



AREA 8 NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024

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District 7720 News

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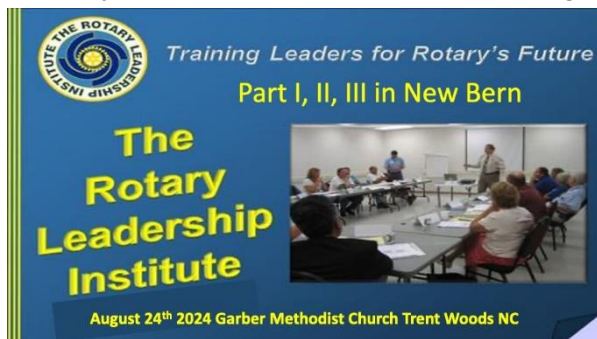
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DISTRICT NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

RLI –Rotary Leadership Institute

I know you have heard this before, but I'm going to mention it again! Don't let the "Leadership" in the title of this important program scare you into thinking that you will be committing to an officer or District leader position! There is an effort underway to change this brand to THE ROTARY LEARNING INSTITUTE because it's really about introducing new – and also existing – Rotarians to what this amazing international organization is all about. It takes three separate sessions to do a deep dive into telling our story! The tuition cost for each session is \$95 to cover materials and lunch; some clubs cover this expense for any members who register. Check with your club President!



On Saturday, August 24, in our own Area 8 community of New Bern, all three sessions will be offered. So when the registration link is shared next month, I want to personally encourage you to register to get started or continue this learning and appreciation experience for your role as a Rotarian! And you will get to meet and network with Rotarians from other clubs in our District as an added benefit.

Installation Dinner for District Governor 2024-2025

On Tuesday, June 4, our District celebrated the Installation of Gene Foster (Rotary Club of New Bern, Area 8) as our District Governor for 2024-25, as of July 1st. Past District Governor, Bob Phippen from the Rotary Club of Elizabeth City was the DG when Gene Foster became the President of the Rotary Club of New Bern Breakfast in 2015-16, so he was invited to do the official installation of our new DG for 2024-25. After some brief comments from our current District Governor, Tony Santore, Gene presented him with the PDG pin and expressed the collective appreciation of everyone in District 7720 for Tony's leadership over the last year.



Our incoming District Governor, Gene Foster, shared his goals for the new Rotary year 2024-25 and stressed that one of his priorities will be to increase our membership in all of the clubs in our District. He looks forward to meeting with each of our clubs in the coming months! I will notify each club of his scheduled visits in Area 8.

July 1 begins our new Rotary year 2024-25, and that means the Presidents and other officers of our clubs will change, as well as some of our District Committee Chairs. In the next Newsletter issue, I hope to share all this new information with everyone.



Rotary Club of New Bern Breakfast

Meets Thursdays: 7:30-8:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge, 516 Hancock Street (2nd floor, elevator access)


President 2023-24 Andy Garlick

- ***THERE IS STILL TIME, BUT NOT MUCH!*** – The New Bern Breakfast club still has tickets available for our 50/50 Raffle, a designated fundraiser for the Rotary-Habitat Home Build. Although the ticket shown indicates the drawing is to be held on May 9, we have extended that date until our Installation Dinner on June 27. If all 300 available tickets are not sold, the 5 cash prizes will be percentages of the total ticket sales collected. So, if you want to increase your chance of winning more, buy a ticket before June 27! We even make it easy with this QR



NEW BERN BREAKFAST ROTARY CHARITIES FOUNDATION

SUPER 50/50 CASH RAFFLE

5 CHANCES TO WIN* Limited Raffle: 300 Tickets \$50.00/ticket	\$15,000*  Rotary New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club	1st Prize \$3,500* 2nd Prize \$2,000* 3rd Prize \$1,000* 4th Prize \$600* 5th Prize \$400*
Drawing to be held Thursday, May 9, 2024 New Bern Country Club	<i>*or 23.4%; 13.3%; 6.6%; 4%; and 2.7% of the proceeds</i>	Proceeds to Benefit the New Bern Rotary Club's Habitat Build Project
Winner need not be present	New Bern Breakfast Rotary Charities Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity. www.newbernrotary.org	No substitution of the offered prize may be made

- Reminder - The Breakfast club is now meeting at the Masonic Lodge at 516 Hancock Street in New Bern and there is elevator access. Breakfast is catered by Country Biscuit.
- President Elect Clifton Pike will be installed as our club President for Rotary year 2024-25 at the New Bern Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 27, when we meet at 6:00 pm.
- Other club highlights during May were:
 - A successful first-time fundraiser – Art & Surprises – on May 9, to support our Rotary-Habitat Build
 - A program by Nancy VanApeldoorn, founder of Lap Robes for Veterans, who talked about her work to provide specific lab robes to veterans of each branch of our Armed Forces. She ended her program with a presentation to honor our club veterans Mitch Khoury (Navy), Allen Curtis (Coast Guard), George Brake (Army), and Barton Phillips (Air Force). Not present, but also being honored are Barry Lutz and Bob Rigg (Marines).
 - At our regular meeting on June 6, DG Tony Santore recognized President Andy Garlick for his work as District Youth Services Chair and for his efforts to revive the 4-Way Test Essay Contest and for coordinating the first, and a very successful, RYLA weekend in four years.
 - Foundation Chair Paul Platek was able to present a Paul Harris +6 recognition to Karen Masch on the day before she moved to Charlotte, and she plans to find a Rotary club there to continue her service in Rotary.

- Don't forget – our last Pints & Pinots social over beer and wine on Friday, June 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A fundraiser that donates 10% of those sales to our Rotary-Habitat Home Build Project. Support our Pints & Pinots partners that (and every) evening – Brewery 99, Persimmons, and Capt. Ratty's.



Rotary Club of New Bern

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

- Foundation Chair, Terry Lubsen, has presented a Paul Harris +2 recognition to Chris Kelso as part of the club's 100% Paul Harris Challenge. A photo was not available for the newsletter.



- New Member Ginger Ghoff was inducted with her sponsor, Walt Kerner, in early May.
- Save the Date of July 30 for the club's annual Pigskin Preview! Hear from coaches and players from New Bern, Havelock, West Craven, and Pamlico High Schools the night before their football practices begin! Brian North from WCTI TV-12 will serve as MC for the program. All money raised from this event is divided among each school's athletic/booster clubs. For more information and the link for tickets, contact Stephen Clayton at sjclato@gmail.com, 919-451-6204.



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

- No news to share for this issue.

Rotary Club of Vanceboro

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

Russell Ipock

- The Vanceboro Rotary Club welcomed Joseph Carl, a student at the Arapahoe Charter School, to speak on his experiences as a RYLA participant in April that was sponsored by our District 7720. The enthusiasm for the program, and the new interest he has for Rotary, was obvious and emphasized why our clubs need to support this important program to foster youth leadership, potential Interact and Rotaract members, and hopefully life-long Rotarians. ADG Deedra, President Russell Ipock, Joseph's mother, and the Vanceboro members thoroughly enjoyed Joseph's presentation.



Rotary Club of Oriental

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

Home club of District 7720 Governor Tony Santore



- Our 2023-24 District Governor, Tony Santore, of the Rotary Club of Oriental, now gets to return to his club on a more regular basis, although he'll still have responsibilities as the Past DG. We thank the Oriental Club for sharing and supporting Tony for his important role and service to our District this year!

- At the Installation Dinner for Gene Foster, DG Tony presented Rotarian of the Year awards for a member of each Area of the District. Ed Yodlowski of the Oriental club received this recognition for Area 8. During his 13 years in Rotary, he has been a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, has served in various roles in his club and in the District, and has personified the motto of "Service Above Self". Congratulations Ed!

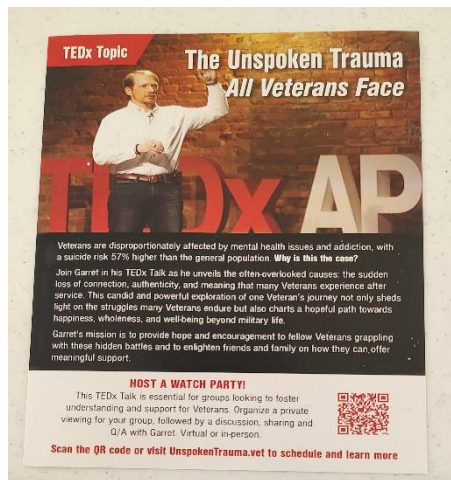
Rotary Clubs of Greater New Bern Partner with Habitat for Humanity to Build a House



The Rotary-Habitat Home is now 75% completed and we're in the process of calculating our fundraising, member pledges, and collective volunteer hours to make sure we reach our goals to support this Habitat home #80 in the Pembroke community of New Bern. Although the work now is on finishing the smaller detail kind of work, we still need volunteers, at the Build site or the ReStore. We also are looking forward to meeting the family who will be matched with this house and expect to have the dedication scheduled sometime in late summer. Thanks to Rotarians Mike Williams (Breakfast) and Joe Geiger (Noon), our great co-chairs of this Rotary-Habitat Build Project, we are on schedule and making great progress!

- 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. Volunteers who are interested in working at the ReStore have a wider selection of days and hours.** 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.

Editor's Note: Hopefully this newsletter has improved your understanding of how the five clubs in Area 8 are working, sometimes as separate clubs and sometimes together, to make a difference in our communities. I want to encourage each club to share their news and events with the rest of us. I also want to encourage clubs to share information on a great speaker or program. One such program I want to share is Garret Biss of New Bern.



Garret is the founder of the UR-252 recovery program and residential facility in New Bern, but his newest passion is addressing "The Unspoken Trauma" and unique issues faced by Veterans. His mission is to provide hope and encouragement to fellow Veterans (he is a retired Marine) who are grappling with hidden battles and to enlighten their friends and family, and the wider community, on how they can offer meaningful support. Garret spoke recently at the New Bern Breakfast Rotary and it was a powerful and provocative presentation. He can be reached at 571-330-5374 or garret@garretbiss.com. He also has a TEDx Talk that can be seen at UnspokenTrauma.net