring the puppies to you for an hour and a half engagement. **Value: \$300**

FIFTH: Wine Basket from the WineStore in the Forum. **Value: \$500**

SIXTH: Dumay Gorham creation. **Value: \$550**

SEVENTH: Ladies Peridot ring with diamond accents. **Value: \$625**

EIGHTH: **\$750 check**

NINTH: White gold and yellow gold fashion ring with leaves. **Value: \$850**

TENTH: Hawaiian jeweler Kahala. 14K NaHoku Plumeria Collection earrings and pendant. **Value: \$1250**

ELEVENTH: Galt Gold & Platinum Band. **Value: \$1250**

TWELFTH: **\$1500 check**

THIRTEENTH: **\$2500 check**

FOURTEENTH: Nissan Altima from Capital Nissan. 2020 Nissan Altima for 1 year (or 10K miles) in Greater Wilmington area only. **\$4000 value**

FIFTEENTH: Diamond ring and bands: One 18K yellow gold cathedral style setting with one emerald cut diamond (vs1, E color, 1.01 Ct weight) enclosed in a tall platinum head AND 2 Galt 18K gold bands. **Value: \$11,500**



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Wilmington Central Rotary Paul Harris Fellows

By Sue Rachunok

To recognize those Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus or Humanitarian Grant programs that sustain and advance The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian, educational and cultural programs.

A pin and medallion were designed as a means to express appreciation to these generous donors. Wilmington Central Rotarians are recognized at a Rotary meeting and pinning ceremony.

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Wilmington Central Rotary Donates 12 Little Free Libraries

By Sue Rachunok on Tuesday, September 29, 2020



The [Wilmington Central Rotary](#) September project was assembling and delivering 12 little free libraries to the community. [Read More](#)



Wilmington Central Rotary 2020 Miracles of Rotary

By Sue Rachunok on Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Miracles of Rotary Lock Up December 18, 2020

The Wilmington Central Rotary is holding the annual Miracles of Rotary to help raise \$15,000. for 3 causes.

Rotarians and local dignitaries ask for donations to avoid being 'locked-up'.

You can go to www.wilmingtoncentralrotary.org to donate. [Read More](#)



Wilmington Central Rotary Tribute to Veterans

By Sue Rachunok on Tuesday, December 1, 2020



Wilmington Central Rotary Honors Veterans [Read More](#)

Youth Services

Click on the chair name to email them.

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- 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 <https://www.rotary.org/en/youth-exchanges>
 - The Club Finder gives students and schools a way to find nearby Rotary clubs that might consider sponsoring them. <https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>
 - Essex (Eastern States 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
 - [Student Protection Policy](#)
 - [Student Protection Policy Brochure](#)



Rotary International Calendar



Calendar

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find [award](#) nomination due dates and [convention](#) and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

See a complete list of [United Nations observances](#), including international days, weeks, and years.

See the [Board and Trustees meeting dates](#).

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