



# 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

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## Club Leaders



Gus A Aretakis  
President



Brent Boswell  
President - Elect



Ann L. Willard  
Secretary



Mark Stanley Paradis  
Treasurer



Jason Ezzell  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Clay A. Brumbaugh  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair



Andy Constantine  
Aretakis  
New Member Chair  
Club Membership  
Chair



Constance H. Knox  
Club Public Image  
Chair

## This Week at Rotary, Steve Hall, Commercial Real Estate Update



Steve Hall commands a dominant presence in the highly competitive world of commercial real estate, a testament to his nearly two-decade track record of unrivaled success. As Vice President of BlueCoast Commercial, his deep roots in Wilmington have given him an unmatched understanding of the area's rich history and vibrant culture, which he expertly leverages to achieve extraordinary results for his clients.

Boasting an impressive portfolio of over 500 transactions and a staggering half a billion dollars in sales and leasing, Steve is indisputably a towering figure in his industry. He has masterfully orchestrated the sale of some of the most significant properties in the region, including the highly coveted Offices at Mayfaire V & VI, Bradley Creek Station, and University Square Outlet Mall, among numerous others.

Join us as fellow Rotarian, Steve Hall updates us on the quickly changing commercial real estate scene which has a big impact on our local economy.

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## Last Week at Rotary, Board Meeting

Our meeting last week was our Business Meeting/Board Meeting. We had a good discussion of our Club's future with members and board members participating.



[Richard L. Mitchell](#)  
Club Service Chair



[Christopher Octave Buccieri](#)  
Community Service Chair



[Colleen M. Hattingh](#)  
Club Director



[Robert L. Summerlin](#)  
Bulletin Editor



[Kathleen Yerkes](#)  
Grants Committee Chair - Allocations



[Michael Phillip Beaudoin](#)  
Assistant Governor

## Events

October 27th  
**[Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Steve Hall - BlueCoast Commercial  
**Subject:** All things commercial real estate

October 28th  
**[Rotary Habitat Build](#)**  
November 3rd  
**[Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting](#)**  
**Speaker:** Ben David - District Attorney  
**Subject:** Ben David will be here to give us an update on the initiatives and issues the DA's office is currently tackling  
November 24th  
**[Thanksgiving - No meeting](#)**

## Birthdays

## Christmas Families

By Ann L. Willard on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Does anyone else feel like you were just watching July 4th fireworks yesterday and it is almost Christmas already or am I the only one? This has slipped up on us but I know you will step up to the plate.



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 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. You can also email me ([ann@shopakos.com](mailto:ann@shopakos.com)) or you can even shoot me a text (910-431-3116) and tell me your pledge. If you text, be sure to give me your name. 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.

## Save The Date - Christmas Party

By Ann L. Willard on Tuesday, October 24, 2023

We are booked at Cape Fear County Club for Friday, December 8 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

Robert L. Summerlin  
November 7th  
Chris M. Nagle  
November 14th

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### Wedding Anniversaries

Colleen M. Hattingh  
October 26th  
Kevin E. Edwards  
November 12th  
Kyle M. Mitchell  
November 16th  
Sounia Nejad Chaney  
November 18th

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Christmas - spouses/significant other invited with an open bar and no charge. Always tons of fun.

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### Meals on Wheels



Our President won the raffle last week but he didn't pull the Queen of Hearts. Try your luck tomorrow. We have over \$2000 in the pot and just a few cards to pull from.