

August 2024

**"NONE OF OUR PLAYERS SIT THE BENCH,
THEY ARE IN THE GAME!"
BRING A PROSPECTIVE ROTARIAN**



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DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER

A Message from Governor CJ

Events

August 10th

[At the Ball Game - Kinston Wood Ducks vs Myrtle Beach Pelicans](#)

August 16th

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August 24th

[37th Annual Walker Family Golf Championship](#)

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[New River Car Wash ISO Cheery Scholarship Fund](#)

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[Foundation Gala-RI President Stephanie Urchick-Save the Date](#)

November 14th

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January 1st

[Shrimp Dip](#)

March 1st

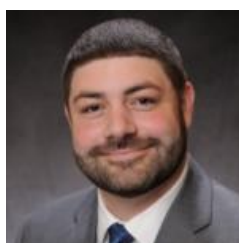
[Celebration of Service Celebrating Rotarians 40+ Years!](#)

March 8th

[Spring Cleaning Parking Lot Sale](#)

March 16th

[Brackets to Bust Polio \(March Madness\)](#)



Is your Rotary Club worthy of your recommendation? We are quick to recommend experiences and products that exceed our expectations. We are excited to share a favorite place to eat, a handyman, a movie, or a plethora of other things that we believe others would find enjoyable. Yet many members have never brought a guest to their Rotary meeting. As we enter Rotary's Membership Month, it's the perfect time to ask ourselves how we can make our clubs irresistible to others in the community.

Last month, we shared lyrics from *The Greatest Showman*. Today, we have a few more lyrics from a different song in the same movie. Hugh Jackman's rendition of *Come Alive* wasn't aimed at Rotary Clubs, but few choruses can better articulate the impact of our clubs on the world and within our members.

When the world becomes a fantasy
And you're more than you could ever be
'Cause you're dreaming with your eyes wide open
And we know we can't be go back again
To the world that we were living in
'Cause we're dreaming with our eyes wide open

The Magic of Rotary can truly transform parts of the world into what many would deem a fantasy. A water filter may not be magic to us, but it would be life-changing for a child who could go to school instead of fetching water. Through collaborative projects, Rotarians develop new skills, broaden perspectives and enhance leadership abilities. We are more together than we could ever be alone. Rotary allows us to dream big knowing there are over 1 million others who share our values and stand ready to implement meaningful projects in communities around the world.

Rotary makes our lives better through new friendships and new opportunities. These benefits should be shared with others. Will you invite someone to join you for a Rotary meeting, social, or project this month?

C.J. Crooks



District Governor 2024-25
Rotary District 7730

Club Anniversaries

[Kinston](#)

August 1st

Membership and New Club Development Month

Account Leaders



Christopher James Crooks
District Governor



Andrea M. Young
DG-Elect



Shawn Braswell
DG-Nominee



Allen L. Quigley
iPDG



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District Finance Chair



Steven F. Paes
District Treasurer



Bevin W Wall
District Secretary



Lin A. Kelly
District Exe
Sec/Communications
Officer



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District Membership
Chair



Tonya S Adams
Assistant Governor



Leisl Athen
Assistant Governor



Cathy L Barlow
Assistant Governor



Dianne W. Bennett
Assistant Governor



Kenneth E. Benton
Assistant Governor



James A. Brooks Jr.
Assistant Governor



Barbara F Johnson
Assistant Governor



William B Kampa
Assistant Governor

Did you know that Rotary has monthly themes? The theme for August is Membership and New Club Development. It's one month since the end of the Rotary Year and while we don't have the final membership numbers for 2023 - 2024 we do have preliminary numbers; we sustained a net loss of 52 members for the year. That concerns me and I hope it causes you to think.

As our membership numbers continue to decrease, we have fewer resources in terms of time and money. As a result, we are able to do less good in the world. As Rotarians, we strive to do good in the world, our communities and ourselves. To increase our impact, we must strive to grow our membership numbers. While we weren't the worst performing district in our Zone, **I challenge** our district to join the company of the top performing districts for 2025 - 2026.

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We Win When We Are All In

By April A. Clark

According to research from John Hopkins, over 67 million Americans report having a disability. As a member of the DEI committee, including disability in diversity, equity and inclusion work/activities within our committee is important to truly expand our understanding and ensure diverse talent and perspectives are sought, represented and utilized.



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Every Member, Every Club

By April A. Clark on Thursday, August 1, 2024

District Governor CJ's Challenge to Clubs

**Make your Club 100% PHF
Every Member, Every Club**



The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have made contributions in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](#).

One of Governor CJ's goals for the district is to get all clubs to 100% PHF Clubs. This means endeavoring to get every member in every club in the district credited with a Paul Harris Fellow distinction. The district is offering matching points to help get you there! In fact, we have over 100,000 points to share. **No excuses, let's meet this challenge!**

Recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow is an opportunity to show appreciation for the values and work of the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

This is one of the highest honors Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing "Service Above Self."

Need help, details, motivation and encouragement contact you club Foundation Chair or District 7730 Foundation Co-Chairs, PDG Vanessa Ervin- vj.ervin@att.net or PDG April Clark- jtclark24@hotmail.com for assistance.

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Rotary is a Protective Factor for Our Mental Health



Rhonda Williamson
Assistant Governor



Joining together with community members to share a common experience is a protective factor in our lives. We have people to learn from, work beside, share a laugh with and call on when we need help with small and large things that happen in day to day life.

This is Rotary.

Join a group of Rotarians that continue to meet monthly to create opportunities for education, awareness and connection with the focus of mental health. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 27th from 5pm - 6pm. Link to join is on our DACdb calendar or by messaging dawnrochelle.rotary7730dg@gmail.com

Highlights of 2023-24 work of the Taskforce:

- Immediate Past District Governor Allen Quigley highlighted mental health awareness and education in all of his Club visits.
- Partnership with Veteran Services of the Carolinas offering Mental Health First Aid across the District to engage Rotarians in learning opportunities to feel better equipped when faced with someone having a mental health need.
- Brunswick County held a community event to engage elected officials, business leaders and Rotary in a conversation about the needs in order to create next steps as a community to address mental health needs

If your Club would like a Club presentation on the work of the Mental Health Taskforce, message dawnrochelle.rotary7730dg@gmail.com. Working together let's others know that someone cares.

Cruise to the Bahamas with the District

CONFERENCE
CHARLESTON TO BAHAMAS
OCTOBER 3 - 7, 2024
CARNIVAL SUNSHINE
THURSDAY 10/3/24 | WEDNESDAY 10/4/24 | THURSDAY 10/5/24 | FRIDAY 10/6/24 | SATURDAY 10/7/24

WEEK	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	CHARLESTON, SC	10/3/24	10/4/24
2	COCKSCOCK, BAHAMAS	10/4/24	10/5/24
3	NASSAU, BAHAMAS	10/5/24	10/6/24
4	FREEPORT, BAHAMAS	10/6/24	10/7/24

ROTARY DISTRICT 7730 MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THE BAHAMAS. AND YOU'VE WON THE PRIZES FOR YOUR CRUISE ESCAPE.

- WASSAU SERVICE PROJECTS
- EXCELLENT FINANCIAL DRINK
- PARTY AT PALMCO
- TOP NOTCH ENTERTAINMENT
- PRIVATE COCKTAIL RECEPTION
- ACCESS EXCLUSIVE NETWORKS

ROTARY CRUISE PRICES

INLAND ROOM (INC)	OCEAN VIEW ROOM (OV)	BALCONY ROOM (BR)	SUITE
\$527.65	\$582.65	\$732.65	CALL FOR PRICING

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM, ITINERARY, AND INCLUDES DEPARTURE FEES AND TAXES. CUSTOMERS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY WHEN BOOKING. A \$200 PER ROOM DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS. CANCELLATION POLICY AND CRUISE BROCHURE TERMS APPLY.

THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7730 CRUISE MUST BE BOOKED THROUGH CRUISE BROTHERS CALL 800-288-8822 LINE 814-200-3000 BAHAMAS CRUISELINE. THE CRUISE BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE AT CRUISEBROTHERS.COM

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Join DG CJ and his First Mate, Krystal, on the Love Boat departing from Charleston, SC. Captain Stubbing and the crew will sail you away for 4 days of fun and music and a little bit of Rotary. Even a service project in the Bahamas.

Get registered early because availability is limited.

Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members July 1 to July 31, 2024

Name	Start Date	Club
Stroud, Joe	07/10./2024	Beaufort-Ole Towne
Martinez, Hector	07/11/2024	Burgaw
Driver, Christopher	07/01/2024	Clinton-Sampson County
Maratorelli, Deborah	07/01/2024	Coastal Pender
Heiser, Rachael	07/01/2024	District 7730 Passport
Hefner, Justin	07/27/2024	Ending Child Abuse
Elliott, Stanley	07/07/2024	Lumberton
Huggins, Bruce	07/09/2024	Lumberton
Jarman, Jim	07/22/2024	New River Onslow County
Bender, Sheron	07/12/2024	Pollocksville
Whitehead, Polly	07/12/2024	Pollocksville
Butler, Maggie	07/12/2024	Pollocksville
Drisko, Shelley	07/08/2024	The Friendship Knot
Gouin, Bernard	07/30/2024	Wallace
Stokley, Jamie	07/24/2024	Wilmington
Daniel, Wallace	07/01/2024	Wilmington

Collections for the District Conference Project have been inspiring!

As part of our District Conference, we are working with 10 Rotary Clubs in the Bahamas to provide items for local schools, homeless shelters, and disaster response efforts. Rotary International and Carnival have teamed up to provide transportation of items from our cruise port of Charleston, South Carolina to Nassau, Bahamas for FREE. Many local clubs have joined the effort to provide items. We still need school supplies, books, toiletries, and tools.

Others have asked for a way to make a monetary contribution so we can purchase items that are not collected. Here is your chance to make a meaningful contribution to a worthwhile international project. We hope you can join us on the cruise and see the impact your donation makes in peoples' lives.

Zeffy is a free platform for non-profits to use to raise funds for projects. There are also no transaction fees for the non-profit. Donors can adjust the "tip" amount all the way down to \$0. We hope you will consider a donation to the service project. If you need any assistance, please reach out to District Governor CJ at CJCrooks@live.com

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/7deb5d2e-5945-40b4-af69-e55fe367234d>



Rotary Peace Fellow and Wife Arrive in NC After Escaping War-Torn Home

By Carolyn Justice-Hinson

Khaled Shaath begins his Rotary Peace Fellowship at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center in August 2024. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. But the past year has been anything but peaceful for Khaled and his wife, Dalya.



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Passport Club Milestone - July 2024

Happy Seventh Birthday to US!!!!!!!

Weâ€™re thrilled to celebrate seven years of growth and our first major overhaul! After the Passport Club and Rotarian Offering Community Service (ROCS) merged in March, weâ€™re excited for new opportunities in community service and fun. On June 12, we installed our new leadership team, honored ten Paul Harris Fellows with Past District Governor Dawn Rochelle, and thanked Past President Helle Jorgensen. On July 1, we welcomed Ms. Rachel Heiser, Leland, as our newest member. Weâ€™re busy preparing for the DG District Conference Service Project for the Bahama Cruise and looking forward to a magical year filled with adventures and opportunities to make a difference!

Special Thanks to:

DG CJ Crook
PDG Bernadette and Bob Jennings
PDG April Clark
PDG Dawn Rochelle
DGN Shawn Braswell
iPDG Allen Quigley
All the friends and family members that came out for the celebration.



Donâ€™t miss the Fourth Annual Oysters in October, hosted by Wilmington West Rotary

By Tori Jones

The Fourth Annual Oysters in October, a Halloween-themed oyster roast that includes a low country boil, will take place on Saturday, October 19, at the Gardens of the Burgwin-Wright House from 5:00 until 8:00 pm. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$75 each, and include steamed oysters, a low country boil, and two drink tickets for beer, wine or liquor, with 100% of proceeds benefiting local non-profits. A cash bar will be available. Costumes are optional, but prizes will be awarded. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information and for tickets, contact event chair Anderson King at AndersonKing91@gmail.com or club president Mike Reid at cim3@aol.com or (910) 964-3998.



Wilmington East leads the way on 7/25/2024 Blood Drive

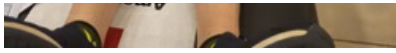
Area # 3 Rotary Clubs of Wilmington's co-sponsored monthly blood drive on 7/25/2024 netted 28 units. This brings our total collected to **1779 units over 47 drives** since the pandemic.

Wilmington East led the drive with 4 donors. Pictured are Jerry Flake, Darrel Kerr, Ron Copley and Charlie Prickett.

Our next drive is Thursday 8/22/2024 10AM-4PM at the Independence Mall.

Dan Parks
District 7730 Disaster Relief Chair
President Wilmington East Rotary





Wilmington East gets a visit from DG CJ Crooks

DG CJ Crooks started his visits of 7730 clubs at Wilmington East Rotary. He was thoroughly entertaining and informative. I can not divulge his message. Just do not miss him when he visits your club!

Pictured is President Dan Parks presenting DG Crooks with the much sought after **Wilmington East Speakers mug**.



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- For more information: Rotaract@rotary.org

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District Youth Exchange Chair: [Bernadette Jennings](#)

- You can find our clubs in Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland Counties!

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.

See a complete [list of United Nations observances](#), including international days, weeks, and years.

See the [Board and Trustees meeting dates](#).

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