

# Rotary



## District 7730

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## DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER, 2021

### November is Foundation Month

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### A Message from Governor Ellen!

December is Rotary International family month with a focus on disease prevention and treatment. Please consider bringing together the families this Christmas which includes our Rotary family also. Make sure to include spouses, mothers, fathers, children and grandparents to your events during our Rotary December. We have been apart for far too long. It is time to bring the family back together. Also please remember the families of past Rotarians. Invite them to your club socials and meetings this month, show them that you still care. No matter what finds itself on the list of things to do this month, remember **Family First.**

A few highlights for January, 2022. We will be having RYLA at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, where we honor our young leaders and help train them to be a be stronger leaders in the future. Phil Panzarella, District RYLA Chair, has planned a host of activities to empower and inspire our future leaders. The dates will be January 28-30, 2022. If your RYLA Chair has not yet received the registration information from Lin Kelly, please contact her. The slots will fill quickly as we only have 70 slots available this year.

February starts off with pre-PETS training for our incoming Club Presidents and Rotary Day at the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw on Feb 9th. March brings PETS training for our PEs, club president nominees and assistant governors. RAD (Rotarians against Drugs) speech contest in mid-March.

I know many of you were disappointed due to Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta being unable to attend our Foundation Banquet. **Great news** President Shekhar will be here in January. We will hold our Foundation Banquet on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. It will still be held at River Landing Golf Course in Wallace, NC. If you were unable to attend in November, we have a few seats available. You can sign-up on DACdb. This is certainly an honor for the sitting RI President to visit our District.

The 20,000 meals that were packed have now been shipped to Haiti. Due to its success, we are having another **Rise Against Hunger** event on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Elizabethtown from 2-4 pm. It is being held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 901 W Broad St. These meals are also scheduled to go to Haiti.

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.

Thanks to each of you for all you do for Rotary!

Let us all **Serve to Change Lives.**

DG Ellen

### November is Foundation Month!

November is Rotary Foundation Month, which brings many opportunities for our clubs and Rotarians to promote and show their support for our Rotary Foundation. Last year, the Rotary Foundation helped fund 2,066 global grants and 467 district grants all over the world. To keep up with demand, it's more important than ever to celebrate and support our Foundation. This month is a good time for your club to contribute to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund which funds our matching district grants throughout our District 7730. Don't forget PolioPlus contributions either so we can finish our goal of eliminating this terrible disease

January 18th  
[Innovative Clubs Advocates Team Meeting, District 7730](#)

January 18th  
[Wilmington East Moldovan Wine and Food Tasting Event](#)

January 28th  
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April 1st  
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April 19th  
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April 28th  
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May 14th  
[Fore! Kids Golf Tournament - HOLD THE DATE!](#)  
Speaker: Fore! Kids Golf Tournament

May 17th  
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June 21st  
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**Club Anniversaries**

[Richlands](#)

from our world. Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9% since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion in the effort. Over 430 million children in total have been vaccinated in 39 countries.

Club Presidents, plan a Foundation Program this month to encourage your members to become Sustaining Members (\$100) or EREY, Every Rotarian Every Year (\$25 minimum). Keep our Rotary Foundation ♦Top of Mind♦ and promote its importance to your members. My last ask from Club Presidents and Treasurers is please make sure your club makes at least an initial contribution to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus before November 30.

Our District Goal is to have zero non-giving clubs to each fund by that date. Currently, we still have 9 clubs that have not contributed anything to the Annual Fund and 28 clubs that have not contributed to Polio as of today. Please review your status.

Remember to sign up for our District's Rotary Foundation Dinner at the River Landing Country Club in Wallace on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Rotary International President, Shekar Mehta, will be our keynote speaker and special guest. This is a special honor for our district that you will not want to miss. You can sign up now on the district calendar on [dacdb](#).

Thanks for all you do for Rotary,

John  
John Mohr  
District 7730  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
910-209-2864



## DEI Taskforce Grants Committee Announcement!

By April Clark

Greetings,

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce Grants Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2021-22 DEI grants. Thank you to all the clubs that support DEI values and demonstrate the willingness to drive awareness and *celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.* Congratulations to the following clubs:

**Wilmington Rotary Club-Wilmington Creekwood Green Garden Project ♦ Matching Amount: \$2,000**  
Partnering with the Ability Garden, part of the New Hanover County Arboretum, WRC has worked with Creekwood youth for eight years in various school settings. One goal of this project is to continue to work with the youth we encounter at school in their own neighborhood. In addition, the Wilmington Rotary Club have supported gardening efforts of two Creekwood families over the past two years, as the residents' gardens have developed, their neighbors have taken notice and expressed interest in gardening. One resident we work with has completed culinary school and is interested in providing cooking classes, using the produce from her garden. With this project we want to support and expand these efforts. While the primary goal of the gardens will be to produce food, WRC wants to use these gardens to create a sense of place and belonging for Creekwood. This is a community that has seen much violence in recent years. Residents are distrustful of each other and of the larger Wilmington community. The gardens will give them a positive place to interact with their neighbors and create spaces they can be proud to share with those outside their neighborhood. Creekwood has watched as resources have poured into other neighborhoods and have felt forgotten. This project will engage, educate, and support the residents as they work for their own change in environment

**Coastal Pender Rotary Club- Matching Amount: \$1,350**

Partnering with The Girl Scouts of Pender County and Roots of Recovery-this program is to assist Rotarians and Roots of Recovery staff in providing community education and in- services to the criminal justice courts in Pender County and Onslow County, and the Department of Social Services in Pender and Onslow counties working alongside of local attorneys and probation departments. Funding will also be used to create educational materials, create online training and workshops with the expectation that the Roots of Recovery program can be replicated by other programs.

November 1st

Elizabethtown  
November 5th

New River (Onslow  
County)  
November 30th

Funding is required to cover the costs of material and supplies for Community Service Program members while completing work assignments on site. The goal is to lower recidivism rates in this community.

#### **Maysville Rotary Club- Matching Amount \$500**

Youth DEI Movie Nights- Free family movie nights hosted by the Maysville Rotary Club will provide an opportunity to build and strengthen community relationships. Funds will be used to purchase screen and projector. The movies selected will highlight diversity, equity and inclusion. Maysville Rotary Club will also provide free books to low income children contributes to equity in their educational journeys.

## **District Leaders**



Ellen  
Deaton  
District  
Governor



Jeff L.  
Mount  
DG-Elect



Nancy S.  
Carr  
DG-  
Nominee

#### **Fayetteville Rotary Club- Matching Amount \$500**

The Fayetteville Club will partner with the Autism Society and Rotaractors. Grant funds will be used to purchase classroom supplies and equipment for the Autistic Community. Rotarians and Rotaractors will participate in outdoor activities with the community. The goal of the club's involvement is to help to drive awareness and educate to the community at large. Additionally, funds will be used to help provide tools and resources for families and caregivers living and supporting people with autism.

#### **South Brunswick Island Rotary Club ♦ Matching Amount \$500**

Provide beach walker for Sunset Beach Community. This walker will support individuals with walking disabilities. Partnership with Sunset Beach City Hall who will be responsible for all additional costs of maintenance and repairs if and when required. Additionally, Rotarians will be involved in setting up the initial scheduling of the chair.

#### **Southport Rotary Club-Grant Award \$150.00**

Southport Rotary Club is seeking funding for an inaugural DEI film festival contest, featuring three different student age groups, answering the question, ♦ *What would you do to improve services here in the County* ♦ *to make it better for everyone?* ♦ The community would get to hear the youth's thoughts on DEI issues in their communities. The District DEI taskforce was not able to match their request, but supports their effort to engage, educate and drive awareness of DEI values to their community.

The DEI Taskforce is committed to embody, strengthen and support the values outlined in the Rotary International DEI Statement:

*At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.*

*We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.*

*Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.*

*We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.*

*In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.*

*We look forward to seeing these projects come to life and the difference they will make in the communities they are enacted. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to the DEI committee at [DEITaskForce@groups.outlook.com](mailto:DEITaskForce@groups.outlook.com)*

## **Membership Report for November 2021**



Here's membership through October. Areas 3, 4 and 9 show a loss. Unfortunately we will probably see a dip in December due to clubs purging their rosters. Congratulations to Areas 2 and 5 with percentage growth of +4.0%! And Maysville continues to kill it with 35% growth!!

So how did YOUR club finish? Click below!



Remember, the best way to grow your club is inviting prospects to a Discover Rotary Hour to learn more about your club. Give me, Ellen, Doug, or your AG and let's make a plan!



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

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## Is your club ready for a Leadership Dialogue Session

By Joseph C. Stevenson




### Is your club ready for a Leadership Dialogue?

A group of District 7730 Rotarians and Community members recently attended an intense, day-long session, to become certified in conducting *Leadership Dialogues*. The session was facilitated by two Rotary Peace Fellows, Linda Low and Moh Eid.

What's a *Leadership Dialogue* you ask? It's an opportunity for your members to have open dialogue on substantive issues. In a controlled and facilitated session (2 hours to 1 day) we engage in meaningful



conversations and topics by sharing personal stories, family traditions, community culture, and job experiences, as a way to see commonality and to ultimately find avenues of growth for our clubs as well a chance to build a stronger community.

The following District Rotarians are now certified as Leadership  Dialogue  facilitators. You re encouraged to reach out to any of them for a deeper understanding of how a *Leadership Dialogue* session could help your club as well as your community.

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## Register Now - District Foundation Banquet - Meet our Rotary International President!



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Still some space available! [Read More](#)

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## Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute - RLI

Expand your Rotary IQ  
Only you can make it happen!  
Rotary Leadership -  Learning  Institute



Virtual via Zoom



In Person Group Session

RLI Participants in action

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## Rise Against Hunger - November 21, 2021

We are holding our second Rise Against Hunger event in Elizabethtown on November 21st from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at:

Trinity UMC  
901 W Broad Street  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

You can either click the RSVP link below to let us know you will be participating or you can register directly with the Rise Against Hunger's link below. Southport was a great success and we know this event will wonderful!

[RSVP](#) - **District 7730 Rise Against Hunger Event in Elizabethtown! - 21-Nov-21**

Note: you do not have to be logged in to submit the RSVP.

[RISE AGAINST HUNGER LINK](#)

Thanks,

Lin Kelly  
District Executive Secretary

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## Has Your Club Started Work on your District Grant?

### DISTRICT GRANTS



Has your Club started work on your District Grant yet? Time s a-wasting!

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# Native American Heritage Month

By Joseph C. Stevenson

## Native American Heritage Month



## NOVEMBER IS Native American Heritage Month

Paying tribute to the rich  
ancestry, history and  
traditions of Native  
Americans.

November is Native American Heritage Month. November is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. It is also an opportune time to educate the public about Native history, to raise awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Native American children were taken from their parents and sent to boarding schools. The impact of young Native children taken to boarding schools generations earlier is still influencing Native American communities' today. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, first Native American appointed to the position, established the Federal Indian Board School Initiative after the June 2021 discovery of 215 graves of Native children at a boarding school. This initiative's purpose is to investigate and shed light on this dark era of cultural genocide at boarding schools.

Native American parents view boarding schools as a destruction of Native culture, objecting to the specific aspects of the education system, manner of discipline and the children's health. Resentment of the boarding schools was most severe because it broke the sacred and fundamental ties of the parent-child bond. It wasn't until 1978 with the passing of the Indian Child Welfare Act that Native American parents gained the legal right to deny their child's placement in off reservation schools.

On Thursday, Sept. 30, a day when Indigenous peoples across North America commemorated multiple generations of stolen children, the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States Act was introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren in the Senate, with a House version of the bill introduced by the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Native American Caucus, Rep. Sharice Davids and Rep. Tom Cole. This bill would establish a formal commission to investigate, document, and acknowledge past injustices of the federal government's Indian Boarding School policies. This includes attempts to terminate Native cultures, religions, and languages; assimilation practices; and human rights violations. The commission would also develop recommendations for Congress to aid in healing of the historical and intergenerational trauma passed down in Native families and communities. It would also provide a forum for victims to speak about personal experiences tied to these human rights violations.

The DEI team encourages you to read up on Native American boarding school history and share any learning points.



## Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members from October 1 to October 31, 2021

Member	Start Date	Club
Booream, Kent	10/30/2021	Shallotte
Broughton, Mary Ann	10/5/2021	Wilmington
Cushing, Doug	10/20/2021	Leland
DiGusto, Louis	10/12/2021	Wilmington
DiGuiseppe, Raymond	10/12/2021	Southport Evening
Fritz, Alexa	10/6/2021	Coastal Pender
Harrell, Brandy	10/5/2021	Kinston
Jones, Christopher	10/12/2021	Southport Evenint
Kearns, Kevin	10/27/2021	Sneeds Ferry
Little, Chuck	10/5/2021	Kevin
McCall, Carol	10/12/2021	Laurinburg
McKenzie-Tervo, Barbara	10/15/2021	Beaufort-Ole Towne
Nugent, Nancy	10/5/2021	Coastal Pender
Paschal, Don	10/19/2021	Richlands
Paschal, Dorothy	10/19/2021	Richlands
Piggott-Harding, Fran	10/5/2021	Beaufort-Ole Towne
Porter, Sean	10/5/2021	Fairmont
Roddy, John	10/7/2021	Liberty Point
Roddy, Kate	10/7/2021	Liberty Point
Rothschild, Lloyd	10/12/2021	Wilmington
Spell, Raymond	10/13/2021	Wallace
Steele, Walter	10/28/2021	Morehead City
Stevenson, Chris	10/26/2021	Maysville
Taylor, Mary	10/7/2021	Liberty Point
Thayer, Kathy	10/2/2021	Morehead City
Thomas, Davonna	10/27/2021	Sneads Ferry
Thurston, Rebekah	10/5/2021	Wilmington Central
Versaggi, Brookes	10/29/2021	South Brunswick Islands
Williams, Susan	10/1/2021	Wilmington Central

## First Annual Rotary Passport Reverse Drawing Raises \$11,800.00

By Suzy M. King





Congratulations to Club Leaders, Members, and Donors for your commitment, accountability, and ongoing support; and for creating significant value for this fundraiser's first year and setting a foundation for continued success!

We awarded a total of \$5000.00 prize winnings in a final split draw awarded to Richard Creech and Doug and Lisa Davis! Congratulations and THANK YOU for your support!

The remaining funds of \$6,800.00 are proposed to be distributed in Rotary Year 2021-22 to five key club programs that impact the Rotary International's Areas of Rotary Focus:

- International Project Committee - Honduras International Grant Program
- Hunger Committee - Backpack Friends Program
- American Red Cross - Blood Program
- Burgaw Police Department - Children's Program
- RYLA Committee - RYLA Student Scholarships

Nothing but GRATITUDE and APPRECIATION for all the engagement of our Club Members, family, friends, numerous companies, and supporters of Rotary who helped to make this first year a success!

With this fundraiser launch, we look forward to making an impact with the funds raised this year, and to creating value, growth, and opportunity for future Rotary Passport Reverse Drawings!

GO. BE. DO. ROTARY!

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## **How Company Leaders Nurture Higher Employee Engagement - Forbes, Lori Harris**

By Lori Harris

### **How Company Leaders Nurture Higher Employee Engagement**

Lori Harris, Forbes, Forbes Coaching Council

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## **Accomplishing More Together - Methodist University Rotaractors**

By Magda G. Baggett



Rotaractors add another service component to Fayetteville Club's District project.

Methodist University Rotaractors joined in partnership with their sponsoring club adding more hands on assistance to the project approved as a District Grant. When the Rotaract club heard about the project intended to help develop a walking trail at Rick's Place, they quickly formed committees to assist in land preparation and in family fun events taking place at this retreat center dedicated to military families. They volunteered during two Saturdays in October. One day they worked by placing rocks in trenches to direct water run off. The next weekend they helped host a family fun day when over 200 families and children enjoyed games, inflatables, a climbing wall and picnic. The reach of the district grant has expanded with their help. Work on the trail will begin soon when what were overgrown wetlands will be drained.

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## **Broad Street Clinic District Grant Success!**

By Barbara Johnson

The Rotary Club of Morehead City completes a District Grant project to provide 20 blood pressure cuffs to Broad Street Clinic, a local free clinic providing medical services to residents not covered by any other medical plan. These blood pressure cuffs will allow clinic doctors using telemedicine to work more effectively with patients suffering from high blood pressure.





Blood pressure cuffs were ordered through Rotarian Jeff Johnson and Community Pharmacy. Club members gathered on October 7, 2021 to hear a presentation by Broad Street Clinic Director Edie Reed, then worked to mark each monitor with a sticker honoring the donation of the monitors by The Rotary Club of Morehead City and District 7730. Pictured are Rotarians Stanley Harrell, Jeff Johnson, Marie Kight and Karin Glander.

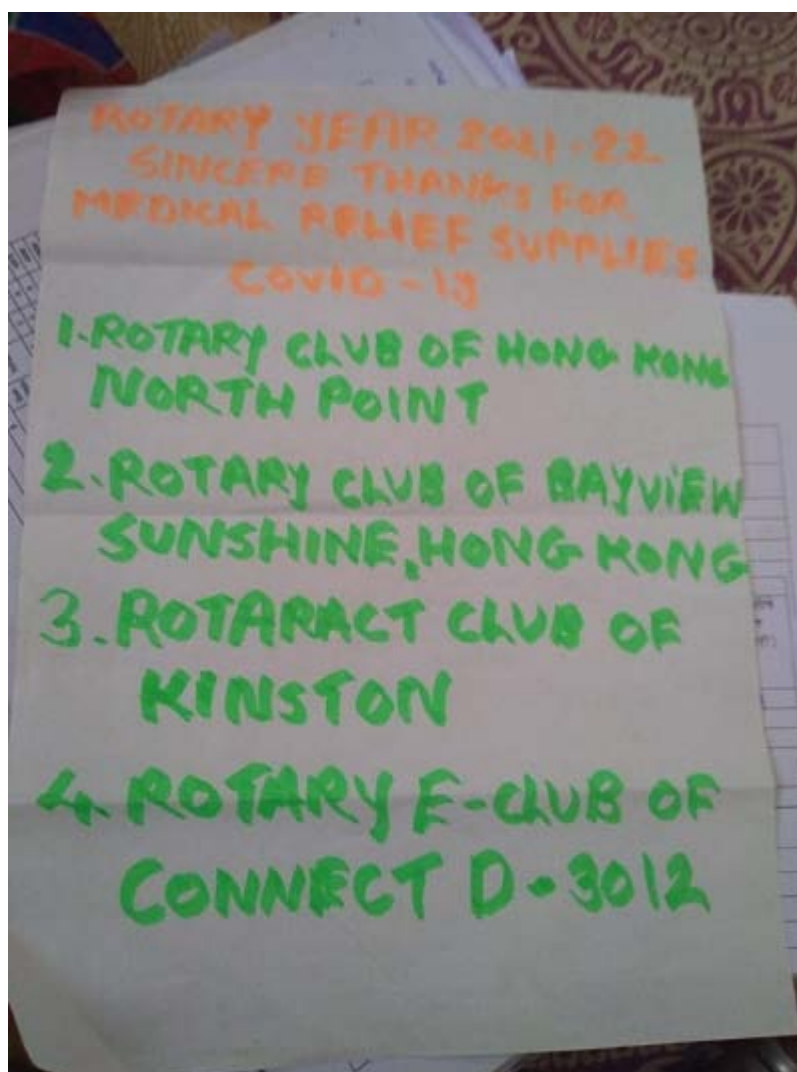
## Rotaract Club of Monarchs and Friends

By Magda G. Baggett

Thanks to a partnership between this club and Dr Nischal Pandey, who had been the guest speaker at one of the club's meetings, much needed donated PPE has been delivered to two health centers in Pune, India. Each center has about 35 health workers who benefitted from the donation of thermometers, oxymeters, face masks and shields.



This is the Rotaract Club's first service project! Thank you to Dr Pandey for making this possible and to our member, Vrushali Thombare in India, for making the connection with the centers. A big coincidence was found when we reviewed the list of the donors of the PPEs we received. Some of the items were donated by the Rotaract Club of Kinston, part of our NC Rotary District 7730! Small world!



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## **Jacksonville Breakfast Rotary Christmas Flotilla is Back!**

Greetings boaters!!

We are pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Flotilla is back. After last year's cancellation due to Covid, we are all excited for this year's flotilla. We hope that all boaters will consider participating this year and make the



flotilla a great success. This year's flotilla will be on December 4 on the New River in downtown Jacksonville. We will proceed as customary with our captains meeting at 4:00, flotilla start at 6:00, and finishing with our fish fry for captains and their crews and families. Cash prizes will be awarded for the most unique and decorative boats.

Boat participation forms can be obtained at Tideline Marine in Jacksonville, by contacting any club member, or by calling 919-699-7911.

Chris Felden



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## Support Flags for Heroes

By Barbara Johnson

Help fill Morehead City's Katherine Davis Park on Veterans Day with the glorious red, white, and blue of our flag in honor of, or in memory of, the veterans or heroes in your life. The Rotary Club of Morehead City will host the first annual Veterans Day Flags for Heroes event on Thursday November 11 at Katherine Davis Park, Morehead City.



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## Polio Chair speaks to Southport Rotary

By Aaron L Largent

**Jan Grossman**, the Polio Chair and member of the Rotary Evening Club of Southport was Guest Speaker at the October 20, 2021 Rotary Club of Southport weekly meeting.

Jan Grossman shared that World Polio Day is October 24th and encouraged everyone to become part of a global health legacy by helping eliminate polio from the planet. Today, polio affects mainly children under the age of 5 years old. Although tremendous progress has been made towards eradicating Polio, funding still needs to be provided in order to finish the effort. Go to [endpol.io/wpd](https://endpol.io/wpd) to join the fight.



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## Rotary Pumpkins for a Purpose

By Kristin Bedford

This is our third year for this event. We have partnered with the RC of Coastal Pender.

- Surf City RC purchases the pumpkins from a Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, NM.
- Nearly 100% of the farm workers are Native American.
- The unemployment rate in this region is over 40%.
- This pumpkin raising project creates over 550 seasonal jobs for the Navajo.

The fellowship created by this joint venture fund raiser is priceless ( over 25 Rotarians and Interactors participated ) and we may gain in membership for both clubs.

Submitted by,  
Jack Brent  
President, RC of Surf City



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## Blood Drive a Success

By Daniel W. Parks

Rotary clubs of Wilmington continue to sponsor monthly blood drives at the Independence Mall in the JC Penny Wing across from American Outfitters. Here are the monthly results:



November 17.....TBD!!

October 46 units

September 30 units( during a monsoon with roads washed out!)

August 38 units

July 41 units

June 48 units

Past President of Wilmington East Ron Copley donating.

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## Wilmington Leaders in Service Awards!

By Dale Smith

The Rotary Club of Wilmington is inviting nominations for its 2022 ♦Leaders in Service♦ awards. Candidates must be the senior executive in business located in New Hanover County, who embodies service above self and lives by the Rotary Four-way test. Persons may be nominated in one of three categories: private corporation, public entity, or non-profit corporation. One person will be selected from each category for the award and be honored at a banquet on May 5, 2022. The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2021

You may submit a nomination by going to, [www.bizleaders2022.org](http://www.bizleaders2022.org).

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## Southport Evening Golf Tournament - Register Today!

By Mary Beth Elizabeth Livers

**THE 2021 5th ANNUAL ROTARY COUGAR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

Saturday, November 13, 2021  
• Carolina National Golf Club •  
Registration 8:30-9:30 AM  
Shotgun 9:30 AM

The Southport Rotary Evening Club has joined forces with Coach Register and Coach Bradley of the South Brunswick High School Golf & Basketball Programs to bring you

**THE 2021 5th ANNUAL ROTARY COUGAR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT!**

**4 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES**

<https://www.rotarycougarclassic.com/>

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## Wilmington East Moldovan Wine & Food Tasting Event - Jan

January 18, 2022  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm



Hannah Block Historic USO and Community Arts Center  
120 S. 2nd Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

\$50.00 per ticket or be a sponsor

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## Wilmington East - Kidney Needed

By Daniel W. Parks



### Will You Gift Justin Lammerts Another Chance at Life?

In 1997, our Son, Justin, got a second chance at life after being born with a heart defect. Unfortunately, the medicines that protected his transplanted heart have damaged his kidneys and he now needs a kidney transplant.

Before he fell ill again, Justin was able to lead a semi-normal life. Justin worked full-time for the State of New York, earning two promotions. Justin has an intense passion for history and traveled to London, France, and even a solo trip to Italy to see the worlds most beautiful art and architecture. He has a rich imagination and enjoys Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, and attended Comic-Con in NYC several years in a row before falling ill. We laugh everyday we are around Justin, as he has a witty and off-beat sense of humor. I smile thinking about hearing him cackle from the other room while he is watching his favorite TV show, Seinfeld.



As Justin's condition has worsened, he has lost the ability to do the things he loves. He even had to miss both his brother's and best friend's wedding in the last two years. Riding his bike and walking on the beach have become challenging these days. If Justin doesn't get a transplant, he will have to go on dialysis soon, which will mean he will be chained to a machine which filters his blood for him. It breaks my heart to think about all the things he will not be able to do. A transplant would give him the ability to live a longer, more healthy life where he can do the things that he loves.

For many reasons, Justin's close family members are not able to be his donor. Finding a kidney for a transplant is not easy. There are 110,000+ people on the waiting list for a deceased donor kidney. Most people must wait for years and many die while waiting. Will you give Justin the gift of a better life?

1. Facts about being a Living Donor: You only need one kidney to live a long healthy life.
2. Donor surgery is usually done through a tiny incision (laparoscopically).
3. Is covered by insurance/Medicare.
4. You will have your own team of doctors who will evaluate if its right for YOU.
5. Screening can be done anonymously, so you will not feel pressure.
6. If you are not a match, you can still "donate" to Justin through a program called a donor swap.

Please contact Duke Health Transplant Center, Living Donor Program: Call 919-613-7777 or 800-249-5864, if you are interested in learning more about donating a kidney to Justin Lammerts.

[www.dukehealth.org/treatments/transplant-program/kidney-donation](http://www.dukehealth.org/treatments/transplant-program/kidney-donation)

Living donation may not be right for everyone — but you can still help! Consider being an organ donor after death, and by **sharing Justin's story with everyone you know**. You never know who might want to be a living donor. At the very least I want to bring awareness to kidney disease and living donation. I am hopeful our efforts will help Justin receive a kidney sooner, and encourage others to consider helping the many people on the wait list. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated!

Thank you.

## Youth Services

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- You can find our clubs in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties!
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  - 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>
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