



## **AREA 8 NEWSLETTER – MAY 2024**

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### **District 7720 News**

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### **DISTRICT NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

#### **RLI –Rotary Leadership Institute**

Rotarians and Facilitators participated in the April 27 Rotary Leadership Institute in Kill Devil Hills, in the Outer Banks. Two of the facilitators, Andy Garlick and Barbara Belon, are from the New Bern Breakfast Rotary. Another session is offered this Saturday, May 4, at the Pitt Community College campus in Winterville, NC. Seven Rotarians have registered for Part I to begin their Institute program, Nine are moving up to Part II, and Four will be graduating from Part III. Facilitators will include Barbara Belon, Paul Platek, and Deedra Durocher, from New Bern Breakfast Rotary.



Whether you have been a Rotarian for years, but ***especially if you are a new member***, the Rotary Leadership & Learning

Institute provides a valuable overview on the history, structure, purpose, and different facets of this amazing worldwide organization. You come away with a sense of pride in your role in making a Rotary difference, in your community, and in the world. Better educated Rotarians create stronger and more effective Rotary clubs! The next Rotary Leadership Institute will be in New Bern on September 7, 2024. Since it's within our Area 8 neighborhood, I look forward to many registrations for all three sessions!

#### **Installation Dinner for District Governor 2024-2025**

It is worth noting that our incoming District Governor is from one of our Area 8 clubs – so we should have a large turnout to welcome **GENE FOSTER** of the Rotary Club of New Bern as our District 7720 Governor for Rotary Year 2024-2025! The Installation Banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the New Bern Golf & Country Club, 4301 Country Club Road, New Bern. Please RSVP by May 23 to Rus Clark via text at 919-369-6274 or email to [rusmclark@gmail.com](mailto:rusmclark@gmail.com).



#### **Attention Incoming Area 8 Presidents – Assignment for This Month!**

It's time to update your club's officer and other basic information for Rotary Year 2024-25! Go to My Rotary.org, look for the Club Search function, and list the names of your club's new president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, Rotary Foundation chair, membership, public image, service projects, and other committee chairs. Be sure to include their contact details, such as mailing address, email address, and phone numbers. While you're there, make sure your club's meeting details (place, address, day, time) are listed correctly. And, be sure to update any changes in your club's contact information for phone number, email address, and website.

## Rotary Club of New Bern Breakfast

Meets Thursdays: 7:30-8:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge, 516 Hancock Street (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, elevator access) - President 2023-24 Andy Garlick

- **NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION!** – The Breakfast club is now meeting at the Masonic Lodge at 516 Hancock Street, on the second floor, although there is elevator access. Breakfast is catered by Country Biscuit.
- Next Thursday, May 9, the club is hosting a unique event – “Art & Surprises” – as a fundraiser for the Rotary-Habitat Home Build Project. Original art has been donated by local artists Sandy Bruno, Gina Wertz, Janet Hikes, Kathy Rawson, Jim Karl, Mitch Lewis, Corey Hunter, Carmen Platek, Em Garlick, and Ken Andrews. In addition, there are even more art pieces that include glass, photography, paintings, and Surprise Bags! This is NOT an art auction! Your ticket has a number and when that number is drawn, you get to pick whatever art item you want to take home! Hearty appetizers, live music, and a cash bar add to the socializing and an enjoyable evening. Tickets (\$50 pp) are available at Mitchell’s, by contacting Deedra at [Deedra.Rotary7720@gmail.com](mailto:Deedra.Rotary7720@gmail.com) or 252-670-1907 for tickets, at the door that evening, or online at the QR on the left. Tickets for our 50/50 Cash Raffle can be purchased online with the QR on the right. The drawing for the Raffle has been extended to June 27.



**ART & SURPRISES**  
An evening when everyone leaves with a piece of art or a surprise!

**Thursday, May 9th**  
**6:00-9:00pm**  
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New Bern Golf & Country Club

Enjoy light refreshments, cash bar, music and original "Art" pieces or "Surprise" bags. Plus a 50/50 raffle!

Every 15 minutes, cards will be drawn, and guests will be invited to select an art item or a surprise gift bag of their choice. Individuals may negotiate a swap of items, but it is not required.

**Tickets: \$50**  
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[NewBernRotary.org](http://NewBernRotary.org)

Help support the financial commitment of the Greater New Bern Rotary Clubs to build Habitat Home #80 at 2308 Aycock Ave. For information, Deedra Durocher at [Deedra.Rotary7720@gmail.com](mailto:Deedra.Rotary7720@gmail.com) or 252-670-1907.

Sample of art items that will be available

Tickets 50/50 Raffle



Art & Surprises



50/50 Raffle

## Rotary Club of New Bern

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



- Kathy Findley was presented with a PHF+6 by the club’s Foundation Chair, Terry Lubsen, in recognition of her years of support for the Rotary International Foundation.
- The New Bern Noon club continues to grow and was pleased to add eight new members in April and early May: Mike Daves (Kathy Riley), Travis Moser (Jim Congleton), Jon Burger (Linda Staunch), Linda & Harry MacDonald (Jon Segal), Wright Shields (Margaret Shields), Stephanie Morris (Linda Staunch), and Greg Bernhardt (Omar Gonzales).



**Save the Date**  
**2024 Pigskin Preview**  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**New Bern Shrine Club**

Logos for the New Bern Shrine Club and various sports teams.



- The New Bern Rotary Club received a District Grant to partner with Backpack Blessings, a 501 C (3) non-profit, committed to feeding hungry children in eastern North Carolina. The program helps students in our area who are experiencing food insecurity, including providing identified students a weekend snack bag of individually wrapped, kid friendly foods to take home with them on the weekends, and a summer feeding program to provide families with supplemental foods while children are away from the child nutrition program in their schools. The District Grant with a club match totaled \$7,500 to purchase food for meals for over 1,000 students throughout the year. Club members also volunteered to "stuff" backpacks for children to carry food home as a part of the events described above.



### **Rotary Club of Vanceboro**

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



- The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vanceboro Rotary Club Panfish Fishing Tournament on Saturday, April 27, was a huge fundraising success with 21 boats participating. The goal for the event was \$1,500 and the club was delighted to exceed that amount for a total raised of \$2,500!

### **Rotary Club of Havelock-Cherry Point**

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

**Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 6:00-7:00 pm, at Mucho Bueno Restaurant**

- No news to share for this issue.

### **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**





- The Rotary Club of Oriental held another successful In-Water Boat Show and Nautical Flea Market on the second weekend of April. The event is the club's biggest fundraiser each year and the weather (mostly) cooperated.
- On April 21, the club hosted breakfast for 150 college sailors making up 20 participating teams for the opening day of the Oriental Sail Pack Regatta sponsored by the NC State Sail Pack Foundation. The Regatta is designed to develop and sustain a competitive intercollegiate sailing program and vibrant sailing club organization at NC State. Through teaching the technical skills and safety considerations necessary to become sailors, the program fosters an appreciation and active engagement with the sport of sailing and the Oriental community is a perfect location, especially with all this Rotarian hospitality!

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



Look what Rotary can do! The Rotary Clubs of Greater New Bern (the Noon and Breakfast clubs) have been working on Habitat home #80 in the Pembroke community of New Bern since January and as of late April, we are 54% complete! We have been helped by several colleges and universities who came during the month of March as part of Habitat's Collegiate Challenge, as well as an amazing group of senior volunteers from Frederick, MD who come to New Bern every spring to help build a home. We still need more volunteer hours – at the Build site, at the ReStore, or on our fundraising and planning committees! Thanks to Mike Williams



(Breakfast) and Joe Geiger (Noon) who are the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:annsuper0104@gmail.com) or 570-688-6915.

### Rotarians From District 7690 Enjoyed New Bern's Hospitality During Their District Conference



I heard many times that the 300+ (!) Rotarians and their families very much enjoyed their visit to New Bern and our special kind of hospitality for the 2024 “Not Your Mama’s District Conference” at the Riverfront Convention Center on the last weekend of April. I had the opportunity to sit in on Friday morning to a session by Jennifer Strong, Rotary International President’s Representative. Her very dynamic presentation asked those in the room to share personal comments on their

“Rotary Moment” and her wrap-up message was truly powerful about the value Rotary offers to each of us on both an individual level as well as collectively! I also had the chance to meet Patrick Eakes from Greensboro who I believe will be our Zone 33/34 Leader for Rotary Year 2024-25. Both New Bern clubs engaged in making our Rotary visitors feel welcome, and David Whitley of the Breakfast Club coordinated local Rotarian boat owners to provide



waterfront tours to those interested during their Saturday break. Others, primarily family members, participated in helping the Craven Arts Council create the “New Bern Strong” mural on South Front Street. This latest city mural project represents the unity and willpower of our city to overcome the devastation of Hurricane Florence in 2018 and was part of New Bern’s annual “Arts in April” celebration.

Now we need to make sure we offer an equally welcoming and delightful experience to District 7710 (Triangle Area) when they come to New Bern for their District Conference on May 17-18!

