

CLUB NEWS

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The Wilmington
Rotary
Club



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Club awards grant aid

Recipients of club and district grants were recognized at the Oct. 15 meeting.

All these grants are for projects that include active involvement by Rotarians, provide sustainable benefits, and address one of Rotary's six Areas of Focus. Those are Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

Access of Wilmington – \$1,400 will buy a "Play Shaper" language panel for the Miracle Playground. The device will serve disabled children two to twelve years old. Rotarians will assist in installation and clean-up.

NourishNC – \$3,000 will sup-

ply food-filled backpacks for middle school children. This organization supplies food to over a thousand children during times when school is not in session. Rotarians have directly assisted by sorting and packing food boxes.

Salvation Army – \$1,500 will buy kitchen equipment and tools for the Life Skills program, replacing damage from Hurricane Florence. Rotarians will help prepare and serve meals.

Theatre for All – \$2,490 supports this program that serves disabled high school students. SEE: photo, page 8.

Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry – \$2,500 to replace tools needed to repair hurricane-damaged homes. Rotary participation will include several hands-on work opportunities.

Accepting grants from the club's 2019-20 budget were Dale Smith, for Theater for All; Hayley Sink for Access of Wilmington; Mike Beaudoin for Nourish NC; Maj. Mark Craddock for the Salvation Army; and Tammy Tierney for WARM.



Club's total to feed Hurricane Dorian's victims tops \$11,000

The tally for the club's Rise Against Hunger campaign for victims of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas reached \$11,000 in early October. That was enough to sponsor over 31,500 meals for people on the devastated islands.

A delegation from our club also joined with more than 200 Rotarians, Interactors, and community volunteers on Oct. 5 to pack meals for the Bahamas. This second district-sponsored work day was at St. James Community Center in Brunswick County.

Rotarians Matt Pugliese, who also brought two friends from Carolina Beach, Mollie Shiflet, Regina Petty and Eric McKeithan participated.

Also volunteering was Judge Jay Corpening, our speaker on Oct. 2. Other members of Judge Corpening's Saltbox Church—the folks who added their \$500 gift for the Bahamas at the Oct. 2 meeting—also volunteered to help pack the meals.

A previous district meal-packing day took place in Jacksonville Sept. 28.

Smith to lead club for 2022-23; new board seats filled

Dale Smith has been elected president-nominee. That means he will become the club's president when the 2022-23 Rotary year begins.



President Eric McKeithan announced Dale's election at the Dec. 10 club assembly. Also at that meeting, the membership elected a new slate of board members by acclamation.

Taking office July 1, 2020 will be **Lynne Boney, Nancy Bullcock, Charlotte Davis, Bo Dean, and Todd Turner.**

They will be inducted along with President-elect Robby Collins. Cleve Callison will then become president-elect, to serve in 2021-22. When Cleve's term ends, Dale will take office.

A member of the club since 2004, Dale is a retired management consultant. He has been active in many club projects, especially internationally. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, he is a member of the Paul Harris Society.

In other leadership news, District Governor-elect Dawn Rochelle has announced that **Jeff Mount**, a member of the South Brunswick Island Rotary Club, will become district governor for 2022-23, succeeding Ellen Deaton.





Rotarians get to know dogs in training at Paws 4 People; Bellamy Mansion director Gareth Evans describes mansion's slave quarters for visitors.

Vocational Fellowship Day broadens members' horizons

Rather than having a regular lunch meeting on Dec. 3, Rotarians scattered to satellite venues for a box lunch and tours of businesses and non-profit institutions. The annual Vocational Fellowship Day was originated by the late Rotarian Bernie Malman.



Mike Higgins gets acquainted with trainee service dog.

In addition to the Bellamy Mansion, Paws 4 People and the Carousel Center, as shown in the photos, other venues included: Airlie Gardens, the Good Shepherd Center, MarineMax, New Hanover County Courthouse, New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Thalian Association Community Theater.



Gareth Evans talks antebellum architecture on Bellamy Mansion's front porch.



Rotarians watch presentation about Carousel Center's services for abused children.



Vicki Scott and Taft Davis with puppy pupils during visit to Paws 4 People's training center.

Club honors veterans with parade float, special publication, speaker

Starting this year, the club is giving special honors to the veterans among our members, with a "Salute to Veterans" program on Nov. 5 and a club float in the Wilmington Veterans' Day parade on Nov. 9.

An illustrated publication that summarized Rotarian veterans' service was distributed at the Nov. 5 meeting; an expanded second edition was published on Nov. 19.

Rotarian David Grandey spearheaded the effort, which was inspired by a project of his former club in San Jose, California.

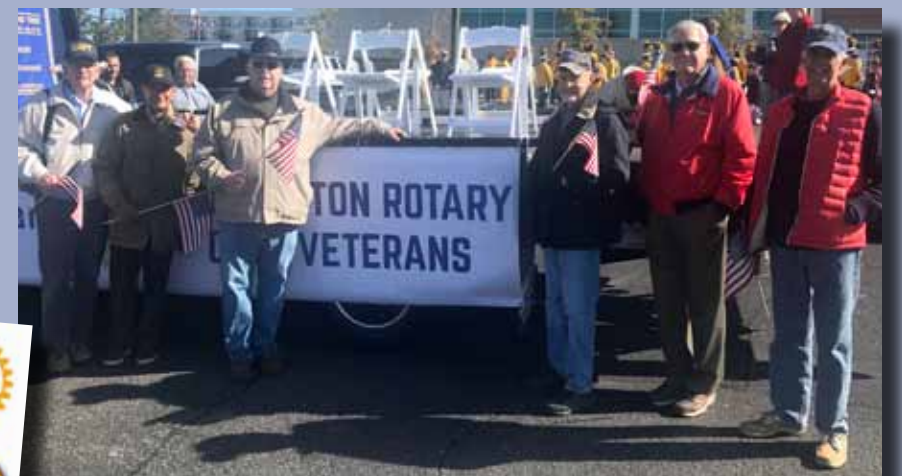
Half a dozen veterans rode on the club's float, and other Rotarians joined in a cheering section in front of the main Post Office on North Front Street.

As part of the observance, the program for our Nov. 5 meeting featured U.S. Representative David Rouzer speaking about recent federal initiatives for the benefit of veterans.

In addition to David, the Veterans Committee includes Scott Betz, Matt Mylott and Noah Woods. Noah supplied the parade float and driver; John Lyon arranged to print banners for the float and the special publication; John Meyer did layout and design; Cat Marinich donated snacks for parade participants and spectators, and Wilbur Jones made arrangements to secure our speaker.



Rotarian cheering section on Front Street shows enthusiasm as our club's float passes.



Ready to ride: Veterans who represented our club on the Veterans' Day parade float were, above, Wilbur Jones, Joe Rogers, John Paup, Jim Edge, Dick McGraw, and Scott Betz. Two dozen others were recognized in special 'Salute to vets' publication.



Rotary club news

Mike Beaudoin’s gang of volunteers met at Nourish NC’s warehouse on Oct. 9 to pack food boxes. The agency’s mission is to help low-income families get enough to eat during school breaks. Packing about 50 boxes in 45 minutes were JoAnn Daley, Mollie Shiflet, Cathy Barlow, Nancy Bullock, Diane Karr, Bunny Donohue, Ty Frederick, Mark Mendenhall, Rob Zapple, and Eric McKeithan.

Three members of our club were honored recently among the “40 Under 40” outstanding professionals. A joint project of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and Star-News Media, 40 Under 40 recognizes young professionals who show commitment to serving others. Rotarians honored were Stacy Ankrum, 39, with First Citizens Bank; Kathryn Bruner, 29, with Intracoastal Realty, and Kyria Henry, 32, founder of Paws 4 People.

The Student of the Month award ceremony will be Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Williston Middle School. Because of a schedule conflict last month, students honored for the previous two months will be recognized. All Rotarians are invited. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. to help set up. The ceremony begins at 9. Williston is at 401 South 10th Street.

The Billy Sutton Memorial Fund, part of our club’s non-profit foundation, donated \$250 to buy 57 sweat-shirts for Williston Middle School student. David Pena, social worker at Williston, asked for help to buy the cold-weather garments. Hobbs Sutton and Julie Rehder, who manage the fund, authorized the expenditure. The fund, in the memory of long-time Rotarian Billy Sutton, was created to benefit Williston.

The Science Olympiad for this school year will have a delegation from Williston, thanks to a \$1,000 contribution from our Legacy Committee. That will register 30 Williston students for the annual competition.

Digital progress: now that we’ve mastered scanning bar codes for attendance tracking, next step is entering our own makeups online in the DaCdb database system. Larry Sackett has offered written guidance and a live demonstration of how to log in and manage your membership information. He welcomes questions; email him at: lbsackett@gmail.com

Rotarian volunteers ring bells to help the poor



Rotarian Ty Frederick and his daughter Annabelle collecting for the Salvation Army at Sam’s Club. It’s a favorite tradition for the Frederick family. Ty’s son Asher rang the bell with him last year.



Wilbur Jones and Ann Lareau



Above, Vicki Scott and Donna Shiro rock the bells; left, Chris Hoenig and Diane Karr drum up dollars on a warm December day. Our club sometimes wins and is always in contention for the informal bragging rights: which service club raises the most money for the Salvation Army.

We need pictures and articles!

Involved in club projects? Please submit digital photos for use in this newsletter. Articles, summary notes or even outlines about committee work and club projects are also welcome. Email any and all info to John Meyer at: john@capefearpublishers.com. For best results, please be sure cameras or smartphones are set for high-resolution pictures.

Club photographer: Robby Collins
Other photos from: Ty Frederick, David Grandey, Jack Manock, Worth Merritt, John Meyer, Julie Rehder and Donna Shiro



High school juniors prepare to begin round-table discussions about leadership, goals and careers, with Rotarians and other adult volunteers.

Top high school students recognized with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Sixty high school juniors nominated by their school guidance counselors joined with Rotarians and other adult volunteers for a morning of round-table discussions on Saturday, Nov. 9.

The occasion was the Wilmington Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, or RYLA. Sponsored by our club in coordination with Wilmington’s other Rotary clubs, the session included students from public and private high schools in New Hanover County.

In addition to a rotating series of conversations about careers, goals and leadership, the participants heard presentations about the college application process.

Afterward, the adult discussion leaders rated the participants for communication skills and leadership potential. The ten ranked highest were invited to attend the

District 7730 RYLA session, a weekend retreat in January 2020 at Pine Knoll Shores in Carteret County. One hundred students from across Southeastern North Carolina will participate.

Chairing the RYLA Committee this year is Laura Lisle. Other members are Albert Corbett, Debby Gomulka, Chris Hoenig, Doug Jennings, John McLean, Angela MacKinnon, Charles Mintz, R.B. Richey, Chris Utesch and Rob Zapple.



Rotarian Rob Zapple was among adult discussion leaders.



Rotarian Charlotte Davis prepares to lead discussion with half dozen RYLA students.



Wilmington RYLA participants pose for group portrait in Trask Coliseum after session ended.

Programs cover history, diplomacy, airport and education, veterans and agriculture, plus Rotary Foundation and club projects



Marshall: NC and Moldova



Wilsey: ILM Airport



Rouzer: veterans' issues

In addition to our traditionally strong array of outside speakers, recent programs have also featured Rotarian experts on various topics.

On Oct. 8, Rotarian **Wilbur Jones** presented a slide show about local African-Americans in World War II, including members of the "Tuskegee Airmen" from Wilmington.

North Carolina Secretary of State **Elaine Marshall** spoke on Oct. 15 about a partnership between the state and the former Soviet republic of Moldova.

Rotarian **Julie Wilsey**, director of Wilmington International Airport, presented an update on ILM's status at the Oct. 22 meeting.

New Hanover County school board member **Lisa Estep** spoke Oct. 29 about the school district's challenges, including redistricting.

Meeting at the Cameron Art Museum on Nov. 5, the club heard Congressman **David Rouzer** discuss recent legislative action to improve services for veterans. At that meeting, Rotarian **David Grandey**

presented a tribute to the veterans among our club's membership.

On Nov. 12, in recognition of Rotary Foundation Month, our speaker was **Carl Davis**, the Foundation's senior major gifts officer.

Wilmington Mayor **Bill Saffo**, narrowly re-elected two weeks before, spoke Nov. 19 about the state of the city.

In the annual Farm-City Week program on Nov. 26, **Mitch Peele** of the North Carolina Farm Bureau spoke about public perceptions of agriculture.

Instead of a regular meeting, Dec. 3 was our **Vocational Fellowship Day**, with members attending mini-sessions at a range of businesses and non-profits. See details on *Page 2*.

The Dec. 10 meeting was a club assembly. Among other committee business, Rotarian **Larry Sackett** demonstrated how members can use the District and Club database ("DaCdb") to manage such details as attendance, makeups and contact information.



Jones: WWII black history



Estep: County schools



Peele: Farm Bureau



Davis: Rotary Foundation




Saffo: City of Wilmington



Sackett: Club database

Pres-elect steps up

Robby Collins got unscheduled on-the-job-training on Oct. 29, presiding over the club meeting during President **Eric McKeithan's** medical absence. He will take the gavel in his own right in July 2020.



Clubs combine to make mayor Paul Harris Fellow

After presenting the program at our Nov. 9 meeting, Wilmington Mayor **Bill Saffo** was surprised to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

The \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation in the mayor's name was a joint venture of our club and the Wilmington West Rotary Club. The West club's president, **Andrea Smith**, presented Saffo with the Paul Harris Fellow lapel pin.



Club inducts six members

The membership rolls continued to grow since mid-summer, with five new Rotarians joining the club in August.

Tufanna Bradley and **David Brown** were inducted on Nov. 5. Tufanna is assistant county manager for New Hanover County; her sponsor is **Bo Dean**. David, sponsored by **Janet Monterose**, is a transportation broker with **Farmer's Grain Express**.

Taft Martin joined the club on Nov. 12. He is a contract manager for **Baker Roofing**. He was sponsored by his aunt, **Charlotte Davis**.

On Nov. 26, **Regina Fisher** became a member. She is a business broker and was sponsored by **Hansen Matthews**.

A double induction took place on Dec. 10. **Sean Parrish** is a former Marine counterinsurgency officer, now a consultant. **Michael Gillespie** sponsored him.

Cliff Pyron also joined the club Dec. 10. He is a business recruiter for **Wilmington Business Development**, where he works with his Rotary sponsor, **Billy King**.

Have you identified a new member?

Membership application materials and a checklist are available on the check-in table at each meeting, and also from the club's website.



Tufanna Bradley



David Brown



Taft Martin



Regina Fisher



Sean Parrish



Cliff Pyron

Banner exchanges

Shibata Japan
October 15.

With our club's new banner.



Darlington England
October 22.

Traveling? Get a banner to swap when you attend a makeup meeting at another club.



Marin Noon Marin County California
November 5.

We still have some of our old Bellamy Mansion banners on hand.



Foundation donors honored with Paul Harris Fellow status

Rotarian **Ken Bishop** and his daughter, Past District Governor **Donna Peffley** of District 7710, honored Ken's son **Douglas Bishop** as a Paul Harris Fellow on Oct. 8. Donna is a member of the **Cary-Kildaire Rotary Club**. On Oct. 22, **Tolis Vardakis** was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow "plus two" for total contributions of \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation. A Paul Harris Fellow is recognized for contributing \$1,000 or more to the international Rotary Foundation, or having a contribution made in their name.



Ken Bishop, Douglas Bishop, Donna Peffley.



Vardakis: PHF + 2

Upcoming programs & events

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Family holiday party, with **Santa Claus** and **Williston Middle School** student musicians.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

No meeting; Christmas holiday.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

No meeting; New Year's holiday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Plastic pollution in the oceans and one possible solution.
With speaker **TBA**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

The Boys and Girls Home, and Rotary participation,
with **Mason Smith**, director of public relations.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Address below.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

District governor's visit, with **Doug Wolfe**.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Program and speaker **TBA**.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Update on Rotary projects in Ukraine and Sierra Leone,
with Rotarians **Gabe Rich** and **Dale Smith**.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Program and speaker **TBA**.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Address below.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Rookie teacher of the year awards, with Rotarian **Joe Owen**.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Program and speaker **TBA**.

Remember senior friends at holidays

The club's Sunshine Committee offers this reminder: In the holiday season, remember that calls, cards and visits are important to some of our less-mobile friends and those undergoing medical challenges.

Among those unable to attend meetings recently but welcoming cards or calls are Joe Augustine and Jake Shepherd.

Welcoming cards or visits is Pat Watts, Champions Room 122, 1011 Porters Neck Rd., Wilmington, NC 28411.

Theater for All show goes on with club's support



Among this year's grant projects is Theater for All, which offers dramatic opportunities to people with disabilities. This performance of 'A Winter Wish' was Dec. 13 at the Hannah Block Second Street Stage in downtown Wilmington. In addition to financial support from the club, Rotarians donated many of the vests the cast wore during this production.

\$ Raffle pot \$
tops \$1,300!
Drawing odds now 1 in 9



If your ticket is the fourth picked, you draw from the deck. The King of Clubs or the Queen of Clubs (get it?) wins 1/3 of the jackpot! Buy 10 or more tickets and you get to draw two cards. As of Dec. 17, the winner stands to collect over \$400, one-third of the pot. Only 18 cards remain in the deck. Two of those 18 cards are winners!

Win big dollars!
Help club projects!
Astonish your friends!

Our weekly raffle helps pay for the club's projects, which are not supported by member dues. Tickets are \$1 each or five for \$3. If yours is one of four drawn each week, you win five bucks, cash money! The fourth winner gets a shot at the jackpot, which grows each week. And as cards are pulled from the deck, the odds also steadily improve.



Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm, 3rd Monday of each Month
LS3P Architects conference room
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