



WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730
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Club Meeting

Wilmington Cape Fear
Meets at Jungle Rapids
5320 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

This Week at Rotary Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Club Leaders



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We will be having a business meeting this week without a speaker. We will be discussing upcoming events and potential service projects. Also Dan Parks from the District will be attending to discuss the needs of a couple of Ukrainian refugee families here in Wilmington.

Also President Will and the Board have been working on the following concept which you can be thinking about for the meeting. Rotarians, our membership definition has changed! For those who have been unable to make a meeting recently the board made the decision several months ago to change the parameters of membership in our club to encourage new applications and to add flexibility to existing members attendance options. Our memberships are now Corporate/Family Memberships. For the same dues as before you may now allow family members or work colleagues to attend meetings in your stead or participate in service events as a group! If you are currently a member you will still remain the "primary" member and will

be the only one reported to Rotary International as such. New applicants will need to designate a primary member when they join. What this will mean moving forward is that the primary does not have to be the only one to attend a weekly meeting. They can instead allow a family member or work colleague to attend in their place! This will hopefully expand our network and encourage further membership applications! Only one representative will need to attend the regular breakfast meeting from any family or business that is a member. Others can certainly attend as guests from time to time but to keep breakfasts manageable we need to limit it to 1 per membership as a usual practice. However, for service events as many as wish to participate will be welcome!

With this change in mind please be thinking of businesses or individuals that you can approach that would find membership beneficial and encourage your family to participate in all future events!

Trailblazer Award for Kitty Yerkes

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Our own Kitty Yerkes will be honored with the inaugural Trailblazer Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, NC Cape Fear Region Chapter. Kitty has been associated with WHQR, the Cape Fear Museum of History and Science and is very instrumental in the success of our Cape Fear Rotary. You can join Kitty for this special evening on November 15th, 5pm - 7pm at Waterline Brewery.



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Save The Date - Christmas Party

By Ann L. Willard on Wednesday, October 5, 2022



We are booked at Cape Fear County Club for Friday, December 16 at 6 pm. This is an event you do NOT want to miss. For newer members, this is our annual party, all dressed up for Christmas - spouses/significant other invited with an open bar and no charge. Always tons of fun.

Events

November 11th

Veteran Appreciation - Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Will Mitchell

Subject: No speaker. Social breakfast to celebrate those who have served.

November 18th

Coastal Land Trust - Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Bryce Tholen

Subject: Coastal Land Trust

November 25th

No Meeting - Thanksgiving

Speaker: No Meeting - Thanksgiving

Subject: No Meeting - Thanksgiving

Birthdays

Christmas Families

By Ann L. Willard on Wednesday, October 5, 2022



It is that time of the year again when we ask our members to help with families for Christmas. Our club will match our dollars up to \$4000. For the past several years we have given \$8,000 away on our Christmas Shopping Night.

For newer members, we pick a night early December and meet at Target. We have families lined up to come in and when they arrive, we let them know how much money they have to spend for their children. That is when the tears start because it is ALWAYS more than they ever dreamed. They go shopping and when finished, come back to us and one of our Rotarians will go through the checkout line with them and pay for the purchases. More tears.

These are families that have had life-changing situations such as some terminal disease, grandparents that are having to raise their

Chris M. Nagle
November 14th
Robert W. Martenis
December 3rd

Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin E. Edwards
November 12th
Kyle M Mitchell
November 16th
Sounia Nejad Chaney
November 18th
William Edwin Link Jr.
November 28th
Robert F. Whitehead
November 29th

grandchildren or lost everything due to some catastrophe, etc. We have a person that gets the families from DHS so she knows the backstory and brings us the most critical cases.

We normally average around 50 children that will have a Christmas because of all our Rotarians.

I will have a sign up sheet the next few Fridays for you to pledge what you would like to give. If you are not going to be present Friday, please email me your pledge. Please be as generous as you can - all of us are so very fortunate and it has probably been a while since we had to go without. No child should miss out on the joy of Christmas and the joy that the parents have when there are toys or clothing under the tree for their child.

Giving Tuesday Is Coming Soon

Thursday, November 3, 2022

You're familiar with Black Friday, traditionally the biggest shopping day of the year. That's followed by Cyber Monday, the biggest online shopping day of the year. Well, The Rotary Foundation is following these two huge consumption days with a huge charitable day, Giving Tuesday. It's a weekday where you are possibly near your computer and you can go online to make a contribution to the world-wide efforts of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Go to

<https://my.rotary.org/en/giving-tuesday>
