



## **AREA 8 NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024**

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### **District 7720 News**

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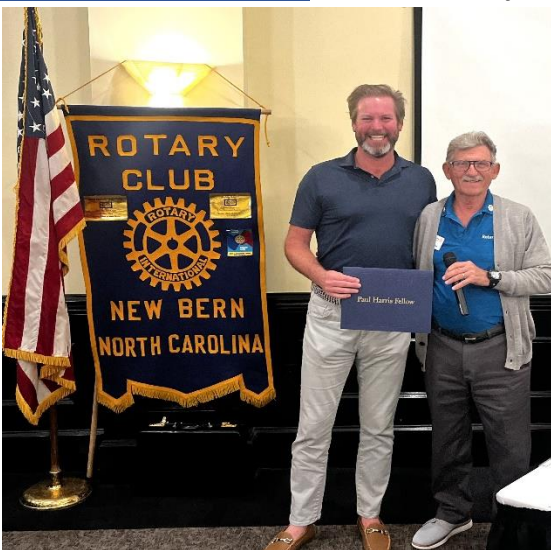
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### **AREA 8 CLUB NEWS TO SHARE**

District Governor Gene's Foster's will be finishing his visits to all District 7720 clubs in our Area 8, and I look forward to joining him as we meet a warm welcome with each of our great Rotary clubs!

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| ➤ Havelock-Cherry Point | November 14 | Thursday, 7:30 am |
| ➤ Oriental              | November 18 | Monday, 6:00 pm   |
| ➤ New Bern Breakfast    | November 21 | Thursday, 7:30 am |
| ➤ Vanceboro             | November 21 | Thursday, 7:00 pm |
| ➤ New Bern              | December 3  | Tuesday, 1:00 pm  |

**Rotary Club of New Bern** - Meets Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm, at Chelsea Restaurant -



#### **President 2024-25, Guy Smith**

- The New Bern Rotary Club continues to recognize members with Paul Harris Recognitions toward their 100% Paul Harris Club Challenge by the end of this Rotary year. Receiving their First PHA during October from the Club's (and District) Foundation Chair, Terry Lubsen, were Immediate Past President Gary Flannery, and David Wang.

- The Rotary Club of New Bern once again actively supported the Annual Alzheimer's Walk on October 19 with the Club's Team raising \$4,000 under the leadership of Co-Chairs Phil Swain and Kelly Milligan.



# MAP AWARD

YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE GROWTH

Congratulations for continuing to grow your impact in your community, your World, and your members.



**New Bern**  
**Washington (Noon)**  
**Greenville**  
**Kitty Hawk**  
**Belhaven-Pantego**

**FOUR YEARS**  
**TWO YEARS**  
**TWO YEARS**  
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*Jeremy Hurst*  
**Jeremy Hurst**  
 Zones 33/34 Director

*Patrick Eakes*  
**Patrick Eakes**  
 MAP Committee Chair

**Rotary**  
 Zone 33/34



**Membership**  
 Action  
 Plan

- *Congratulations* to the Rotary Club of New Bern for their 2023-24 Platinum Club Award, presented by the Zone 33-34 Membership Action Plan (MAP) Team for clubs that have grown their membership for two or more years in a row!

- *Congratulations* also to the Club's Past President, Kelly Milligan, for being named the new CEO of the Eastern Carolina YMCA!

- Join the New Bern Rotary as they host The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Auction on Thursday evening, November 21 at 6:00 pm at the New Bern Golf & Country Club. Proceeds to benefit the Coastal Women's Shelter. Tickets at \$50 are available at Bank of the Arts, Nautical Wheelers on Craven Street, or at <https://square.link/u/V5A6TWZo>.

**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 2024-25, Clifton Pike



- The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual B/S/H/Oktoberfest moved to the Convention Center this year and by all accounts, was another successful club event! Just over \$26,000 was raised to purchase 300-325 pairs of shoes for middle and elementary students in need throughout Craven County. It also supports ten scholarships and other charitable donations from the club during the year.



- Paul Harris Recognitions were presented during October to Joni Bass (PH+3) and J. Allen Curtis (PH+4)

- Our October 10 meeting was a bit different. We took the New Bern Trolley Tour and learned a lot about our special community!



## **Rotary Club of Oriental**

**Meets Mondays: 6:00-7:00 pm at Brantley's Restaurant - President 2024-25 Sheri Rettew**

- The Oriental club sponsored their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Oriental Car Show on October 26.

### Rotary Club of Vanceboro

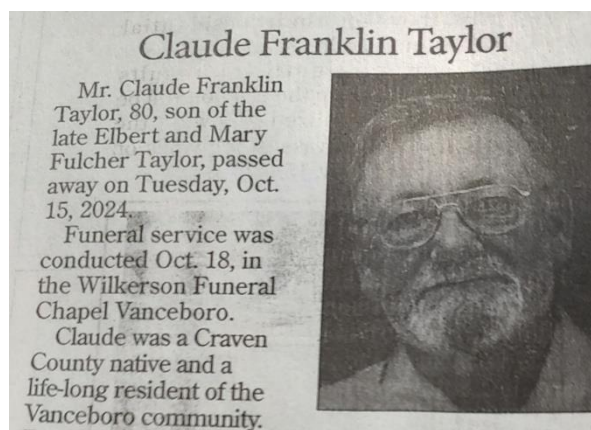
**Meets Thursdays: 7:00-8:00 pm, at Vera's Diner - President 2024-25 Hudson "Hud" Jordan**

- Condolences to the Vanceboro Rotary for the passing of one of their long-time members, Claude Taylor.

### 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 2024-25 Louis Balogh**

- I have no news to report from this club.



### CROP WALK to End Hunger - Rotarians for Area 8 Team

- The Rotarians for Area 8 Team managed to raise \$1923.76 on September 29 for the New Bern CROP WALK. As a first time Team Captain, I want to thank members and family of my New Bern Breakfast Rotary club, and Jessica Harris representing the Vanceboro Rotary club, for helping our team raise more than my \$1,500 goal to End Hunger in our community and the world. 25% of all the money raised this year will stay in our area to support the food distribution programs at RCS in Craven, Jones, and Pamlico counties.



L-R: Avery, Tara, & Addison Hughes, Bobbie & Andy Garlick, Linda Postle, David Whitley, Deedra (in the Captain's hat!) Kurt & Nicole-Brooks Williamson, and Jessica Harris.

- And because the New Bern Breakfast Rotary club likes to walk, we showed up again at Union Point Park on a cold and drizzly Sunday afternoon, October 27, in recognition of Rotary's World Polio Day (October 24). Thanks to walkers

L-R: Steve Harrison & Deedra, Kurt & Nicole-Brooks Williamson, Suzanne Madison, Carmen, Paul & Sammy Platek, Joni & Michael Bass



***SAVE THE DATE!***  
***DISTRICT 7720 CONFERENCE IN NEW BERN***  
***MARCH 7-9, 2025***

*This is our District Governor Gene's home, we know a great conference is being planned!*  
*Details to come – Since it is right here in Area 8, Please Plan to attend!*  
*Here is a flyer for a fun-raising evening scheduled for that weekend, and clubs can reserve a table or two before the notice goes public.*

# Special for Rotary District 7720



## A NIGHT OF COMEDY

### Early bird purchase

\*Valid thru November 24, 2024  
Public Sale: November 25, 2024



**BRENT BLAKENEY**

**Presented by:**  
**FIRST FLIGHT CREDIT UNION**

**Friday March 7, 2025**

**RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER**  
**203 S FRONT ST. NEW BERN, NC**

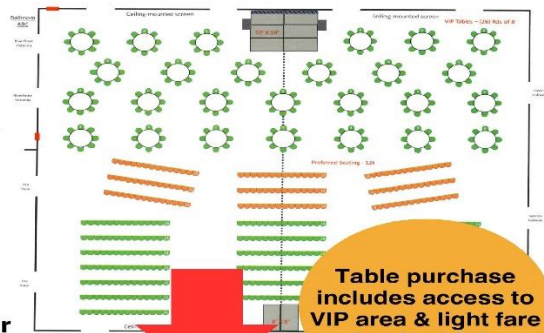
**7:30 PM**

Doors & VIP area  
open at 6pm

All benefits go to the Coastal Womens Shelter



**Featuring - MC -**  
**Magic by Bryan Sanders Carolynn Xavier**



**Table purchase**  
includes access to  
VIP area & light fare  
food + drink.

### Table Prices

**CENTER AREA TABLES**  
\$1,500/each  
8-top table

**SIDE AREA TABLES**  
\$1,200/each  
8-top table

**Contact Bill Stafford to Reserve!**  
**252-560-6581**  
**bill@getsetus.com**

### Celebrate Rotary Foundation Month

In November, we celebrate the impact that The Rotary Foundation makes by supporting grant projects and other programs around the world. Throughout Rotary Foundation Month, I hope you remember the unique opportunities we have to transform our financial support for the Foundation into service projects that advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by fighting disease, improving the quality of education, protecting the environment, alleviating poverty, supporting maternal and infant health, as well as water and sanitation projects. Get involved, raise awareness, and support the vital work of our Foundation. With your support, we can amplify the life-changing work of The Rotary Foundation and continue to transform communities worldwide. Every action, every gift, and every donor thanked makes a difference. Thank you for your help during Foundation Month!

*"The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation. Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better."*

Stephanie A. Urchick, President, Rotary International, *Rotary Magazine*, November 2024