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## DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023 Environment Month

### Governor's Message

By Nancy S. Carr



Hello Spring! In the Rotary calendar, April focuses on the environment. Our district is celebrating this month with our Rotary Day of Service on April 22nd, which is also Earth Day. We are providing a grant of up to \$200 for community service projects done in your local community on this day. Clubs are planting trees, cleaning rivers, raising awareness about pollinators, building little libraries, etc. Let's roll up our sleeves and show the power of Rotary. Please register your project by April 15th to be eligible for reimbursement of expenses. More details and registration on DACdb.

Thank you to all our clubs who received district grants and completed their projects. In total, we provided more than \$60,000 in grants and funded 50 projects. If your club needs inspiration for next year's grant, look at the grants this year or the past several years (all are available on DACdb) to spark your imagination.

Now is the time for your club to look at the District Governor's and the Rotary Citation Awards. The District Governor Award is located on DACdb and is a fillable document. We hope all our clubs will strive to achieve this award for 2022-23. The Rotary Citation does not have an official form to complete. Rather, each club identifies and completes at least 13 goals in Rotary Club Central and if achieved, your club automatically receives the Rotary Citation. Both awards must be completed by June 30, 2023.

Have a great month and remember the unofficial fifth question of the Four-Way Test - Is it Fun? Go Rotary!

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## Rotary Day of Service 4/22 - Earth Day! Register by 4/15 for a \$200 Grant - No Matching Funds Needed

By Nancy S. Carr

Register your community service project on DACdb by 4/15 and be eligible to receive up to \$200 in reimbursement. Join Rotarians across the district doing something good in your local community on Saturday, April 22nd, which is also Earth Day. Eligible expenses include supplies, refreshments for volunteers, promotion, t-shirts and other expenses related to your project. We hope you will consider a project focused on the environment, but it is not a requirement.

Clubs are cleaning rivers, raising awareness of the benefits of pollination, planting trees and much more!

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April 22nd  
[Morehead City-Lookout 1-Mile Run for Healthy Living](#)

April 29th  
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## RLI Training-Last Chance to Sign up for Part I



**When**  
April 14, 2023  
From 9AM-3:15PM

**Where**  
Miller-Motte College  
105 New Frontier Way  
Jacksonville, NC

**Why**  
Have fun while you network and develop your Rotary leadership skills

**Top Five Reasons to Join In-Person RLI Events:**

1. Have fun, meet and talk with new friends outside of your club and district from different locations.
2. Exchange opinions about assigned lessons covered in class.
3. Discuss classroom interactions during breaks and lunch.
4. Apply new ideas for your home club based on conversations with classmates.
5. Celebrate graduation with fellow Rotarians who just completed Part III.

The cost is \$95 and includes lunch.  
The District will reimburse 50% of the fee and MidAtlantic RLI offers 4 for the cost of 3!  
Learn more about RLI by visiting the DACdb calendar, date April 14, to register.



**Rotary**  
District 7730



**RLI**  
Rotary Leadership Institute  
Parts I, II, & III



**Register online by going to [MidAtlanticRLI.org](https://MidAtlanticRLI.org)**



**Mid-Atlantic RLI**  
MD • DE • DC • WV • TN • VA • NC • SC

**Questions?**  
Contact District Chair RB Richey at  
[rbdg7730.17.18@gmail.com](mailto:rbdg7730.17.18@gmail.com)  
For help with registration contact  
Lin Kelly at [lin@linkelly.com](mailto:lin@linkelly.com)

## Polio Plus Society

By Frances Wylie



It's April, spring has sprung, flowers are blooming, and we enter into the final quarter of this Rotary year. Wouldn't it be great to gift DG Nancy Carr with a record high contribution to the Polio Fund and/or increase our district membership in the Polio Plus Society? Supporting the efforts of Rotary International to eliminate the threat of this crippling disease is a gift that keeps on giving! [Read More](#)

## Mark Your Calendars for Our Joint District Conference - April 19-21, 2024 Wilmington

By Nancy S. Carr

It's official! Our next district conference will be April 19-21 in Wilmington. This will be a joint conference between District Governor Nancy Carr and District Governor Elect Allen Quigley. More details to follow soon. Mark your calendars now and join us for a fantastic weekend of inspirational speakers, informative sessions, exciting entertainment, impactful service projects, warm camaraderie, and so much more.

**Speaker:** Allen Quigley  
**Subject:** Hands on sessions for club leaders to prepare for 2023/24

April 30th

**Council of Governors Meeting**

May 4th

**Leaders in Service awards banquet**

**Speaker:** Capt. Terry Bragg, Dr. Thomas Dalton, Amy Wright

**Subject:** Second annual Leaders in Service award presentation

May 6th

**Fore! Kids Golf Tournament**

May 8th

**AG and Leadership Monthly Meeting**

May 11th

**Morehead City Noon John T Capps Golf Tournament**

May 19th

**Golf Tournament- Wilmington Cape Fear**

June 24th

**District Officer Installation - Mad Boar**

August 6th

**At the Ball Game - Kinston Wood Ducks vs Myrtle Beach Pelicans**

September 4th

**Go Jump in the Lake**

September 23rd

**District Training Seminar - Save the Date!**

October 20th

**24-Hour Run Around the District for Polio - Hold the Date**

November 11th

**District Foundation Banquet - Hold the Date**

April 19th

**7730 District Conference - Hold the Date!**

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## Club Anniversaries

Wilmington

April 1st

La Grange

April 3rd

Swansboro

April 4th

Fairmont

April 5th

Wilmington East

April 8th

Southport Evening

April 21st



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## District Governor & Rotary Citation Awards - Due Date 6/30

By Nancy S. Carr

Your club is having an amazing year, from fundraisers to service projects and everything in between. Celebrate these accomplishments by completing the application for the District Governor's Award and the Rotary Citation. Visit DACdb to access the application for the District Governor's Award. Visit the Goal Center on Rotary Club Central to enter 13 goals and automatically qualify for the Rotary Citation. But hurry, all entries are due 6/30.



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## Must update Interact Club Advisors Annually

By Jennifer Hardee Vanasse



Interact clubs are required to have a reported advisor annually. Advisors may be a member of the sponsoring Rotary, a school administrator or faculty member, or a community volunteer serving as an adult contact to the Interact club. Although more than one person may serve in this role for your Interact club, Rotary International requires only one individual to be reported per Rotary each year (1 July – 30 June).

Even if your Interact clubs are "inactive" due to Covid or other reasons, consider keeping the charter active by reporting an advisor.

**To report your club advisor, go to:**

**<https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor>**

[Read More](#)

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## April Brings the Environment Into Focus

By David Franklin Morrison

April brings into focus the environment. Around the world, members of Rotary will pay tribute to the planet we all call home. No matter our personal stories, each of us has the ability to protect the place we live each day. Keep reading to discover how those in 7730 are working to make an impact.

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## District Leaders



[Nancy S. Carr](#)  
District Governor



[Allen L. Quigley](#)  
DG-Elect



[Christopher James Crooks](#)  
DG-Nominee



[Andrea M. Young](#)  
District Governor  
Nominee  
Designee/Membership  
Chair

## Chocolate is sweet but members are golden

By Andrea M. Young

April Showers Bring New Members

April is a time for celebrating Easter and the welcoming of Spring. We've all heard the old adage that April showers bring May flowers. It's a time of year that new flowers are planted. What are your clubs doing to fill your baskets with new members? Are you planting the seeds to draw new members to your clubs? [Read More](#)

## JumpStart 2023

By Joseph C. Stevenson



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD



# JumpStart 2023

## Setting your vision for the coming year Increase your impact and energize engagement

The opportunity for club leaders to gather with their district and area peers for a day of inspiration, learning, sharing, and planning.

The agenda includes a Post-PETs review to answer questions that have been hanging out there and to demystify the many of tools and resources available to committee chairs. The district will learn what's important to YOUR club and discover ways to make your role easier and more effective. You'll learn about the district's vision, start setting the direction for your club, create a consistent and sustainable plan, and build continuity for future club leaders.

Who is invited? Presidents-Elect, Presidents Nominees, Club Secretary and Treasurer, Club Committee Chairs, Board Members. The team responsible for bringing the club into 2024/25 and creating that *Irresistible Club*

The journey begins: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Sturgeon City Environmental Education  
Center

50 Court St, Building 100  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Registration is now open  
SCAN the code below to register



Registration is \$10 to cover the cost of lunch and there are 5 menu options to choose from.



## Former DG Recognizes Women in Rotary

Fayetteville Rotary Club member and former District 7730 Governor, Magda Baggett, made a special presentation to the female president elects attending the March 17-18 PETS in Greensboro.



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## **Toyota Avalon Gone Away - Win Brand New Toyota Crown Hybrid Instead - Drawing June 24th**

By Norman Rogers



## # 3 CARS for CART Raffle

Win YOUR CHOICE (2023) ...



42/41 Est MPG



51/53 Est MPG



41/38 Est MPG

TOYOTA CROWN HYBRID \* TOYOTA CAMRY HYBRID \* TOYOTA RAV4 HYBRID  
**OR \$20,000 CASH**

**Winner selects 3-year lease on car of choice OR \$20,000 cash**

Buy a \$100 ticket (plus \$3 fee when on payment) for your club, your Governor, your President, \$20,000 for your club or charity.

*HELP us grow CART to provide Grants to find a cure for this horrible disease!*

Drawing date: June 24, 2023



Personal checks accepted. Mail \$100 to :  
Norm Rogers, 146 Freeboard Lane, Carolina Shores, NC 28467 (check= CARS FOR CART)  
[normrogers@atmc.net](mailto:normrogers@atmc.net)

Proceeds benefit TRAC (Trust Rotary for an Alzheimer's Cure) [www.cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org)

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## Eastern NC Rotarians Receive United Way Community Ambassador Awards for Exceptional Service

Fayetteville and Goldsboro Rotarians Receive United Way of NC Community Ambassador Awards



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## Help Us Expand Our Reach

By Nancy S. Carr

Did you know? Our district has a NEW Facebook page - District 7730 Rotary! Unfortunately, our previous page was compromised and we were unable to rectify the situation, necessitating a new Facebook page.

Please LIKE and SHARE our new page so we can expand our presence in our communities and beyond. Facebook is an important tool to tell our stories and share the good work of Rotary. Social media is very important for the district and your club, so please help spread the word about our new page.

Visit our new page District 7730 Rotary and help us improve our the Rotary brand.

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## Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members March 1 to March 31, 2023

Name	Start Date	Club
Baker, June	3/21/2023	Southport
Barnarr, Kim	3/24/2023	South Brunswick Islands
Bradshaw, Frank	3/31/2023	Clinton-Sampson County
Campbell, Rhonda	3/7/2023	Clinton-Sampson County
Fulton, Nicolette	3/9/2023	Wilmington
Guendner, Rosie	3/9/2023	Wilmington
Hagwood, Pamela	3/9/2023	Wilmington
Hardy, Pam	3/22/2023	Wilmington
Hocken, Dustin	3/14/2023	Wilmington
Hoggard, Tom	3/9/2023	Wilmington
Huffmon, Teresa	3/14/2023	Wilmington
Ihnat, Mark	3/9/2023	Wilmington
Janoson, Bernie	3/9/2023	Leland Area
Jones, Martha	3/7/2023	Richlands
Lee, Kevin	3/15/2023	Shallotte
McMillan, Candace	3/2/2023	Liberty Point Rotary Club
Melenas, Theresa	3/6/2023	Clinton-Sampson County
Mitchell, Mark	3/2/2023	Liberty Point Rotary Club
Murabito, Lisa	3/28/2023	Jacksonville
Quinney, James	3/15/2023	District 7730 Passport
Rivenbark, F.D.	3/7/2023	Burgaw
Roberts, Debbie	3/12/2023	Clinton-Sampson County
Rowe, Jacob	3/1/2023	Newport
Thornton, Ally	3/9/2023	Wilmington
White, Tom	3/1/2023	Sneads Ferry

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## Clinton Rotary Golf Tournament - May 5, 2023

By Lewis M. Fetterman III

FIRST ANNUAL  
**Rotary of Clinton**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Coharie County Club  
Clinton, NC

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023**

 \$400 Entry Fee for 4 person team  
\$20 Mulligan - 2 per player maximum  
Refreshments and Lunch Included  
9:30 am Shotgun Start

**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
Presenting, Lunch, Goody Bag, Golf  
Ball and Tee Sponsorships Available  
<https://bit.ly/ClintonSponsorInfo>

**Team Entry Form**  
<https://bit.ly/TeamEntryForm>

More information :  
Contact Trey Fetterman  
**910-214-2354**



[Sponsorship Application](#)

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## Coastal Pender Rotary - Four Way Test Essay Winners

By Leo Urban

The Coastal Pender Rotary Club provided cash awards to the three students who won the Coastal Pender Rotary 4 Way Essay Test.

First Place --- Anna McCauly  
Second Place – Madalyn Taylor  
Third Place – Ava Nelson

There were a total of 14 submissions.

The First Place Winner will go on to compete for the District prize of \$500.00





(Pictured: presenting awards to two of our 4 Way Essay Winners --- Anna McCauly -- First Place (in pink shirt), Madalyn Taylor -- Second Place (Not Shown) and Ava Nelson -- Third Place (in Denver shirt)).

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## **Coastal Pender Rotary - Interact Club receives check**

By Leo Urban

The Coastal Pender Rotary Club provided custom Interact shirts for the Topsail High School Club, which has 25 members.

The Coastal Pender Rotary, also presented \$200.00 to the Topsail High School Interact Club to fund their feed the homeless efforts.

The club advisor is Matt Rogers, who is an honorary member of the Coastal Pender Rotary Club.

The club is jointly sponsored by the Coastal Pender Rotary Club and the Surf City Rotary Club.

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## **Rotary club hosts global hero in defending children**

By Charles E. Potter

As part of its support for at-risk children in a notorious Kenyan slum, the Rotary Club of Ending Child Abuse on March 9 hosted the founder of the Cheery Children Education Centre, Jarius Makambi, widely recognized as a superhero in the global battle to protect young people.



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## Balsam Range Funds 2 Charities

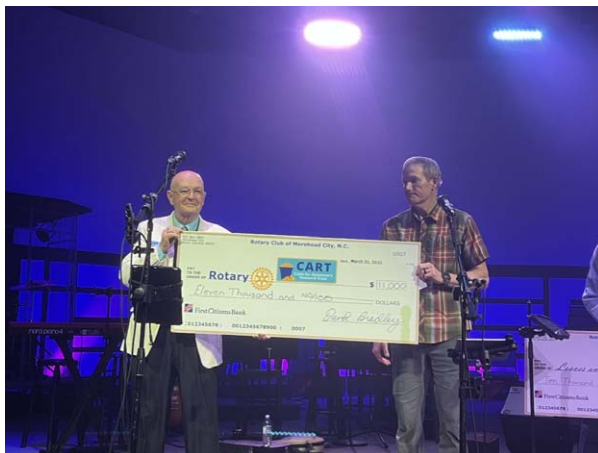
By Barbara Johnson

Over 500 people filled the venue as The Rotary Club of Morehead City presented bluegrass band Balsam Range in concert for their annual fundraiser for CART and the community on March 31st. The event raised approximately \$21,000 in its 7th year.

Concert chair and Past President Dean McDonald emceed the check presentation of \$11,000 to CART representative Norm Rogers. Past President Jim Gregson did the honors presenting a check for \$10,000 to Pastor Bruce of Loaves and Fishes, a rehabilitation program for men in Beaufort, NC. The funds will be used to purchase a new van for the program.

District Governor Nancy Carr and Assistant Governor Barbara Johnson were in attendance for the stellar event.

Congratulations to the members of the Rotary Club of Morehead City and their sponsors for a memorable evening of Service Above Self.



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## John T. Capps Golf Tournament

By Timothy Allan Ncaise

On May 11, 2023 the MHC Noon Rotary Club is hosting the John T. Capps golf tournament. We are inviting other district clubs to join us for a round of golf and a celebration of John T. Capps.



**MOREHEAD CITY NOON ROTARY CLUB  
PRESENTS THE**

*John T. Capps*

**GOLF**

**TOURNAMENT**

Fundraising benefits go to the Morehead City Noon Rotary Club's continuing outreach and community service programs within Currituck County.

Throughout the years the Morehead City Noon Rotary Club has raised over \$400,000 for charitable causes including Domestic Violence Shelter, Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina, Broad Street Clinic, Family Promise, Hope Mission, Hospice House, Martha's Mission, Salvation Army, along with scholarship programs for high school and community college students.

**REGISTRATION INFO**

**THURSDAY**

**MAY 11**

**1PM**

**BEST BALL  
TEE TIMES**

**MOREHEAD CITY  
COUNTRY CLUB**

**ENTRY FEE** **\$75** PER PLAYER

Green Fees and Cart  
Includes Bag  
Drink Tickets  
Lunch Provided by Sysco Foods

**+ HOLE IN ONE PRIZE**

**2023 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT**

*Top Prize*

SPONSORED BY

**PARKER**

**BUICK GMC**

\*Prize is a new 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT. Prize is subject to availability. Winner must be a resident of Currituck County, NC. Winner must be 18 years of age or older. Winner must be a member of the Morehead City Noon Rotary Club. Winner must be a resident of Currituck County, NC. Winner must be a member of the Morehead City Noon Rotary Club.

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

<b>EAGLE \$500</b>	<b>BIRDIE \$350</b>	<b>TEE \$150</b>
<p><small>Eagle \$500   closest to the pin sponsor, longest drive, advertising banners on the holes &amp; tournament program</small></p> <p><small>Birdie \$350   recognition on signage at the registration area, tournament program</small></p> <p><small>Tee \$150   company/individual signage on tee box</small></p> <p><small>*Does not include "best ball"</small></p>		

**QUESTIONS?** Tim Pecunia, 252-342-8648  
timpecunia@yahoo.com

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Morehead City Noon Rotary Club  
P.O. Box 1875, Morehead City, NC 28557

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## 7730 Passport Club Reverse Raffle

By Lori Harris (MBA, PCC, CPM)

**2022-23 ANNUAL**

## **REVERSE DRAWING**

**LIVE VIRTUAL DRAWING**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 4:00 PM EST**

**ST. JUDES MCC, 19 N. 26TH STREET, WILMINGTON, NC 28405  
(CORNER OF MARKET AND 26TH)**

**\$50.00 DONATION PER TICKET**

**PURCHASE ONLINE (DEBIT/CC)**

**[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ROTARYPASSPORT7730IMPACT23](https://tinyurl.com/rotarypassport7730impact23)**

# **\$2500 GRAND PRIZE**

Purchase the Rotary Passport Reverse Drawing tickets from any Rotary Passport Club Member between January and May 2023 for your chance to win. Winners do not need to be present to win and will have the choice to virtually watch the drawing on June 3, 2023. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of District 7730 Passport's Areas of Rotary Service Projects.

[www.rotaryclubdistrict7730passport.com](http://www.rotaryclubdistrict7730passport.com) | (910) 409-0202

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## **South Brunswick Islands Rotary Donates To The Southwest Brunswick Branch Library**

By Pamela Giarrusso



On Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, South Brunswick Islands Rotary presented a \$500 donation to the Southwest Brunswick Branch Library for Children's Library resources. These funds will provide Launchpad e-readers, Wonderbooks e-readers, and STEAM kits which are books and crafts which will be available for circulation checkout. Kristyna Savard, the Branch Manager, is excited to make available these modern ways to promote literacy to the children. The Children's Library demographics have dramatically changed over the last five years with the growth of Brunswick County. Five years ago, only three to five children came to Storytime but now the library is an attendance of twenty to thirty.

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## **SBI Rotary Packages 10,000 Meals In Less Than 2 Hours**

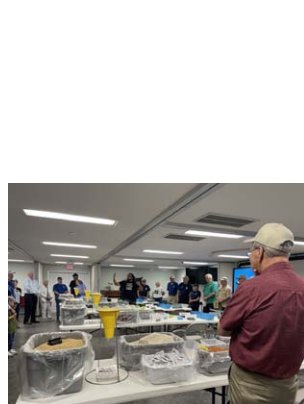
By Michael Hebert

It took less than two hours! We did it! We packaged over 10,000 meals for emergency services in the Philippines. What a hoot it was!

Exciting music, John Mohr even got everyone singing Sweet Caroline. Family fun, Rotarians and other community partners brought their children. Lots of smiles with our community partners whom SBIR Rotary has helped with projects over the year.



Huge thank you and shout-outs to WBHS Future Farmers of America, Girl Scouts Troop 657, Special Olympics, Christian Recovery Center Rose House, all the Rotarians and families who participated, Beulah Baptist Church for hosting, and Shallotte Rotary for co-sponsoring.



## Boys and Girls Home Rotary Day Was A Success

By Michael Hebert

It is always heartwarming to visit the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina. This year's Rotary Day

was a success. South Brunswick Islands Rotary donated \$1,000 and 25 duffel bags. The duffel bags were stuffed with toiletries and towels etc. The students will be able to use the duffel bags when they leave the B&GH for their homes, foster homes, and adoption homes.



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## **SBIR Distributes Awards At The Special Olympic Games**

By Michael Hebert

Oh, the so many smiles and happy dances!!!! South Brunswick Islands Rotary was very privileged to participate in the Brunswick County Special Olympics Spring Games. Town Creek Park was completely filled with music, athletes, and competition events!

SBI Rotarian Gene Smith represented Brunswick Community College as the opening events speaker. Mike Hebert's booming voice announced the winners. The rest of us handled the award paperwork.





## Five Rookie Teaches of the Year from New Hanover Central Schools

By Michael Phillip Beaudoin

Wilmington Rotary celebrated the Rookie Teachers of the Year on February 14th. The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Foust helped run the program.



L-R: Jessica Smith, 8th grade Science teacher from Holly Middle School; Erin Dancy Health teacher

from Holly Tree Elementary; Kathryn Schoepf from Roland Grise Middle School; Rebecca Lloyd Exceptional Children teacher from College Park Elementary; and Brooke Cunningham, 1st grade teacher from Murrayville Elementary. Kathryn was the winner. She received a \$1,000 gift card from Rotary and the other four were given \$500 each.

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## Leaders in Service honors execs, raises funds for Wilmington

By John H Meyer



The 2023 Leaders in Service honorees: Capt. Terry Bragg, Dr. Thomas Dalton, and Amy Wright.

Each year for more than a century, the Wilmington Rotary Club has contributed thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours to our community. This helps make New Hanover County a great place to live and work for all people. In 2022, the club established the Leaders in Service awards to recognize local community leaders and as our annual fundraiser. The **Leaders in Service** Awards recognize top executives of enterprises in three categories — business, non-profit and public service — who have helped their organizations contribute to improving our community and the world. We asked the community for nominations, from which two independent panels of Rotarians and community leaders selected three outstanding individuals. [Read More](#)

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## Wilmington club sponsors dental clinic for low-income teens

By John H Meyer



With help from a District Grant, the Wilmington Rotary Club has conducted four weekend dental clinics for students from several New Hanover County schools. The schools were chosen because of their high proportion of students from low-income families. Rotarian Dr. Coleman Burgess, a dentist, organized the clinics. These took place in St. Mary Health Center, operated by St. Mary Catholic Church in downtown Wilmington. The Wilmington club's weekly meetings are held in another part of the same building on St. Mary's church and school campus. The last of the four clinics was conducted on March 25.





A parent watches as a volunteer hygienist cleans her child's teeth



Dr. Coleman Burgess examines a patient.

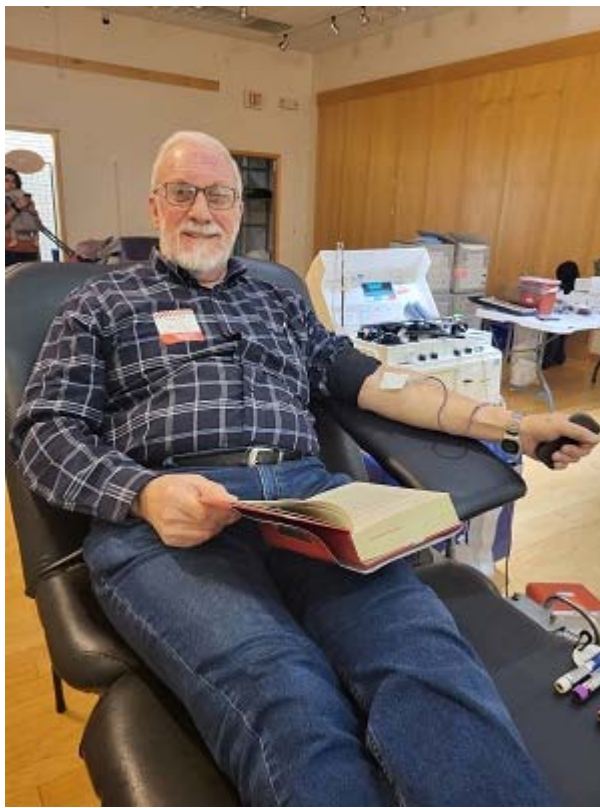
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## Area 3 Wilmington Rotary Clubs 30th Blood Drive

By Daniel W. Parks

Area 3 Rotary clubs of Wilmington held their 30th monthly blood drive since the pandemic. 37 units was collected and 1194 units over the 30 drives. Pictured are Laurie Taylor and Mike Beaudion of the Wilmington club, Darrell Kerr and Charlie Prickett of Wilmington East. All frequent flyers! Our next drive is April 27th at the Independence Mall from 10AM-4PM.



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## Wilmington Cape Fear Annual Golf Tournament

By Constance H. Knox

**Come Join the Fun!**  
**We only have one fundraiser per year and**  
**this is it!!!**



**Get Excited!**

The weather is warming up, the grass is turning greener, and our tourney is right around the corner.

## River Landing Country Club

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**9:00 AM Shotgun Start**

[SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE FORM](#)

[SPONSORS LEVELS and BENEFITS](#)

[TEAM SIGN UP FORM](#)

[RULES](#)

**We are...**  
**"Greatest Rotary Club in the Universe."**

**Come play golf! Be a sponsor!**

[Here is everything you need to know, including the sponsor and team FORMS.](#)

**THE DEADLINE TO GET SPONSORS ON THE BANNER &  
SIGNS IS APRIL 28th!**

Questions? Email Connie Knox at [cknox@ec.rr.com](mailto:cknox@ec.rr.com).  
**Get your game on... uh... I mean your team signed up.**

Play ball... oh wait... that's baseball... **PLAY GOLF!**

**Let's Go People!**



**Let's Go!**

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## **A Worthy Cause - Two Ukrainian Women and Their Kids**

By Constance H. Knox

### **A WORTHY CAUSE - THESE LADIES NEED YOUR HELP**

Today, I delivered two beach cruiser bikes to two Ukrainian women who are refugees from the war in Kyiv. They now live in a tiny apartment off of Greenville Loop Road. I also had the good fortune to meet the youngest child, Mark. He is such a cutie. He immediately started playing with the bike pump I left for them.



They are learning English. At first Sveta did not understand what I meant when I told her to pedal backwards to brake. I had to demonstrate. Despite that, their English is pretty good.

The bikes were most welcome. They jumped right on and started riding them around the parking lot of the apartment complex. I don't think they have a car, so

the bikes might help them get to the local store. These ladies have very little possessions or money to live on. Please consider donating to their GoFundMe page, which was created by our local Rotarian, Allen



Quigley. <https://gofund.me/1375e36b>

My hat is off to Dan Parks, of the Wilmington East club, who has made this all possible for these women and their kids.

If you want to see their story, they were featured at the end of this story on WECT last week.

<https://www.wect.com/2023/03/06/three-ukrainian-families-have-taken-different-routes-wilmington/>

Helping these women is definitely a worthy cause.



## Extreme Weather - Know Your Safe Place

By Constance H. Knox

We encourage you to be a part of **#SafePlaceSelfie Day** next **Wednesday, April 5**. Knowing where to go when dangerous weather threatens is one of the most important preparedness actions anyone can take.

Where would you go if a tornado warning alerted you in the middle of the night? Or what if thunder rumbled on the horizon during your daughter's soccer match? What would you do if you felt an earthquake while spending time along the shoreline?

April 5 is a great time to answer these types of questions with your co-workers, family, and neighbors.



<https://www.noaa.gov/safeplaceselfie>

**National Hurricane Preparedness Week is April 30 - May 6.**

<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>



<https://www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season>

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## Youth Services



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## Rotary International Calendar

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find [award](#) nomination due dates and [convention](#) and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

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