



WILMINGTON CAPE FEAR ROTARY NEWSLETTER

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Club Meeting

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

Club Leaders



[Gus A Aretakis](#)
President



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President-Elect



[Ann L. Willard](#)
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Club Membership
Chair



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Club Public Image
Chair



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Club Service Chair



[Christopher Octave
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Community Service
Chair



[Colleen M. Hattingh](#)
Club Director

This Week at Rotary, Master Chief Kyle W Thomas



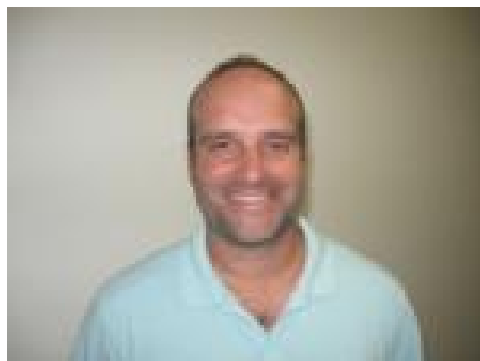
Master Chief Kyle W. Thomas has been Officer in Charge of the Coast Guard Station at Wrightsville Beach since June 2022. Prior to taking over the helm at Wrightsville Beach, Chief Thomas was Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Port Huron in Michigan and served as Executive Petty Officer in Grand Haven, Michigan. Chief Thomas has been a full time member of the Coast Guard for 19 years. He has a bachelors degree in Science, Business Administration from University of Maryland Global Campus. Join us tomorrow and learn about the Coast Guard's work in our community.

Last Week at Rotary, Alison Baringer



Our speaker last week was Alison Baringer. She is executive director of the NC Azeala Festival. She reminded us of the history of the Azeala Festival and updated us on the plans for this year's event. Our festival is one of the best in the southeastern US and draws thousands of visitors to our area. It has a huge economic impact and has something to offer all local residents. It's also a wonderful volunteer opportunity. Contact the website if you're interested in volunteering.

We've got another silver sponsor, LS3P



President Gus has brought in his company, LS3P, which is the leading multidisciplinary architecture firm in our area. Gus is the Construction Administration Group Leader. The Wilmington office has 34 employees consisting of architects, interior designers, marketing staff, and construction administrators. They have about 477 employees firm wide in 12 offices in NC, SC, GA, and FL. The Wilmington, Raleigh, and Charlotte offices were all Boney Architects before merging with LS3P in 2005. Boney Architects was established in 1922 and has been a key part of many buildings in Wilmington, including NHHS, NHRMC, and many CFCC buildings. LS3P will

be participating as a silver sponsorship for the golf tournament this year. Thanks, Gus!



[Robert L. Summerlin](#)
Bulletin Editor



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

Work Continues at the Wilmington Rotary Wheel



Kitty met with District Governor Allen Quigley, Terry Smith from the downtown Rotary and Mke Beaudoin at the Rotary Wheel. You can see the gazebo in the background. They were discussing the required maintenance of the grounds.

Events

January 26th
Wilmington Cape Fear Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Chief Kyle Thomas - US Coast Guard

February 9th
Offsite Meeting at Thalian Hall
Speaker: Off-Site at Thalian Hall - Rob Zapple
Subject: Tour of Thalian Hall - 310 Chestnut Street
Wilmington NC 28401

February 16th
Business/Board Meeting
Speaker: Business/Board Meeting

Birthdays

Jane E. Morrow
January 31st
Clay A. Brumbaugh
February 2nd
Kathleen Yerkes
February 8th
Michael Byrd
February 21st

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark Stanley Paradis
February 16th

What is the Wilmington Rotary Wheel

The Rotary Wheel Garden is a popular landmark in Wilmington, North Carolina. It is located in Greenfield Park and was built in honor of the Rotary Club of Wilmington's 50th anniversary in 1965. The garden is 240 feet across and is the world's largest Rotary symbol. It consists of brick walls that form the gear wheel's outline and concrete walkways that form the six spokes. The garden was originally planted with shrubbery donated by Rotary clubs from around the United States. They were later replaced with roses, and eventually azaleas, which grow better in our climate. In 1990, a gazebo was built in the wheel's hub to commemorate the Wilmington Rotary Club's 75th anniversary.



Meals on Wheels

Dan Waxman was the raffle winner last week and only had 3 cards to choose from to pull the Queen of Hearts. He pulled the King of Clubs for some reason. There will only be 2 cards to pull from tomorrow and over \$3300 to split in the pot. Come join us.