

# Leaders in Service

Service Above Self



**The Wilmington Rotary Club** is pleased to invite you to the first “Leaders in Service” awards banquet, to be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the UNCW Burney Center. Every year for more than a century, the Rotary Club of Wilmington has been contributing thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours to our community. This commitment helps make New Hanover County a great place to live and work for all people. Funds raised from this event, our major fundraising effort of the year, will be used for the club’s projects and grants to other community organizations in the fiscal year 2022-23.

This year, following the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self,” Wilmington Rotary decided it was time to recognize leaders of honesty and integrity who are setting an example by their good work in New Hanover County. We asked the community for nominations and the public submitted twenty-six. Two independent panels of community leaders then evaluated and ranked the nominees in the program’s three categories, resulting in the selection of three outstanding individuals.

Please join us in honoring the 2022 Leaders in Service recipients: Dr. Yousry Sayed, private sector; Chris Coudriet, public sector; and J.C. Lyle, nonprofit sector.

Those being honored have served as top executives for a minimum of five years and have lived lives in harmony with Rotary’s Four-way Test, with a commitment to diversity and inclusion. They truly exemplify “Service Above Self.”

If you have not yet registered to attend this wonderful celebration of outstanding leaders, seats are still available. You can reserve yours by going to [www.bizleaders2022.org/sponsorships](http://www.bizleaders2022.org/sponsorships).

Sincerely,



T. Cleve Callison,  
President,  
The Rotary Club of Wilmington



Dale Smith,  
President-elect,  
The Rotary Club of Wilmington

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The Wilmington Rotary Club is proud to present its first three Leaders in Service awards to Chris Coudriet, J.C. Lyle, and Dr. Yousry Sayed.

We, and our many generous sponsors, are honoring these top executives who have made outstanding contributions to our community in one or more of Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus. Each has been chosen from public nominations to represent the best of leadership in their categories: **government, non-profit, and private business.**

*The three award recipients were chosen by a committee of Wilmington-area business and civic leaders from a list of nominations from the public.*

The Wilmington Rotary Club, founded in 1915, is among the oldest of the world-wide Rotary movement's more than 35,000 clubs. The club's 180 current members are among some 1.4 million Rotarians around the globe. Rotary began as a business networking group but almost immediately evolved into a service organization as it grew and spread. With the motto "Service Above Self,"



Rotary espouses the Four-Way Test of the things its members think, say, and do:

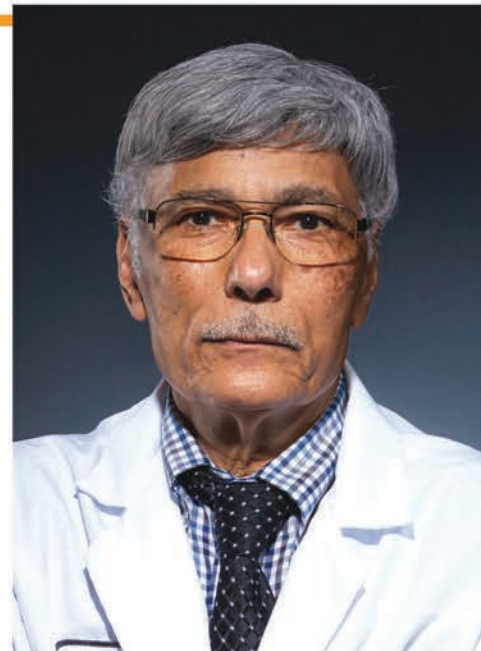
- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary International has chosen to concentrate its service efforts on seven Areas of Rotary Focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution.
- Disease prevention and treatment.
- Water and sanitation.
- Maternal and child health.
- Basic education and literacy.
- Economic and community development.

Rotary has also made a global commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in its membership.

**Dr. Yousry Sayed** is CEO of Quality Chemical Laboratories, which provides testing and analytical development services for industries including pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. He founded the company in 1998 and has successfully grown it to become one of Wilmington's leading employers, providing more than 250 jobs. QCL works with more than 100 clients at a time, helping pharmaceutical and biotech clients develop new drugs. Dr. Sayed has also started another drug development company, Pyramid Pharmaceutical Co. A native of Egypt, Dr. Sayed came to the United States as a teenager and earned a PhD in chemistry from the University of Minnesota. He was a chemistry professor and researcher at UNC-Wilmington, where he was director of the General College. He now serves on the university's Board of Trustees. To help supply a trained workforce for the pharmaceutical industry, Sayed and his wife, Linda, a lawyer who formerly taught high school chemistry, donated \$5 million to UNCW in 2017. It was the largest philanthropic gift by a corporate donor in the university's history. Sayed is a hands-on entrepreneur. Not only does he run his business; he also still works on complex chemistry challenges for clients. As the award recipient in the private-sector category, he is being recognized for his contributions to economic and community development, as well as disease prevention and cure, two of the international Rotary movement's seven Areas of Focus.



**Dr. Yousry Sayed**  
CEO,  
Quality Chemical Laboratories



**J.C. Lyle**  
Executive Director,  
Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry

**J.C. Lyle** has been executive director of the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry since 2009. WARM helps low-income homeowners address safety, accessibility and energy-efficiency issues, allowing them to remain in their homes. Under her leadership, WARM's annual revenue and productivity have grown by an average of 14 percent per year. The organization now serves over 180 families in the Cape Fear Region annually. Lyle earned a master's degree in business administration from UNC-Wilmington. She formerly worked in subdivision design, zoning and permitting for a major civil engineering firm. Her volunteer efforts, focused on affordable housing and disaster recovery, have included multiple mission trips to Biloxi, Miss. after Hurricane Katrina and a long-term assignment with Bahamas Methodist Habitat. Lyle chairs the Wilmington Planning Commission and serves on the N.C. Housing Partnership, the advisory board for the state's housing trust fund. She has been honored with the Greater Wilmington Business Journal's Coastal Entrepreneur Award and the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Outstanding Fundraiser of the Year award. WARM's work addresses three Rotary Areas of Focus: disease prevention, economic and community development, and the environment.

**Chris Coudriet** has been New Hanover County manager since 2012. Before that, he was assistant county manager for four years, and county manager for Franklin and Washington Counties. Appointed by the New Hanover County Board of County Commissioners, Coudriet supervises a staff of more than 2,000 people and oversees a budget of \$458 million. That budget is the county's response to the community's 225,000 residents and their need for services. Coudriet has a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from East Carolina University and a master's degree in public administration from UNC-Pembroke. He has been honored by the Cape Fear Council of Governments as outstanding local government manager. He serves on several advisory boards through the National Association of Counties. The N.C. Association of County Commissioners recently honored him with its Presidential Recognition Award for his work to maximize the state's share of the national opioid settlement fund. Coudriet has been a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club since 2015. His Leaders in Service Award recognizes his achievements in the economic and community development Area of Rotary Focus.



**Chris Coudriet**  
County Manager,  
New Hanover County



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