



## WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
[CapeFearRotary.com](http://CapeFearRotary.com)

### Club Meeting

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

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 22, 2022

The leaders of Cape Fear Rotary wish all of you Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Enjoy this time to spend with your family and friends. If you are traveling, take your time and be careful. We won't be meeting tomorrow or next Friday.

### Club Leaders



William E. Mitchell  
President



Gus A. Aretakis  
President - Elect



Brent Boswell  
Vice President



Ann L. Willard  
Secretary



Mark Stanley Paradis  
Treasurer



Doug Bevell  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Clay A. Brumbaugh  
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



Andy Constantine Aretakis  
Fundraising Co-Chair  
Club Membership Chair



Jane E. Morrow  
iPast President

Constance H. Knox  
Club Public Image Chair

### Last Week at Rotary, Holiday Party

Thursday, December 22, 2022

We had a wonderful time at Cape Fear Country Club last week for our holiday party! (Thanks Andy, you're a great photographer)







Richard L. Mitchell  
Club  
Service  
Chair



Robert L. Summerlin  
Bulletin  
Editor



Kathleen Yerkes  
Grants  
Committee  
Chair -  
Allocations



Daniel W. Parks  
Assistant  
Governor



## Events

December 23rd  
**No Meeting - Christsmas**  
**Speaker:** No Meeting  
- Christsmas  
**Subject:** No Meeting  
- Christsmas

December 30th  
**No Meeting - New Year's**  
**Speaker:** No Meeting  
- New Year's  
**Subject:** No Meeting  
- New Year's

January 13th  
**\*\*OFFSITE\*\* Kids Making It - Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Jerry Dominguez  
**Subject:** Kids Making It nonprofit youth woodworking program



## Birthdays

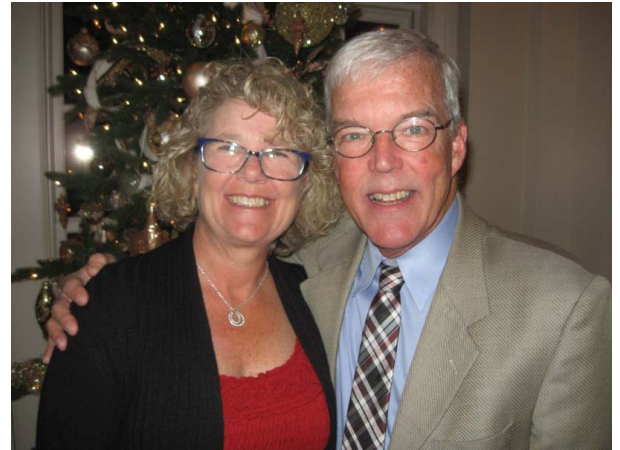
David Holmes  
December 29th  
Drew Williams  
January 5th  
Brandon W. Haines,  
MBA, CFP®  
January 9th  
Andy Constantine  
Aretakis  
January 19th



## Wedding Anniversaries

J E Graham  
December 23rd





## Christmas Families

By Ann L. Willard on Monday, December 19, 2022

Thank you so much for the great support from this club for the Christmas Families this year. Every one of you stepped up to the plate and we knocked it out of the park.

We gave close to \$9,000 to 42 children. As usual, there were tears of joy and shock from all recipients. You never know how much this helps until you are face to face with the parents. We gave one Mother \$200 for her child. She just stood for several minutes saying over and over again, "Oh My Gosh". After the third or fourth time, I am beginning to wonder if we gave enough - not completely sure which direction her Oh My Gosh was going. I asked her if this would help and tearfully she said, You have no idea how much this helps. Thank you so much. To us, \$200 may not be that much, but to this Mother, it was the world. When she left, as she passed us, she was saying Thank You So Much.

While we helped 42 children, we were told by DSS, they had to turn so many people away. We could have probably doubled the number.

The cashier asked Stan how one could sign up for this program. He asked her a few questions and as it turned out, she has 7



children and a couple grandchildren she is supporting on her wages as a Target Cashier. Stan asked me to go talk with her and see what I could get out of her. I got the same story. So sad but she is sure trying. When we left, we purchased a \$600 gift card for her. We don't normally give gift cards, but she was working and there was no way she could go shopping.

So, when you go to bed tonight, count your blessings. We sometimes forget how blessed we are. The recipients of our Christmas this year will be counting their blessings that they met a Rotary Club like ours.

Stan and I thank you again from the bottom of our heart for the donations and the volunteers that were able to make it out this year. We all made a difference in someone's life.

Attached is a thank you letter from DSS.

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## **Christmas Families Thank You**

Thursday, December 22, 2022



# NEW HANOVER COUNTY

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

1650 Greenfield Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Health | P: (910) 798-3500 | F: (910) 798-7834 | NHCgov.com  
Social Services | P: (910) 798-3500 | F: (910) 798-7824 | NHCgov.com

**Donna Fayko, M.Ed.**, Director

**David G. Howard, MPH**, Director Public Health | **Tonya Jackson, MBA**, Director Social Services

December 12, 2022

Rotary Club  
Attn: Ann Willard  
1231 Potomac Court  
Wilmington, NC 28411

Dear Rotary Club members,

On behalf of the New Hanover County Department of Social Services Child Protective Services Division we thank you for your generous donation of over \$9000 for 42 children for Christmas this year.

It is because of people like you that we are able to touch the lives of many children and families during the Holiday season. We truly would not be able to do our job without people like you. We wish you and yours all the best in 2023!!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Walker  
Social Worker

Justine Montgomery  
Social Work Supervisor

Holly Royals  
Program Manager