



# WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
CapeFearRotary.com

## Club Meeting

Wilmington Cape Fear Meets at Jungle Rapids  
5320 Oleander Dr  
Wilmington, NC 28403-5810  
Time: Friday at 07:30 AM

## This Week at Rotary, Craig Wagner, Welcome Home Angel



Driven to serve mission-focused causes, Craig has exclusively worked in the nonprofit sector. From children's wish-granting organizations to human service, and healthcare organizations, Craig has embodied 'Service Above Self' in his career and civic leadership as an Interact Club member at Swansboro High, Founding Rotaract President at ECU, and the youngest Club President of the Jacksonville Rotary Club. Craig was also the youngest chief executive in the United Way global network and during his tenure as CEO of United Way of Onslow County, launched initiatives that reduced youth and veteran homelessness, decreased childhood hunger, and established a disaster relief fund and with complementing volunteer disaster relief. Craig currently serves as the Executive Director for Welcome Home Angel, a locally-founded nonprofit that provides functional room makeovers for children with life-altering conditions. After an 18-month dormancy during COVID, Craig has reactivated the organization to resume critical room makeovers that provide joy and relief to families, while simultaneously creating a model for national replication and opening its first chapter in Chicago.

## Club Leaders



Gus Aretakis  
President



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President-Elect



Ann L. Willard  
Secretary



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Constance H. Knox  
Club Public Image Chair



Richard L. Mitchell  
Club Service Chair



Christopher Octave Buccieri  
Community Service Chair

## Last Week at Rotary, Heather Sellgren, Nourish NC



Heather Sellgren, with Nourish NC visited us last week and filled us in on the mission of her group.

## Rotary Family Day at Jungle Rapids

Everyone had a great time at Jungle Rapids this past Saturday. Bob Rippy was very generous to us and Andy put in a lot of effort to make the day enjoyable and successful. And he's great with the camera.



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Club  
Director



[Robert L. Summerlin](#)  
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Editor



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Committee  
Chair -  
Allocations



[Michael Phillip Beaudoin](#)  
Assistant  
Governor

## Events

September 15th  
[Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Craig Wagner - Welcome Home Angel

**Subject:** Welcome Home Angel

September 22nd  
[Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** William Buster - New Hanover Community Endowment

**Subject:** William Buster, CEO and President of the New Hanover Community Endowment will provide updates and strategic plan and answer questions.

October 6th  
[Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Bill Saffo - Mayor of Wilmington  
**Subject:** Provide an update on City-wide projects

## Birthdays

Sounia Nejad Chaney  
September 14th

William Edwin Link Jr.  
September 24th

Paul Woodworth  
October 10th

Steve Curtis Hall  
October 11th



## Wedding Anniversaries

Drew Williams  
September 23rd  
William E Mitchell  
September 23rd  
Ann L. Willard  
October 1st  
Robert L Summerlin  
October 8th  
Jane E. Morrow  
October 10th

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## Oysters in October

By Robert L Summerlin



The Wilmington West Rotary Club has a wonderful "Oysters in October" oyster roast fundraiser planned at the Bergwin-Wright house on Saturday, October 14 from 5:30-8:30pm. From personal experience, this is an excellent event.

Tickets include steamed oysters, shrimp and fish bites. Two drinks tickets and music. Tickets are \$75 per person. Contact Bob Gazak at BGazak@gmail.com for more information. Or 919-744-9996  
Proceeds from this event will benefit local non-profits in our area.

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## Meal on Wheels



Look who's back. Paul Woodward has been attending recently after a short absence. Great to see you back Paul. He was lucky enough to have the winning raffle ticket but, as you can see, he missed out on the money. Try your luck this Friday!!

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## Today's Funnies

