



# WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Rotary District 7730  
[CapeFearRotary.com](http://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, Leah Fitts, First Tee of Greater Wilmington

## 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



Leah Fitts graduated from Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) in 2021 with a BS in Integrated Marketing & Communications. She volunteered with Young Life for 4 years before joining their staff as a full-time employee for 2 years. Fitts discovered her passion for nonprofit work and the opportunities to inspire and build up the next generation through adventure and outdoor experience. Having grown up in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, she has a love for the outdoors and enjoys playing tennis, volleyball, paddle boarding, skiing or anything else in the sports world. Fitts is brand new to Wilmington and can't wait to explore more of the town with her new husband and rescue pup!

## Last Week at Rotary, Kendall McGee Englehart, Communities in Schools

Kendall McGee Englehart joined us last week and spoke to us about the important work of Communities in Schools.



[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



## Rotary Golf 2024 - Time to Get Started - Seriously!

Come one, come all... to the **Cape Fear Rotary Golf Tournament** to be held on **May 31st, 2024 at River Landing Country Club in Wallace.**

Your CF Rotary Board wants to get started now! Ideally, we'd like to get the major sponsors signed up before the end of the year. Yes... really! Let's get busy.

Please let Andy, Gus, Stan, Connie or any board member know of your sponsorships so we can make sure you are recognized in the next newsletter.

To add your name to the list below, email Connie Knox at [cknox@ec.rr.com](mailto:cknox@ec.rr.com) or Andy Aretakis at [Andy.aretakis@att.net](mailto:Andy.aretakis@att.net)

### Events

November 17th

**[First Tee Greater Wilmington](#)**

**Speaker:** First Tee Greater Wilmington

November 24th

**[Thanksgiving - No meeting](#)**

December 8th

**[Wilmington Cape Fear Rotary Christmas Party](#)**

December 15th

**[Business/Board Meeting](#)**

**Speaker:** Business/Board Meeting

### Birthdays

Robert W. Martenis

December 3rd

Douglas Hahn

December 10th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle M Mitchell

November 16th

Sounia Nejad Chaney

November 18th

William Edwin Link Jr.

November 28th

Robert F. Whitehead

November 29th

Here is the sponsorship list. Is your name on there yet?

# of Sponsors	Sponsorship	Company or Person	Contact	Rotarian	Amount
1	Grand Sponsor				\$5,000
1	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
2	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
3	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
4	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
5	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
6	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
7	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
8	Silver Sponsor				\$1,500
1	Practice Tee				\$1,000
1	Practice Putting Green				\$1,000
1	Beverage Cart				\$750
2	Beverage Cart				\$750
1	Lunch Sponsor				\$500
2	Lunch Sponsor				\$500
1	Hole Sponsor				\$300
2	Hole Sponsor				\$300
3	Hole Sponsor				\$300
4	Hole Sponsor				\$300
5	Hole Sponsor				\$300
6	Hole Sponsor				\$300
7	Hole Sponsor				\$300
8	Hole Sponsor				\$300
9	Hole Sponsor				\$300
10	Hole Sponsor				\$300
Up to 60+	Hole Sponsors				
1	Banner Sponsor				\$100
2	Banner Sponsor				\$100
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10	Banner Sponsor				\$100
11	Banner Sponsor				\$100
12	Banner Sponsor				\$100
Up to 100+ Banners					

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

## 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) 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.

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## Meals on Wheels



No mistake with the photo. Andrew Jamison won the raffle two weeks in a row. Without apologizing at all, he walked straight up front, with a lot of money on the line, and drew the Ace of Clubs instead of the Queen of Hearts. Oh so close. Come see if he can make it three weeks in a row.