



AREA 8 NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

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District 7720 News

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DISTRICT NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

RLI –Rotary Leadership Institute

Even if you have been a Rotarian for years, and *especially if you are a new member*, consider signing up to attend the Rotary Leadership & Learning Institute next month! The program is divided into three sections to provide information on the history, structure, purpose, and different facets of this amazing worldwide organization. You will gain a real feeling of hope, optimism, encouragement, and sense of pride after spending a day discussing your own place in Rotary with a group of like-minded individuals!

- Sign up for the Rotary Leadership Institute Parts I, II or III.
- We look forward to celebrating all Area 8 Graduates in a future issue of this Newsletter!
-  **Register NOW** for RLI-District 7720
- **Parts I, II and III-Winterville, NC - May 4 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**
 - Educating Rotarians Makes Clubs Stronger!

LEARN MORE



**Register now on
Dacdb or at RLI33.org**



RLI Eastern North Carolina

**Part I
Part II
Part III**

**May 4th 2024
Pitt Community College
Winterville NC**

Installation Dinner for District Governor 2024-2025

We are proud and pleased to have our incoming District Governor to be from one of our Area 8 clubs! You are invited – and encouraged to support – the Installation Banquet honoring **GENE FOSTER** of the Rotary Club of New Bern as our Rotary International District 7720, District Governor for Rotary Year 2024-2025! The event will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club, 4301 Country Club Road, New Bern. Please RSVP to Rus Clark via text at 919-369-6274 or email to rusmclark@gmail.com.



RYLA Returns to District 7720

"After a long hiatus RYLA returned to District 7720 on April 5-7, 2024, at the beautiful 4-H Center in Columbia, NC. RYLA is Rotary's Youth Leadership Award Program. This past weekend 24 high school juniors (24 in 2024) spent an intensive 48 hours learning leadership skills, planning service projects, and adopting Rotary's philosophy of Service Above Self. We thank the Club's that sponsored the delegates, and we hope to have over 75 at next year's event (75 in 2025)," said **Andy Garlick, Youth Services Coordinator for District 7720 (New Bern Breakfast)** at the close of the RYLA session.

"We especially want to thank our amazing facilitators: Ed & Heather Cross, as well as Coordinators: Tom McCluskey (Washington Noon) and **Bobbie Garlick (New Bern Breakfast)**, and Counselors/Chaperones: Elvira Johnson (Goldsboro-Three Eagles), Lynda Lane (Washington Noon), Sarah Parker (Washington), and **Brant Bills (New Bern Breakfast)**."

Area 8 volunteers indicated in Bold



ADG and Editor's Note – I had the pleasure of attending at least a portion of my first RYLA experience this year and I must admit, it was impressive! To watch 24 teenagers arrive on Friday afternoon who were uncertain about what to expect and hesitant to talk with each other turn into a laughing, sharing, and mingled group of friends by the end of that same day, was inspiring. It was also encouraging to see the diversity of these young “delegates” as a hope for all our clubs to strive for a membership that better represents the diversity of the communities we serve. The facilitators stressed repeated recitations of the Rotary 4-Way Test and shared what this worldwide organization is all about. I am now a RYLA advocate and will work to increase support for the 2025 program!

Rotary Club of Vanceboro

Meets Thursdays: 7:00-8:00 pm, at Vera's Diner - President 2023-24 Russell Ipock



- At the March 7 meeting, Secretary/Treasurer Jerry Phillips presented Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions to his son-in-law William Bell, Jr., and his grandchildren, Charlotte Elizabeth Bell and William Bell III. President Russ Ipock and Foundation Chair Tom Dail surprised President-Elect Hud Jordan and Kristen Jordan with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition from the Club for their involvement with youth sports at West Craven High School.
- The 31st Annual Vanceboro Rotary Club Panfish Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cow Pen Landing on the Neuse River. Cash prizes and trophies are awarded to the winning teams. For more information and/or to request a Team Application, call 252-259-8431.

Rotary Club of Havelock-Cherry Point

Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays: 7:30-8:30 am, at First Methodist Church - President 2023-24 Louis Balogh

Meets 3rd Thursdays: 6:00-7:00 pm, at Mucho Bueno Restaurant

- A successful Reverse Raffle, the Club's annual fundraiser, sold all 150 tickets for \$150 at their recent event that also included a 50-50 Raffle for a second \$300 win.

Rotary Club of Oriental

Meets Mondays: 6:00-7:00 pm at Brantley's Restaurant - President 2023-24 Cathy Santore



- Plans are underway for the annual Oriental In-Water Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market on April 12-14, the club's biggest fundraiser. A great opportunity to dream of the perfect power or sail boat for you!
- The Oriental Rotary Club was pleased to sponsor four students for the RYLA program. Thanks to Ed and Phyllis Yodlowski for providing transportation to and from the 4-H Center for these delegates.
- On Sunday, April 21, the Oriental Club will host a breakfast for approximately 150 collegiate sailors and coaches who will be in town for a week preparing for this year's ICSA (Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association) regatta on April 23-24. Oriental is NC State's Sailing Team spring break training ground and has become the official regatta location for sailing teams from across the country. This spring, 20 teams will be participating and enjoying Oriental's hospitality for housing and other accommodations.

Rotary Club of New Bern

Meets Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm, at Chelsea Restaurant - President 2023-24 Gary Flannery

- Five new members were welcomed from February 15 through the end of March: Annette Stone (Garry Wheeler), Kevin Roberts (Joe Peters), Jeff Odham (Bill Stafford), Landon Vick (Kelly Millington), and Cille Griffith (Linda Staunch). Orientation sessions for the **30 new members** who have joined the club since July 1st are being scheduled by Bill Stafford.



- The Club had a good representation of members for an onsite meeting at the MCAS Cherry Point in March
- Paul Harris Recognitions were presented to four members: PH+6 Kathy Findley, PH+3 Tammy Childers, PH+2 Walter Kerner, and first PH Darlene Brown.
- The New Bern Club has a challenge goal for 100% of its members to be Paul Harris recipients by the end of the 2025 Rotary Year. In keeping with the motto of "Service above Self", the club will commit up to 750 points to any member who contributes time to any Club Service Project (1 hour =100 points). The Rotary-Habitat Build is a great example and opportunity to earn some points! *(A great idea for other clubs to consider!)*
- Charitable donations made in February-March by the

Rotary Club of New Bern include Coastal Women's Shelter, Atlantic Dance Theatre, Boy Scouts of America Eastern Carolina Council, Mediation Center of Eastern North Carolina for the Neuse River Bridge Run, and Reviving Lives Ministries.

Rotary Club of New Bern Breakfast

Meets Thursdays: 7:30-8:30 am, at Doubletree - President 2023-24 Andy Garlick

- Two new members were inducted on April 4: Greg & Linda Postle (Deedra Durocher). The Membership Committee has scheduled a New Member Welcome and Orientation on April 25 for the **11 new members** who have joined the club since July 1st.
- A first Paul Harris Fellow recognition was presented to Aaron Goldstein
- New venues are being visited and considered for our club's morning meetings and a decision will be made and announced soon.
- On Friday evening, April 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, "Pints & Pinots" happens for a fourth month at Persimmons, Capt. Ratty's, Brewery 99, and Nautical Star on Middle. This monthly fundraiser event supports Rotary-Habitat Build Project and Rotarians from other Area 8 clubs are enthusiastically encouraged to join us!
- The New Bern Breakfast Rotary will host "Art & Surprises" on May 9, 2024, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 and limited to 100 guests who will enjoy an evening of socializing, music, refreshments, cash bar, and a **guaranteed** opportunity to select a piece of original art, or a "surprise" bag, to take home! The drawing for our 50-50 Raffle will also take place that evening as an additional surprise! All proceeds will benefit the Greater New Bern Rotary Club's Habitat Build Project, a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Craven County to build home #80 in the Pembroke Community. Tickets can be purchased at our website www.newbernrotary.org or with the QR link on the left. **Want to purchase a ticket for the 50-50 CASH RAFFLE?** Five chances to Win! First Prize: \$3,500 (or 23.4% of proceeds) - Second Prize: \$2,000 (or 13.3% of proceeds), Third Prize: \$1,000 (or 6.6% of proceeds) - Fourth Prize: \$ 600 (or 4% of proceeds) - Fifth Prize: \$400 (or 2.7% of proceeds). Drawing to be held on May 9 at the "Art & Surprises" event at the New Bern Golf & Country Club. Winners do not need to be present! Tickets, limited to 300, are \$50 and can be purchased at our website www.newbernrotary.org or with the QR link on the right.







New Bern's Rotary Clubs presents

Pints & Pinots for Rotary's Habitat Build

Friday April 19

10% of beer and wine sales on this date supports New Bern Rotary Clubs build of a new Habitat home in our community.

Participating Sponsors



Brewery 99
Captain Ratty's
Nautical Star
Persimmons



Art & Surprises Ticket

Look for our half-page ad in the May issue of New Bern Magazine!



50-50 Raffle Ticket

Rotary Clubs of New Bern Partner with Habitat for Humanity to Build a House



Habitat home #80 at 2308 Aycock Avenue in the Pembroke community is coming along very nicely and on schedule thanks to Rotarian volunteers as well as teams of college students who visited New Bern during their Spring Break. The University of Delaware returned to help our Habitat for Humanity affiliate for their 12th year with another new group of students in the last week of March who got to share a variety of construction tasks with Rotarians from both clubs. Even your ADG put in some hours on April 3 and got sealant on the ceiling vent openings as well as herself!





- **All Area 8 Rotarians are invited to join us to volunteer on any of the designated workdays: Every Wednesday, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and Every 3rd Saturday, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.** All volunteers must attend a Volunteer Orientation, watch a Safety Video, and complete a Volunteer Application at the Habitat website. All volunteers need to sign up at www.cravencountyhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Calendar
- Need a generic *Rotarian At Work* t-shirt for a Rotary-Habitat workday? New Bern Breakfast has one in your size for \$18! Contact Rotarian Ann Super at annsuper0104@gmail.com or 570-688-6915.

Another ADG and Editor's Note – This April Newsletter is being sent a little later than usual because I wanted to wait to include information on the wonderful RYLA program that our District has reestablished after a four-year break. I also wanted to enjoy today's historic Solar Eclipse and make sure that the sun came back out! There is a lot of information to share about all that our Area 8 clubs are doing, but I need to have input from each club to make it truly representative! I encourage any of you - the approximately 250 members in our five clubs - to let me know what can/should be included in the next issue or what questions you might have about Rotary. I'm easy to contact at deedra.rotary7720@gmail.com or 252-670-1907.

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