



# WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
CapeFearRotary.com

## Club Meeting

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

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

## This Week at Rotary, Jungle Rapids



### Laser Tag!

After breakfast this Friday we'll be going downstairs to enjoy a little laser tag. Bob Rippy has invited us to be his guests at the laser tag arena. If you haven't attended lately, this would be a good meeting to attend. This is an adult, co-ed activity. Make plans to be there. It will be lots of fun!

Also, if you are a Rule of 85 member you can attend any and all meetings and only pay if you eat breakfast. You don't have to reserve your breakfast. Just attend and pay if you eat and don't pay anything if you don't eat. We hope to see you. This is one you don't want to miss.

## Club Leaders



William E. Mitchell  
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Fundraising

## UNC-W Rotaract Is Back And Running Strong

By Brent Boswell on Thursday, November 24, 2022

The UNCW Rotaract club is back and running strong. Currently, there are 8 student members and the board has been elected. The club has worked hard and achieved provisional approval to become an official organization through the UNCW Activity and Involvement Center. Once they receive final Constitutional Reinstatement, they will be able to market the club and continue to grow membership. The club has already begun planning various service projects including assisting local Rotary clubs with the Habitat For Humanity build, Toys for Tots, volunteering to prepare meals with Nourish NC, and organizing a book drive. This is a wonderful group of young adults that are committed to serving the community and will make excellent Rotarians one day.

A quick example of the dedication and character that this group of young people represents. On Monday, 11/14, UNCW had a Soupper Hero drive in which campus clubs and organizations were challenged with collecting cans of food, to benefit the UNCW Hawk Harvest Food Bank, and building a Super Hero related theme using the cans. Rotaract entered the competition on 11/10 and scrambled to collect cans and create their Soupper Hero. Not surprisingly, they took home 1st place out of 9 teams! See attached photo.

Special shout-out to local Wilmington Rotarians for their generous dedication of time and effort to get Rotaract reinstated at UNCW.

Michael Gillespie  
Allen Quigley  
Lucy Holman  
Ed Graham  
RB Richey  
Brent Boswell

Expect to see some of these students at a Rotary meeting in the near future.



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## Christmas Families

By Ann L. Willard on Wednesday, November 30, 2022

### Events

December 7th  
[Wilmington Cape Fear Annual Christmas Families Event at Target](#)

December 9th  
[Estate Planning - Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Vincent Choken  
**Subject:** Estate Planning

December 16th  
[No Meeting - Christmas Party](#)

December 23rd  
[No Meeting - Christsmas](#)  
**Speaker:** No Meeting - Christsmas  
**Subject:** No Meeting - Christsmas

### Birthdays

Robert W. Martenis  
December 3rd



If you have not had the opportunity to contribute to the Christmas Families this year, please email me your donation amount. We are way short of our goal. Huge THANKS to everyone that has been able to help.

We are doing this next Wednesday, 12/7 at 5 pm at Target. We need 5-6 volunteers. Anyone can come and support us if you like. It is a real eye opener.

We already have the list for this year and there are some very sad stories:

- Grandfather passed away and Grandmother is disabled. The 17-year-old girl is working full time and going to school full time (making A;s and B;s) to help Grandma pay for lot fees. Grandfather was the bread winner - Children's Father has been deported.
- There are 3 generations living together in a motel room after having lost their housing recently.
- Male child living with his Aunt. His Mother is gravely ill and in a nursing home.
- Another family living in a motel - just relocated to Wilmington
- Family is currently homeless and had been living primarily out of their car until they were involved in an accident on 11/6 and the car was totaled. The family is working with Good Shepard Center but does not have housing. Additionally, the male child (2 mos old) was born with club foot and the female child (5 yrs old) has been diagnosed with PTSD and anxiety due to severe physical abuse/neglect by her biological father. WOW just WOW
- Single Mother of two boys. The family has endured several traumatic events over the past year. The Mother has worked hard to obtain independent housing for herself and her children, furnish the home, obtain a car, maintain employment and attend CFCC full time.

There are many more very sad cases. You never know how well we all have it until we read some of these stories.

Douglas Hahn  
December 10th  
David Holmes  
December 29th

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## Wedding Anniversaries

J E Graham  
December 23rd

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# Christmas Party

By Ann L. Willard on Wednesday, November 30, 2022



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bob Martenis says - MAKE THIS A PRIORITY TODAY!!!

If you have not signed up for the Christmas Party yet - now would be a good time to email me - [Ann@Shopakos.com](mailto:Ann@Shopakos.com).

We have 44 signed up so far. Gonna be a great time. See how much fun Bob is having and has every year.

Friday Night, December 16 at 6 pm. Food and Spirits all included and no additional cost for regular members. There is a charge for Rule of 85 Members.