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# Hurricane help pours in from Rotary clubs around the world

In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, 27 Rotary Clubs have sent contributions of cash and supplies, or inquired about how they can help us.

Some of them are still getting dollars and goods together; others have contributed to our District 7730 disaster relief fund. Want to give to that or our club's foundation? SEE: [page 8](#).

As of Oct. 26, we have received more than \$7,000 in cash contributions from other clubs and individual Rotarians. Those clubs include Tenaflly, N.J.; Paulding County, Ga.; The Woodlands, Texas; Mobile, Ala.; Casper, Wyo.; and Houma, La.

Our club's board voted Oct. 22 to apply the majority of that money to organizations we support. Each of these four groups get \$1,000: Boys and Girls Home, Nourish NC, Good Shepherd Center; and Williston Middle School.

All the funds will be used for hurricane relief needs.

Among the biggest contributors were the Longwood Rotary Club of Kennett Square, Pa. and the Old Saybrook Rotary Club of Connecticut.

The Longwood club sent us 100 large backpacks for homeless people served by Good Shepherd Center. That club will follow up by sending 100 winter coats for low-income Williston students. We also expect the district governor from that part of Pennsylvania to be driving here with a mini-van full of school supplies, expected to arrive the second week of November.

The Old Saybrook club will be sending \$5,000 to help the Boys & Girls Home, which suffered considerable damage in the storm.

Our own members have contributed cash, supplies and labor to help the community, and in some cases hurricane-hit fellow Rotarians.

Food, water and cleaning supplies were among the goods received from

members on Oct. 2, our first meeting after the storm. A truckload was taken to the Boys and Girls Home; a load of paper products to Rachel Freeman Elementary School; a load of food to Nourish NC; and multiple items to Good Shepherd Center.

Two who made extraordinary contributions of time and energy were given a club service award; SEE: [page 2](#).



A portion of the backpacks for Good Shepherd Center contributed by Pennsylvania Rotarians.

## Club makes up district shortfall, funds four grant projects

Rotary District 7730 has approved grants totalling \$4,000 for two of the club's projects for the 2018-19 year. Two others that did not get district grants have still been fully funded from the club's own resources.

The club had applied for \$7,750 in district funds, to be matched by an equal amount from our own funds. The budget for all four projects totals \$15,500. Unexpectedly, the district's budget for grants this year was substantially less than in previous years. Projects funded by the district were:

**Children's Museum of Wilmington:** renovation of a learning area to be called the Lawson Space, in honor of the late Rick Lawson, former muse-

um director and a past president of this club. The district gave \$2,500 toward a total grant of \$5,000.

**Paws4People:** a puppy development center to train support dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The district gave \$1,500 toward a total grant of \$5,000.

The other two grants, which got no district support, were for:

**Community in Schools of Cape Fear:** Partnership for School Success. This project provides intensive tutoring to third-graders. Total grant is \$2,500.

**New Hanover High School:** "Positive Pathways." This \$3,000 project is to help guide ninth-graders to help make well-informed decisions that will

define their progress through life.

At the request of President Cathy Barlow, the club's Board of Directors had committed \$7,750 to fully match district funds for all four projects. When the district grants came up short, the club's non-profit RCDW Foundation made up the difference with \$3,750 in additional funding.

These four projects address two of Rotary's six areas of focus: basic education and literacy, and peace and conflict resolution. They also meet our standards of sustainability and hands-on involvement by Rotarians.

The grants were selected from twelve applications, totalling \$37,600, that the club received this year.

# Long-time members Freeman, Floyd die



George Freeman



Frank Floyd

The club lost two long-serving members recently, including a past president who had held Badge Number 1 for five years.

George Freeman, a member since 1993, died on Aug. 26. George was a retired civil engineer. He was 87.

Franklin M. Floyd, 92, died on Sept. 1. He was inducted into the club in 1955 and since 2013 had been its longest-serving member. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired from the prosthetics and orthotics business he founded in 1953.

Frank was the club's president in 1963-64. In 1976, he sponsored his son Franklin Michael for membership; Mike remains a member and has continued the family business.



This detail of a photo from a club board meeting, circa 1965, shows Frank Floyd, president 1963-64, standing. Roger Moore, one of the club's founders from 1915, and president for 1916-18, is at bottom right. Also pictured are Gene Edwards, president 1942-43; and Ham Marks, president 1935-36.

## Crafty committee creates greetings for members



Members of the Sunshine Committee stamp out hand-crafted birthday greetings for club members. At a work session on Oct. 18, Laura Lisle, Donna Shiro and Haley Sink had great fun under the guidance of stamp-art expert Rhonda Amoroso (invisible behind the camera.)

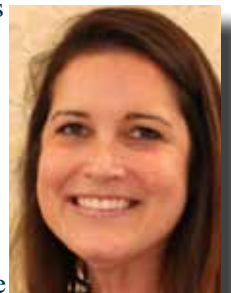
## RISE Awards honor service from two new Rotarians

Two new members who stepped up to help with hurricane relief were honored on Oct. 16 with the RISE (Rotarians in Service Excellence) award.

President Cathy Barlow presented the RISE pins.

Kristen McKeithan, who joined the club in May 2017, was honored for providing meals and clean-up work.

David Grandey, inducted Aug. 14, sorted and delivered donated items to the Boys & Girls Homes.



Kristen McKeithan



David Grandey





Each of these gift baskets the club delivered to Williston Middle School's new teachers in August included a ream of paper and \$15 gift card to Office Depot. In addition to the club's \$380 cash investment, Rotarians Julie Rehder, Laura Lisle, Bo Dean, Gabe Rich, Howard Loving and Kiki Lackman contributed useful additions.



Williston teachers with pencils and binders, a gift from a Rotarian.

## Back to school at Williston: supplies for teachers, pupils

Among the best-known scandals in American public education is the fact that teachers have to dig into their own pockets to buy supplies for their classrooms; local and state budgets are inadequate to provide essential educational needs. To help offset that, the club decided to get the 2018-19 school year off to a good start by delivering baskets of supplies to the new teachers at Williston Middle School.

A month later, on Sept. 25, Rotarian Kyria Henry donated 50 binders and a box full of pencils to Williston.

## Education board informed about Legacy project; school needs help with science, storm aftermath

The New Hanover County Board of Education got a report on our club's work at Williston Middle School during its Aug. 7 meeting.

**Donna Shiro** and **Melissa Hight** put together a slide show that they presented to the school board.

They repeated the presentation to our membership at the Oct. 23 club meeting. It included photos from various projects at the school since we began our centennial "Legacy" project there in 2011.

In other news about Williston:

### Science Olympiad

One of the programs we have supported at Williston is the Science Olympiad competition, led by teacher **Bobby Garcia**. He has increased the number of students involved; last year's team won a record number of awards.

Held every spring at UNCW, the Science Olympiad is a competition among

New Hanover County schools.

Among our club's goals is for members to be directly involved as students are preparing for the competition. While having Rotarians as a cheering squad during the presentations is always welcome, the greatest need is for adults to serve as mentors and to help the faculty advisors in advance of the competition.

The club is supporting the team financially, but volunteers are needed to provide personal assistance and guidance to the young aspiring scientists. To help, or for more information, see **Steve Yates**.

### Williston hurricane needs

Principal **Ron Villines** reports that while Williston had some storm damage, it was able open when most New Hanover County schools resumed classes.

But about 100 students from other middle schools that had more severe damage have been temporarily trans-

ferred to Williston. That means Williston needs 100 short-sleeve polo shirts of different colors in various specific sizes.

These will help the relocated students comply with Williston's dress code. **Steve Yates** has a list of the sizes and quantities needed.

At retail prices, the cost of these shirts will be around \$800.

The school also asked for spiral notebooks for both the new students and some current students. The club has acquired and delivered 130 notebooks.

To help two Williston teachers who had to move out of storm-damaged homes, we are soliciting gift cards so the displaced families can buy necessities.

Finally, the Williston Legacy Committee has asked for a \$4,000 special grant from Rotary District 7730, which established a one-time Hurricane Florence Relief Grant program.



# Battleship, government, music, language, photography, health care and charitable projects are among recent program topics



Bragg: Battleship N.C.

Despite a two-week interruption by Hurricane Florence, the club's program committee kept us informed and entertained with a diverse sequence of speakers through the summer and into the fall.

At our first meeting at the Cape Fear Country Club on July 10, **Laura McCabe** enlightened us about bees, honey and bee-keeping.

**Terry Bragg**, director of the Battleship North Carolina, spoke on July 17 about the memorial's ongoing restoration and repair project.

July 24 was the date for our official visit by the district governor for 2018-19, **April Clark** of the Swansboro Rotary Club.

Rotarians **Wilbur Jones** and **Ann LaReau** presented a program on July 31 about the dramatic rescue of a sailor from his storm-disabled boat while they were trans-Atlantic passengers on the *Queen Mary 2*.

On August 7, illness prevented the scheduled speaker from attending. A guest, **Chris Utesch**, stepped in to give an impromptu talk about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. He is a RYLA alumnus.

Also on August 7, past District Governor **R.B. Richey** reported on a District 7730 initiative to provide relief assistance to hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

**Woody White**, chairman of the

New Hanover County Commissioners, spoke Aug. 14 about the state of the county government.

On Aug. 21, Rotarian **Dale Smith** presented an update on the Rotifunk medical mission in the West African nation of Sierra Leone.

**Jeff James**, CEO of Wilmington Health, spoke on Aug. 28 about the economics of health care.

Our Sept. 4 speaker was **Tami Ebbets**, with a slide show of photographs by her father, the late **Charles C. Ebbets**, most famous of which were from a New York City skyscraper construction site.

Past District Governor **Magda Baggett** returned on Sept. 11 with an update on District 7730's projects to help victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico.

That reminder was timely, as Hurricane Florence was already aiming directly at Wilmington by that time. Meetings were canceled in the storm's aftermath the following two weeks.

Programs resumed Oct. 2 when **Steven Errante**, conductor of the Wilmington Symphony, was the speaker.

Residential and day programs for adults with autism was the topic on Oct. 9, when **Erin O'Laughlin** spoke. She is the founder of Three Bluebirds Farm near Cary and was

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Clark: district governor



LaReau: Queen Mary 2



White: state of the county



Jones: mid-Atlantic rescue



Smith: Sierra Leone



Richey: Puerto Rico aid



Baggett: Puerto Rico relief



Errante: symphony



Ebbets: photographer



James: medical economics



Utesch: RYLA alumnus



# Timing is everything: helping students track fitness goals



A proud athlete displays his new watch, thanks to a fund established in memory of the late Billy Sutton, below.



Among the early initiatives in our club's partnership with Williston Middle School were programs to encourage exercise and fitness among students.

That goal has been renewed with the Williston Trailblazer Team, started last year by sixth-grade teacher Ann Marie Pierce. The idea is to get kids outside doing what they love to do: race each other and run around instead of going home to stare at TV or video games or get into trouble. ("From their lips, not mine," she says.)

She asked for help with the entry fee to a recent running event and to get her students watches as an incentive for participating.

Helping to meet those requests were the **Billy Sutton Memorial Fund**, a special pot of money in memory of the late Rotarian. Two Rotarians, Billy's son **Hobbs Sutton** and **Julie Rehder**, oversee that fund, a branch of our club foundation that's set aside to help Williston.

With agreement from Hobbs, Julie, and Billy's widow **Jean Anne**, the Sutton fund provided the registration fee for the running team, as well as buying 24 Timex runner's watches.

On Sept. 10, Rotarians **Tolis Vadarkis**, **Donna Shiro**, **JoAnn Daley** and **Steve Yates** helped Hobbs, Julie and Mrs. Sutton present the watches to student runners. Those recognized had met the team's expectations leadership, commitment, hard work and respectfulness, along with athletic and classroom performance.

Rotarians have continuing opportunities to help the Trailblazer Team by joining them during their daily runs, every afternoon after



The Trailblazers Team, above. Left: Rotarians Tolis Vadarkis and Steve Yates present watches to team members.



school. For those whose wind or knees aren't up for running, the students would enjoy having Rotarians cheer them on at future competitions.



Callison: weird English



O'Loughlin: autism care



Craddock: Salvation Army

## Programs

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featured in the July 2018 *Rotarian* magazine.

Rotarian **Cleve Callison** presented the Oct. 16 program about the origins and weird particulars of the

English language.

Major **Mark Craddock**, commander of the Salvation Army's Cape Fear division, spoke Oct. 23 about hurricane relief and the planned new campus near Creekswood. Like his predecessors, Craddock is a Rotarian, a member of the Wilmington West club.

## Rotary news briefs

**Vocational day washed out:** In the aftermath of Florence, the annual Vocational Day scheduled for Nov. 6 has been canceled. Most of the workplaces that had intended to host visiting Rotarians begged off because of the hurricane.

**"Health Care Hero"** is the title readers of *Greater Wilmington Business Journal* bestowed on two Rotarians. They are: Dr. James Hundley, for lifetime achievement; and Haley Sink, for community outreach.

**President-elect Eric McKeithan**, an old hand at presiding over large organizations, received some additional on-the-job training when he ran the Oct. 9 meeting in President Cathy Barlow's absence.

**President-nominee Robby Collins** got some preparation recently for his year at the helm; he attended a leadership training session Oct. 20. Robby will succeed Eric McKeithan as president in 2020.



# Meet newest members

The club has added seven members since mid-summer; two of them are returning former members and two are active Rotarians relocating after membership in another club.



Cat Marinich

**Mary Catherine “Cat” Marinich** joined on July 24, sponsored by Donna Shiro. She owns a specialty bakery called Nothing Bundt Cakes.

On Aug. 14, two veteran Rotarians were inducted into our club: **Liz Greenwood** and **David Grandey**.

Liz is a college administrator specializing in nursing education. She has been a Rotarian since 2011, formerly with the club in Altus, Oklahoma. Her sponsor is Donna Shiro.

David was a member of the San Jose, California Rotary Club for 14 years before coming to Wilmington. He is business manager for a construction company. Todd Turner sponsored him for membership. David gave his new-member talk on Oct. 23.

**Martin “Marty” Feurer** returned to the club on Sept. 11, sponsored by Albert Corbett. He had been a member of the club from 2008 to 2011. He is now development director for the Salvation Army of the Cape Fear.

Another returning ex-member, **Stevan “Rex” Rexroad**, was inducted on Oct. 2, along with two new members, **Cheryl Mays** and **Tyler Layton**.

Rex is a financial planner and was a member of this club from 2012 to 2016.

Before that, he had 18 years of membership in the North Raleigh, Wilmington East and Cape Fear Rotary Clubs. Cathy Barlow is his sponsor.

Cheryl is director of the Cape Fear Museum. She was sponsored for membership by Elaine Leggett.

Tyler is general manager of the MarineMax boat dealership at Wrightsville Beach. Elliott O’Neal sponsored him for membership.

## Have you identified a new member?

Membership application materials, including a checklist, are available on the check-in table at each meeting, and also on the club’s website: [WilmingtonRotaryClub.org](http://WilmingtonRotaryClub.org).



David Grandey



Liz Greenwood



Cheryl Mays



Tyler Layton

## Traveling? Take club banners to exchange

A favorite tradition among Rotarians worldwide is to exchange club banners when traveling. All Rotarians are welcome at Rotary Club meetings everywhere; times and places can be easily found online.

Members can get our club’s banners to carry with them, and are encouraged to trade them with the host club’s banners.

Hundreds of banners our members have brought home from around the world are in the Herman Blizzard Rotary Archives in UNC-Wilmington’s Randall Library.

To find Rotary Club meeting places worldwide, go to the “Club Finder” page online: [my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder](http://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder)



President Cathy Barlow exchanges banners with visiting Rotarian from Palm Harbor, Florida. At left is one of the last of our old look; a new design is now available.



Cathy accepts banner from visiting Rotarian Yousef Batshon of the Amman-Petra Rotary Club in Jordan. It depicts ancient city of Petra, carved from desert cliffs.

*Club photographer: Robby Collins ~ Other photos: Donna Shiro, Rhonda Amoroso and Steve Yates*



# Club fetes Jake Shepherd's 95th

Longtime Rotarian Jake Shepherd's family joined Rotarians on July 31 for an early celebration of his 95th birthday. He was born on Aug. 5, 1923.

He joined the club in 1990, sponsored by "Mr. Rotarian" himself, Past President and Past District Governor Herman Blizzard.

Jake is an amateur poet and a collector of limericks; a World War II veteran who flew B-17 heavy bombers; and a retired executive in the apparel industry, specifically blue jeans.

At the July 31 celebration, Rotarian Hayley Sink presented him with a birthday cake.



Top: Jake's wife, Rosemary, and other family members joined him for lunch on July 31.



Right: Hayley Sink presents Jake with elaborately decorated cake in honor of his 95th birthday.

## Storm disrupts awards; treats still needed

The monthly student recognition ceremonies at Willison Middle School were interrupted by Hurricane Florence and the extended closing of the schools after the storm.

The Student of the Month programs scheduled for September and October were canceled; next will be Wednesday, Nov. 14. Rotarians are urged to attend; plan to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. to help set up seating in the Williston library.

With classes under way again, our weekly snacks-for-staff program has resumed. Rotarians are needed to volunteer to supply edible treats for Williston's faculty and staff every Tuesday morning.

These can be either home-made or store-bought. If you'd like to participate, see Jo Ann Daley, who is managing the treats-for-teachers volunteer schedule.

# Paul Harris Fellows honored for Foundation gifts

Paul Harris Fellow is the honor the Rotary Foundation grants to people who contribute \$1,000 or more to Rotary's world-wide charitable arm. The award is named in honor of Rotary's founder.

Our club's recent honorees have been:

**Dan Smith** on July 17.

**Laurie Taylor** on Oct. 2.

**Ann LaReau** and **Larry Anderson** were recognized on Oct. 2 as Paul Harris Fellows "plus 1" for contributing a second \$1,000.

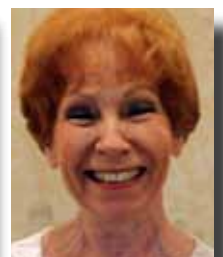
Past President **Mike Beaudoin**, a Rotarian for 36 years, has reached the \$8,000 level of Rotary Foundation giving. He received his "plus 7" pin on Oct. 2.



Lance Taylor pins PHF insignia on his wife, Laurie.



Dan Smith, new Paul Harris Fellow.



Ann LaReau, Paul Harris Fellow plus 1.



Larry Anderson, Paul Harris Fellow plus 1.



Mike Beaudoin, Paul Harris Fellow plus 7.

## Upcoming programs & events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

The Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, with Rotary Peace Fellows; names **to be announced**.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Relationship between D.C. Virgo School and UNCW College of Education, with Rotarian **Van Dempsey**.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Annual Farm-City Week program; speaker **TBA**.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Update on The Rotary Foundation, with Past District Governor & club Foundation Chair **R.B. Richey**.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Cameron Art Museum exhibits & programs, with director **Anne Brennan** & staff. Meeting and lunch at the CAM, 3201 South 17th Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Health care choices: educate, prepare, communicate, document, act, empower, with **Jason Clamme**.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Club assembly. Details **to be announced**.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Holiday party; children and grandchildren invited. With **Santa Claus** and **Williston Middle School Band**.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas holiday. No meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's holiday. No meeting.

### Foundation banquet in Wallace Nov. 3

It's not too late to reserve seats at the annual District 7730 Foundation Banquet. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Mad Boar restaurant, 111 River Village Place, Wallace. The restaurant is just off I-40 at the NC 41 exit. Cost is \$45 per person.

The speaker will be Ken Morgan, a former director of Rotary International. Also at the banquet, clubs from around the district will be recognized for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation. In past years, our club has typically been recognized for greatest total donations in the district.

The dinner will be a buffet featuring pork, beef and fish entrees. A cash bar will be available. Personalized links for online registration have been emailed to each member.

## District joins neighbors to aid NC disaster fund

Our Rotary District 7730 is cooperating with other nearby districts to raise money for hurricane recovery. District 7680, which includes Charlotte, has a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) for disaster relief that will be used as the "collector" account for our district and others with storm-related needs. A committee of Rotarians from several districts will oversee and approve distributions from that fund. Our Past District Governor Dave Baggett will represent District 7730.

In addition to Wilmington, District 7730 includes other places that were hard-hit by Florence, including Fayetteville, Lumberton, Whiteville, Kinston, Burgaw, Jacksonville, Swansboro and Morehead City.

For those who want to contribute for hurricane relief, donations to that Donor Advisor Fund can be made online through the Rotary Foundation. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Note that donations made online cannot be earmarked specifically for District 7730, but checks can be. Those checks should be payable to: The Rotary Foundation DAF #574. To earmark funds for our area, write "Rotary District 7730" in the memo line. Our district's executive secretary, Lin Kelly, is handling storm-relief contributions made by mail.

Mail checks care of:

Lin Kelly

6960 Rosebury Ct.

Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

To donate online, got to the Rotary Foundation:

<https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/howtocontribute.asp>  
Specify the details as follows:

Account name: Rotary District 7680 DAF No. 574

Account number: 574.

### Gifts to club's foundation can be earmarked for hurricane aid

If you wish to make a purely local donation for hurricane relief, our own RCDW Foundation will earmark funds, ensuring the money is used only for that purpose. To do so, write "Hurricane Florence" on the subject line of your checks. Contributions can be mailed to:

RCDW Foundation

P.O. Box 1194

Wilmington, NC 28402

Contributions to the regional relief fund mentioned above may be used anywhere in the Carolinas affected by Florence. Our Foundation money will remain local.

At the Oct. 2 meeting, CART bucket donations were diverted to the RCDW Foundation's hurricane fund. Past District Governor Russ LaBelle personally matched the \$660 that was collected that day.

### Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm, 4th Monday of each Month  
LS3P Architects conference room  
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