

CLUB NEWS

May 23, 2017



The Wilmington
Rotary
Club



Founded April 1915 • A Century of Service Above Self

Wine tasting breaks records, raises net \$45,000 for projects



Bo Dean announces record fund-raiser results.

Forty-five thousand dollars!!!

Strong support from our membership and the community ensured that the April 4 wine tasting party raised a record sum for the club's charitable foundation.

After expenses, the proceeds topped \$45,000, Fund-Raising Committee Chair Bo Dean announced on April 11. The money came from four sources: sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction proceeds, and wine sales.

In a hopeful departure from past years, many of the tickets were sold to non-Rotarians. Setting a high bar for such sales was Rotarian Tolis Vardakis, who found buyers for 20 tickets at \$75 each.

Some 70 auction items — both products and services — were donated by members and local businesses.

The committee set, and met, a sponsorship goal of \$40,000. Spearheading the sponsorship team were John Hatcher, Henry Brown and Chris Riley.

Michelle Hardee headed the silent auction subcommittee.

Attendees bought 256 bottles of wine, and the club got a commission on those sales.

Net proceeds go to our 501(c)(3) foundation, which meant a significant portion of sponsorships and ticket sales was tax deductible. Those funds will be used to support the club's projects, large and small, including the pending Global Grant water-supply venture in Guyana.

Hence President Mike Beaudoin's comment that "We turned wine into water."

Club's costs are up, so dues must follow

Quarterly membership dues will increase to \$220 effective July 1, the Board of Directors has decided. This is a \$20 increase, or an additional \$80 a year. The change was recommended by a study committee chaired by President-elect Elaine Andrews.

This was the first increase in dues since 2006, when they were raised \$15 to the current \$200.

Club dues are used solely for operating expenses, mainly meals and rent for our meeting room, and including district and Rotary International dues. All club programs are supported by funds from other sources. (See story at top of page.)

For members in "Rule of 85" status, dues will be \$65 a quarter, a \$4 increase. This does not include meals, which are billed on a "pay as you go" basis.

When in Rome . . .



Bill Fuller, Ann LaReau and Wilbur Jones

Globe-trotting Rotarians Wilbur Jones and Ann LaReau, on a month-long tour of Italy, ran into fellow Rotarian Bill Fuller May 19 in the Ristorante Girarrosto Fiorentino in Rome. In the same party were Bill's wife Rosalind and Wilmingtonians Frank Block and JoAnn Wellner.



You are invited to attend R.B. Richey's installation as district governor July 1. The club will pay for all members attending. Guests are \$50. RSVP online by June 21 at www.directory-online.com/Rotary/index.cfm?EventID=77318249

Matthews, Dean, Richey honored for club service

Three more hard-working Rotarians have been honored with President Mike Beaudoin's RISE award, standing for "Rotarian inspiring service excellence."

On March 28, Past President Hansen Matthews got the pin, in part because of his work with the Boys and Girls Home Committee, including leading a fishing trip for boys from the home's Rotary Cottage. He chaired a committee looking at meeting place options, volunteered to help RB Richey prepare for his year as district governor, and has volunteered his firm's conference room as a place for committee meetings.

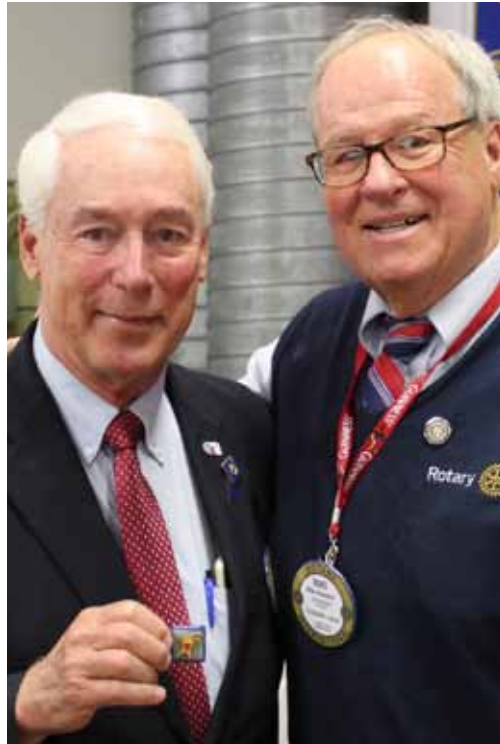


Bo Dean, who chaired the fund-raising committee, got the award April 11 in recognition of his work organizing the annual wine tasting event. (See page 1.) This recognition was also for his efforts with the Boys and Girls Home and for serving as master of ceremonies for the Student of the Month awards at Williston Middle School.

And our soon-to-be district governor, Past President R.B. Richey, was honored May 9. In addition to his leadership roles, R.B. and his wife Lynnne were recently recognized as major donors to the Rotary Foundation. R.B. also is serving as mentor for Mike during his year as president.



President Mike Beaudoin pins RISE award on Past President Hansen Matthews on March 28.



R.B. Richey, past president and district governor-elect, holds his RISE pin after presentation by President Mike at May 9 meeting.

Left: Bo Dean acknowledges the honor on April 11, after announcing results of the previous week's wine tasting fund-raiser.

*Club photographer
Robby Collins*

Volunteer team WOWs charity at annual work day

The club participated in the 2017 "Work on Wilmington" service day on April 29, sending a team of workers to the Catholic Charities office in the Harrelson Center on North Fourth Street.

Elaine Leggett and Bret Paterson of the New Member Committee and board member Chris Hoenig organized the effort. Other participants were JoAnn Daley, Ty Frederick, Jeff Newman, Will Rikard, Shannon Sandlin, Mollie Shiflet and Terry Smith.

A \$500 participation fee, which pays for materials, was donated by the New Hanover County Law Enforcement Association.

The Rotary team wore our blue "Wilmington Rotary Works" shirts.

WOW is an annual event organized by the Chamber of Commerce that enlists volunteers from numerous organizations throughout New Hanover County to work on dozens of individual projects.

Afterwards, participants enjoyed a reception at the new Pier 33 venue on the Cape Fear River.

Elaine explained what they accomplished: "Team Rotary worked cohesively to put together 11 steel shelving units that filled the storage unit. Once that was complete, we moved a lot of the donated items being stored in the Catholic Charity's office space to the storage room, completely filling all the shelves! They now have use of their office space that was 95% taken up by donated items before we arrived. It made a huge impact!"

Expo booth spreads word about local Rotary clubs

For the third year, members of our club joined other Wilmington Rotarians in staffing a booth at the Wilmington Business Expo on March 30.

The booth is meant to introduce business people to Rotary and to the six clubs in Wilmington. The expo is an annual trade show in the Wilmington Convention Center.

Volunteers distributed literature and discussed local clubs' projects.

Grant requests sought for charitable groups

The club and our charitable foundation are soliciting grant proposals to benefit community organizations. Applications for \$2,000 grants will be accepted from club members.

One-page proposals should be submitted to Grants Committee chair Ernie Olds by May 31. An application form, with information about project criteria, can be downloaded from the club website's "Documents" page.

The committee will review and rank the applications and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The board will act on those recommendations at its June 26 meeting.



Secretary Elliott O'Neal and event organizer John Lyon chose to wear traditional plus-four golfing outfits while playing at the annual April 18 golf outing.

Golf outing brings out the plaid in Rotarians.

As an alternative to the regular lunch meeting, several foursomes of Rotarians spent part of April 18 on the links at Beau Rivage Country Club.

The annual "Golf Fore Fun" outing included lunch cart rental and greens fees for \$45.



President Mike Beaudoin and Rotarian Gabe Rich thanked Cape Fear Community College dental hygiene students Cydney Clemmons and Becky Sanford, and Leslie Houston, director of New Hanover County Health Department's 'Miles of Smiles' mobile dental unit, for their work at the March 23 dental screening at the Community Boys and Girls Club.

Club helps health department, CFCC in dental screening

The club's Community Service Committee worked with Rotarian Gabe Rich to conduct a free dental screening for children at the Community Boys and Girls club on March 23.

As he did last year, Gabe recruited dental hygiene students from Cape Fear Community College to examine the children's teeth, and identify problems that needed attention.

Follow-up care was offered by the New Hanover County Health Department's "Miles of Smiles" mobile dental clinic.

This was the second year our club has helped with the screening. The

Boys and Girls Club is on Nixon Street in Wilmington's northside.

Sharon Huffman, who chairs the Community Service Committee, helped to organize our volunteer team, who wore the club's blue "Wilmington Rotary Works" T-shirts.

Rotarians who participated were Rhonda Amoroso, Mike Beaudoin, Charlotte Davis, Megan Heathcote, Chris Hoenig and Diane Karr. The team had help from non-Rotarians: Mike's wife Gayle Beaudoin, Regina Petty, and Kathleen Fairall. Kathleen has since been inducted as a member of the club.

Citizenship ceremony is May 31

Around 40 new U.S. citizens will take their naturalization oaths on May 31 in a ceremony that our club is co-sponsoring. Twenty-five seats at this hour-long event have been reserved for Rotarians.

The ceremony will be conducted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a branch of the Department of Homeland Security. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Morton Auditorium in Bryan Hall on the UNC-Wilmington campus.

Starting last fall, Rotarians Wilbur Jones and Larry Sackett have been planning the event and our club's involvement. President-Nominee Cathy Barlow is assisting in coordination with UNCW.

In addition to the spectator seats, we need seven volunteers to serve as greeters. Anyone interested in either volunteering or attending should contact Larry Sackett. His email address is lbsackett@gmail.com and telephone is 301.518.3166.



Twenty-four former presidents assembled on March 28 in honor of the club's 102nd anniversary. From left, with the year each took over the gavel, were: Franklin Floyd, 1963; Bobby Greer, 1977; John Monroe, 1979; Charlie Brown, 1980; Albert Corbett, 1982; James Hundley, 1987; Joe Augustine, 1988; Mike Queen, 1993; Mimi Cunningham, 1994; Terry Horton, 1995; James Lanier, 1999; Don Adkins, 2002; Don Britt, Jr., 2003; Tom Dodson, 2004; Patrice Willetts, 2005; Donna Shiro, 2006; Melissa Hight, 2008; Jeff Newman, 2009; R.B. Richey, 2010; Stacy Ankrum, 2011; Rick Lawson, 2012; Steve Yates, 2013; Hansen Matthews, 2014; and John Meyer, 2015. Towering over them all at center is current president Mike Beaudoin.

Past presidents convene to mark club's 102nd



Frank Floyd, the club's longest-serving member, was president in 1963-64 and holds Badge #1.



Vicki Scott pins boutonniere on Rev. Mike Queen, who served as the club's president in 1993-94.



Rick Lawson was president for the 2012-13 Rotary year.

For the first time since 2005, an all-star cast of the club's past presidents came together on March 28. A total of 25 presidents, including incumbent Mike Beaudoin, helped to celebrate the club's 102nd anniversary. The Wilmington Rotary Club was chartered in April 1915 as the 150th club in the Rotary movement.

Right: Don Britt, president for 2003-04, with Rotarian Pat Watts. Far right: Charlie Brown, president in 1980-81, gets his boutonniere.





Weekly programs enlighten and inspire



Pyron: State Ports



Fonvielle: Civil War flag



Wilsey: ILM airport

Transportation, history, biology and art were among the subjects for weekly meeting programs this spring. Two weeks in April, however, didn't have guest speakers because of special events.

Past presidents' day, on March 28, recognized the club's 102nd anniversary and leaders from as far back as 1963. The following week, April 4, the normal lunch meeting was replaced by the evening wine-tasting fund-raiser. See *page 1* and *page 4*.

The future of artificial intelligence (or when you can expect a robot to take your job) was the topic for UNCW Professor **Julian Keith** on March 21.

The next regular program was April 11, when State Ports Authority spokesman **Cliff Pyron** discussed the Wilmington port's contributions to the region's and state's economy.

Ed Smallwood, a retired N.C. State University professor, spoke April 18 about birds, their anatomy and some of their fascinating habits.

On April 25, UNCW Professor **Chris Fonvielle** described how a flag captured at Fort Fisher in 1865 played a role in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Our own **Julie Wilsey**, executive director of Wilmington International Airport, spoke May 2 about air travel, the airport's economic impact and development plans.

The May 9 speaker was **Frankie Roberts**, executive director of LINC, which stands for "Leading Into New Communities." His agency helps ex-inmates re-enter society after completing prison sentences.

The career of digital photographic artist **Sean Ruttkay**, who produced the 2017 Azalea Festival's poster art, was the program for May 16.

Have a program idea? Please suggest it to Program Committee Chairman Cleve Callison or to any other committee member.

Upcoming programs: Page 8.



Keith: machine intelligence



Smallwood: lives of birds



Roberts: aid to ex-inmates



This photo by May 16 speaker Sean Ruttkay was used on the North Carolina Azalea Festival's 2017 poster.

Bylaw changes update presidential election process, sharpen criteria for appointing new board members

The club's membership voted without dissent on May 9th to amend our bylaws, as recommended by a study committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Some of the changes were made to conform with current practices. Others are meant to improve how we select our board and our presidents.

Chaired by Past District Governor Don Adkins, the committee consisted of President-Nominee Cathy Barlow, Harley Sacks, Jim Summerlin and Tyler Wooden. The board considered the proposed changes at its meetings in March and April, and endorsed them at a vote on April 24.

President Mike Beaudoin explained, "The bottom line is that we hope to improve the nominating process for new board members, give newly elected presidents two years (it's currently 18 months) to prepare and that we select from all eligible board members, not just from the newest class of five."

By holding the board's vote for president in June, rather than in December as done previously, the newest board members will serve a full year, rather than just six months, before they have to consider being elected president.

Changes to the bylaws

The selection of the president nominee shall come from the newest class of five and any other board members who agree to be considered. This person would be selected each June.

Article 3, Section 1

The nominating committee should consist of 1) president-elect, 2) president nominee, 3) one other board member, a past president and 4) two other Rotarians from the club. President-elect is to chair as designated in the current bylaws. This nominating committee would replace the committee as designated in the bylaws.

This nominating committee is for se-

lecting the new class of directors.

Changes and additions to the criteria for board members are:

- *Be an active member of this club for at least three years*
- *Have actively participated in two club projects and served two years on club committees*
- *Be in good standing as to attendance and dues*
- *Willing to serve as president if selected by the Board of Directors*
- *Be a "sustaining" member of the club*
- *Be willing to actively participate and support Rotary beyond the club level*

At the same time it endorsed the updated bylaws, the Board of Directors made additional recommendations:

To establish cross-training for key positions such as secretary add treasurer.

To consider some sort of clerical assistance for the president.

Family and friends named Paul Harris Fellows



Left: Past President and Past District Governor Don Adkins and his son Jeff, who became a Paul Harris Fellow on May 9. Don and his wife Maryann have made all their children Paul Harris Fellows.

Right: Past President and District Governor-Elect R.B. Richey with Alison Brown, a recent graduate of UNCW and past president of the university's Rotaract Club. She also received her Paul Harris Fellow recognition on May 9.



Chief writes thanks for help with farming grant in Africa

We recently received thanks for a contribution to a Global Grant project led by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, Mich., to help farmers in the African nation of Sierra Leone. Rotarian Dale Smith, who works with another project in the same community, shared a letter from Paramount Chief Caulker of the Bumpeh Chiefdom, which includes the village of Rotifunk.

The grant, meant to help diversify agriculture in the region, will help "eliminate poverty

in my chiefdom and make people self-reliant," the chief wrote.

By helping families cultivate fruit trees and sell their crops, Caulker said, "We anticipate we can double the number of school-going children with the orchards and newborn baby trees this grant will fund. . . . We are introducing other cash crops with this grant. 170 women will be supported and introduced to planting peanuts on a commercial level."

Rotarians help Williston in matters of life and death

Since 2011, our club has contributed supplies, cash, books, clothing, tutoring and our members' presence at monthly student award ceremonies. We concluded this school year with extra-special Student of the Month observations.

But on the other side of the coin, Rotarians recently helped the family of a Williston student deal with his tragic premature death.

Crowd-funding a funeral

During spring break, a 14-year-old eighth-grader named Dmarie' Hall died from complications of sickle-cell anemia. His family was struggling to cover the costs of his funeral and burial. President Mike Beaudoin asked our members, as part of the greater Williston family, to consider donating to the Hall family's account on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com).

When he made that appeal, donors had contributed \$2,335 toward the \$4,500 needed. As of the deadline on April 21, contributions totalled more than \$4,700.

Honored students field trip

In happier news, 22 Rotarians attended the school year's final Student of the Month award ceremony on May 17. Because previous months' winners were also invited, the event was moved out of the library and into the school auditorium. All the winners from the 2016-17 school year were invited to an all-expenses-paid field trip to the N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

Exam proctors needed

Members have one more opportunity



Honored students and visiting Rotarians on stage in Williston Middle School's auditorium during the year's final Student of the Month ceremony May 17. Parents and other family members, along with previous months' honorees, fill the auditorium.

ty to help at Williston before the school year ends. Volunteer proctors are needed for the end-of-grade tests, which take place on May 26, 30 and 31 and on June 1, 2, 5 and 7. Volunteers may work any of those days, or all of them. And this service, like all other club projects, qualifies as a make-up! The school will need the most volunteers on Wednesday May 31st and Thursday June 1st. Each proctoring shift begins with required training

at 8:05 am in the library.

Anyone interested in helping should sign up by contacting any of these Williston faculty members:

- Kim Loye:
kimberly.loye@nhcs.net
- Daniel Petree:
daniel.petree@nhcs.net
- Kristen Guthrie:
kristen.guthrie@nhcs.net

New website debuts

After a time without a permanent webmaster, during which the club's former website was hacked and contaminated with malware, a new site was developed and went live in April.

The new site is tightly integrated with the online database that contains detailed information about our club and about Rotary District 7730.

A directory under "Club Links" makes it easy to contact any member. Useful documents are available for download.

Comments or suggestions should go to the interim webmaster, John Meyer.



Upcoming programs & events

TUESDAY, MAY 23

“Our fire fighting improvements and goals” with
Wilmington Fire Chief **Buddy Martinette**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Fellowship Wednesday, 5 p.m. at Smoke on the Water,
3704 Watercraft Ferry Drive, off River Road.

MONDAY, MAY 29

Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., LS3P office, 101 N. Third St.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

On leadership. With **Randall White** of the Executive
Development Group.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Naturalization and citizenship ceremony, 11:30 a.m.,
Morton Auditorium, Bryan Hall, UNC-Wilmington.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

“The heroin epidemic,” with **Dr. Philip Brown** of New
Hanover Regional Medical Center.

SATURDAY through WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10-14

Rotary International Convention, Atlanta.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Program to be announced.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Installation banquet. With **Elaine Andrews**, 2017-18
president, 6 p.m., Country Club of Landfall.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., LS3P office, 101 N. Third St.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

No meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 1

District 7730 officers installation banquet. With **R.B.
Richey**, 2017-18 district governor, 6 p.m., Country Club
of Landfall.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

No meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 11

Program to be announced.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

District Governor **R.B. Richey**’s official club visit.

New members join, say hi



Kathleen Fairall

One new member has joined the club since March, and two recently inducted members have introduced themselves in new-member talks.

Kathleen Fairall was inducted on May 2. She is a business consultant and recently relocated to Wilmington. Elliott O’Neal sponsored her for membership. She gave her new-member talk on May 16.

Kathleen is the 17th member to join the club since the Rotary year began on July 1, 2016. Two more prospective members have been approved and will be inducted soon.

On March 28, **Laura Lisle** addressed the club. Office manager for her husband’s architectural firm, she was sponsored by **Donna Shiro**.



Laura Lisle

Guyana water grant approved

On April 7, the Rotary Foundation approved our Global Grant application for the Old England village water system. Old England is the village in Guyana where we are planning to develop a well and water distribution system, much like what we provided in 2014 to the nearby village of Coomacka.

The project’s total budget is \$48,500, divided among the Global Grant, matching funds from our District 7730, and contributions from our club, other Wilmington-area clubs, and the Georgetown Rotary Club in Guyana’s capital.

Among the requirements this grant application had to meet were developing a plan to train local people to manage and maintain the water system, and a hydrogeological survey of the region. This is a new Rotary Foundation requirement for all water and sanitation grants. The project budget now includes a line item to pay for that survey.

Shannon Sandlin, the committee chair, and Rotarian Don Thackston made a preliminary visit to Old England last year. Because of delays in the grant approval process, Shannon has suggested postponing a follow-up trip until September. A related project, to conduct a dental outreach program in Old England, would also be put off until September.

President Mike Beaudoin reports that procurement of items needed for the project has begun. Aubrey Roberts, a member of the Georgetown club and a water-supply professional, “is hard at work putting the pieces together,” Mike said. That suggests that the new well may be finished by the time our club’s delegation returns to Guyana in the early fall.

Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm, 4th Monday of each Month
LS3P Architects conference room
101 N. Third Street, Fifth Floor
Wilmington, NC 28401

Get In Touch

President Mike Beaudoin 518-466-9832
President-Elect Elaine Andrews 232-4643
Secretary Elliott O’Neal 397-3613
Newsletter Editor John Meyer 392-5228
Webmaster John Meyer 392-5228

Submit News Items

Send photos or other information for the newsletter to john@capefearpublishers.com. Please include all pertinent names, dates, etc.

Website

www.WilmingtonRotaryClub.org