



## **AREA 8 NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2024**

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### **District 7720 News**

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***There is a lot to share about what's going on in the District and our Area 8 Clubs this month, so get a coffee (or whatever) and make notes on your calendar for all that's going on this month!***

### **Rotary Leadership Institute**

On August 24, RLI came to New Bern, and we had a large group from throughout the District attend all three sessions! It was great to have two Area 8 Rotarians in each of the three sessions, including two graduates! I hope I did not miss anyone.



Participants & Facilitators (some facilitators/coordinators missing from photo)

#### **Session I**

Suzanne Madison and Timothy Lubsen, Both from the New Bern Noon Rotary

#### **Session II**

Cecilia Chittick, New Bern Breakfast Rotary, and Bill Gewain from New Bern Noon Rotary

#### **Session III**

Meloni Wray from New Bern Noon Rotary, Sheri Rettew from Oriental Rotary

Four Area 8 Rotarians served as Facilitators during the three sessions of the day's program, including: PDG Tony Santore (Oriental), Andy Garlick, Barbara Belon, and Deedra Durocher (New Bern Breakfast)



C.J. Crooks of Jacksonville, from District 7730, congratulates and presents Certificates of RLI Completion to Meloni Wray (New Bern Noon), and Sheri Jean Rettew (Oriental)

The next Rotary Learning Institute, offering all three sessions, will be **Saturday, September 14 in Jacksonville. Register on DACdb** - Click on the District Tab, then on the Calendar Icon. In the box at the top of the page are Event options, and if you click on "RLI Training Event" at the far right, you will find all of the RLI programs scheduled. The program for September 14 is on the list and once you click on "Register" you should be all set! If your club is paying the tuition, ask your treasurer about your payment or reimbursement!

## **Asking Area 8 Rotarians to WALK TO END HUNGER!**

Hunger hides in every community, even in Craven County! That's why Rotary clubs around the world support programs that provide healthy food and develop sustainable solutions to food insecurity. Fighting hunger to build stronger and healthier communities is what *People of Action* do! It's what *Rotarians* do!

I have agreed to serve as Team Captain for the New Bern Crop Walk on **Sunday, September 29**, so I am asking the 240+ Rotarians in the five clubs of Area 8 to either (1) **Sign up for our Team**, or (2) **Make a Donation** to help our Team raise \$1,500 for this first time effort! Here are the details:

- Union Point Park – Registration begins at 2:00 pm,
  - Program begins at 2:30, Walk begins at 3:00
- Choose your Walk - Short Route = 1 mile or Long Route = 3.5 miles – through New Bern
  - Maps will be available, with Water Stops noted. Routes will be marked
- Post Walk Celebration & After Party – a fun gathering at the Park with DJ, food, and beverages!

**My Goal for the “Rotarians in Area 8” Team is to sign-up 12 Walkers and raise \$1,500!  
And I know We Can Do This!**

For Crop Walk Information, cut and paste this link in your browser:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/newbernnc>

More importantly, to sign-up to walk or to donate, cut and paste this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/rotarians-in-area-8>

Any questions – give me a call or text at 252-670-1907 or email me at Deedra.rotary7720@gmail.com

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*New Bern*  
CROP HUNGER WALK

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

## **Your Rotary Legacy**



Learn how to use the *MAGIC OF ROTARY* to create *Your* Rotary Legacy!

You are invited to attend the New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club on **Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 7:30 am** at the Masonic Lodge, 514 Hancock Street, to meet and learn from Rotary International Major Gift Officer – Jon Teich – who is visiting Area 8. In addition to his presentation at the morning's Rotary meeting, Jon will also be available for private appointments to answer your questions and explain how you can take advantage of this opportunity to change lives, and “to do good in the world”

Please contact New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club President, Clifton Pike if you plan to attend so the appropriate food can be arranged. Email – [kcpike1995@gmail.com](mailto:kcpike1995@gmail.com) or 252-670-6826.

Please contact Lee Adams to schedule a private meeting with Jon Teich – 252-756-5787

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

*Details to come – Plan to attend!*

## AREA 8 CLUB NEWS TO SHARE

Attention Club Presidents – Here is the schedule for District Governor Gene’s Foster’s visits to our Area clubs:

➤ Havelock-Cherry Point	November 14	Thursday, 7:30 am
➤ New Bern Breakfast	November 21	Thursday, 7:30 am
➤ Oriental	November 18	Monday, 6:00 pm
➤ Vanceboro	November 21	Thursday, 7:00 pm
➤ New Bern	December 2	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 is challenging any club member who does not currently have a Paul Harris Award to achieve their Paul Harris Award during this Rotary year, either by a financial donation to the Rotary Foundation or by offering volunteer hours for any club project, for which the Club will share 100 points per hour of service. In the last month, this effort gained a lot of momentum with the following presentations:

- Jeffrey Haddock – First PHF      Travis Moser – First PHF      J. Paul Johnson – First PHF
- Joe Peters was presented his First PHF from the Club and a PHF+1 from Jim Finley
- Member Jim Finley gifted PH Recognition points to add the next level for the following members:
  - Bill Sherman PHF+9, Cathi Miller PHF+1, Kelly Millington – First PHF, Meloni Wray PHF+6



• Membership in the Club continues to grow with the new membership of Crystal Odham, sponsored by Past President Kelly Millington  
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- The New Bern Rotary Club is encouraging all Area 8 Rotary Clubs to support Eagle Scout candidate, Henry Foster (son of our District Governor Gene Foster) who has committed to raising \$15,000 for the purchase and outfitting of an Emergency Trailer for Craven County Disaster Aid as his Eagle Scout Project. Please direct any questions or donations to the attention of Club President, Guy Smith.



### 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**



- Of course, the biggest news this month from this club is the annual Oktoberfest, presented with First Flight Credit Union, on Saturday, September 28, from 5:00 to 10:00 pm at the Riverfront Convention Center on South Front Street. The traditional German food, music and entertainment from the Little German Band, the Stein holding contest, and plenty of beer thanks to this year’s partners – Brewery 99 and Shortway Brewing - guarantees a very festive evening! This signature fundraising event supports the club’s Kicks-4-Kids program to purchase 325 pairs of shoes for elementary and middle school children throughout Craven County, as well as ten scholarships and other charitable donations to our community.

- A FREE and open-to-the-public “Tapping the Keg” Party on Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 pm at Brewery 99 on Pollock Street will kick off the Oktoberfest festivities. According to tradition, Mayor Jeffrey Odham will again do the honor of tapping the keg at 6:00 pm.



- Oktoberfest Tickets, as well as advance beer/wine tickets, and souvenir t-shirts can be ordered on line at <https://bit.ly/2024oktoberfesttickets>, or the QR box above. Event tickets are also available at Mitchell Hardware.

- The club is also busy baking cookies and preparing for their meeting on September 12 for the annual Cookie Drop to Craven County First Responders in recognition of their service to our community on the anniversary of the horrific events on September 11, 2001

- The club’s meeting on Thursday, September 16, will be “Bring A Guest” to introduce prospective members to the “*Magic of Rotary*”

**Rotary Club of Oriental**

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

- The Oriental club is participating in their community’s annual free Ol’ Front Porch Music Festival on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5. Club members will be serving food in the event’s Food Park so visitors can take a break from some great music on front porches throughout the village. Check out this link for details: <https://olfrontporch.org/schedule>.

**Rotary Club of Vanceboro**

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

- I have no news to report from this club.

**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.

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



This project has been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. The family originally picked to occupy the house did not complete their qualification requirements. The next family in line needed a larger home. Therefore, the home cannot be occupied in a timely manner and there is a danger of leaving the home unoccupied.

Habitat for Humanity has asked the Clubs involved to agree to sell this home and use the proceeds to build another home in the same area, as well as a home in Havelock, at no extra cost to the Rotary Clubs. On Saturday, September 7, an Open House of the home that the two Rotary Clubs of New Bern built, and raised money for, was held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.