

# Rotary



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### A Message from Governor Nancy Carr

By Nancy S. Carr



Happy New Year!

We hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a festive holiday season. This was a busy time for many of our clubs as they organized Christmas parades, holiday flotillas, Santa Hay Rides, Santa visits, bell ringing and much more. Clubs hosted successful fundraisers and enjoyed holiday socials. Clubs adopted families, children and the elderly to provide clothing, food and toys. Communities throughout our district observed first hand our motto "Service Above Self."

2023 will be an exciting time for clubs and our district. Many clubs will be working on their district grant projects and we look forward to seeing the impact in your community. Please remember to use social media whenever appropriate.

Read on to learn more about upcoming events and activities for 2023.



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### 2023-24 RI Presidential Theme Logo!

The 2023-24 Presidential Theme Logo Announced today!



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## President Elects Register for Incoming President Training!

**Incoming President Training** will be conducted virtually this year in order to accommodate more schedules, to cut down on travel expenses, and to consolidate learning in no more than 90 minutes. There will be three identical sessions from February 9th through February 18th so that PEs, PNs and AGs can select the one that works best. If an area can schedule everyone for the same session, it will add to the effectiveness of the session.

February 9th from 7:30 am to 9:00 am  
February 13th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
February 18th from 8:30 am to 10:00 am

The agenda will consist of short introductions, prep work for PETS, and concise presentations from key district committee chairs.

Incoming President Training will provide a taste of what's to come at PETS in Greensboro, March 17-18. To give you more to look forward to, PETS will be followed up by an in-depth, roll-up-your-sleeves session called Jumpstart 2023, April 29 in Jacksonville.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## Events

August 8th  
**[District 7730 \\*Four Way  
Test\\* Essay Challenge -  
3/15/23 Deadline](#)**

January 9th  
**[AG and Leadership Monthly  
Meeting](#)**

January 27th  
**[RYLA Weekend - Reminder](#)**

January 27th  
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Administrator](#)**

February 9th



### [Incoming President Training 3 Choices - 2/9, 2/13 or 2/18](#)

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### [Chefs of Brunswick 2023](#)

**Speaker:** Brunswick County  
Chefs

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### [Grants Training](#)

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### [Grants Training](#)

March 13th

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March 16th

### [Carolinas PETS](#)

March 25th

### [Boys and Girls Home - Rotary Day - Hold the Date!](#)

April 1st

### [Rotary Peace Fellows Conference](#)

April 10th

### [AG and Leadership Monthly Meeting](#)

April 22nd

### [Rotary Day of Service - Community Projects](#)

April 29th

### [JumpStart 2023](#)

**Speaker:** Allen Quigley

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

May 8th

### [AG and Leadership Monthly Meeting](#)

May 11th

### [Morehead City Noon John T Capps Golf Tournament](#)

May 19th

### [Golf Tournament](#)

May 20th

### [Fore Kids Golf Tournament - Ocean Ridge Hold Date](#)

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## Club Anniversaries

### [Global Partners in Peace](#)

January 2nd

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## Polio Plus Society

By Frances Wylie

2023 has arrived and for many of us our thoughts probably turned to a need for renewal and resolutions to make the coming year a little bit better than this past one. May we suggest that your new year's resolutions include the following:

- Resolved that we as Rotarians will stay the course on all of our polio eradication efforts.
- Resolved that we will continue to support PolioPlus with our cash contributions.
- Resolved that we will increase membership in our district's PolioPlus Society and encourage other club members to join us.
- Resolved that we will do our part to ensure none of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2-for-1 dollar match of up to \$50M of our polio contributions is left on the table.
- Resolved that we will keep the above resolutions!

As the District's PolioPlus co-chairs we want to thank each and every member who has already made a commitment to help Rotary International achieve the global end game to the spread of the polio virus. The polio vaccine does work!

In early October, District 7730 had 83 donors to the Polio Fund amounting to \$15,666.00. We are happy to report that as of December 20<sup>th</sup>, we have 217 district Polio Fund donors, with contributions amounting to \$48,254.05. Can you *IMAGINE* what we can achieve if the other 1,412 members of our district contributed to the Polio Fund?

We are at the mid-way mark for this Rotary year and feel confident that we can more than double that amount by June 30th, as well as receive additional contribution commitments for membership in the PolioPlus Society.

It's easy to become a member. Download the attached form, fill it out and email the completed form to either Bill Wylie ([wylie7350@gmail.com](mailto:wylie7350@gmail.com)) or Fran Wyle ([libfran@aol.com](mailto:libfran@aol.com)). Polio Fund contributions can be made directly through your Rotary International membership (Rotary.org) or completed form and check made payable to The Rotary Foundation can be mailed to the Wylies at 144 Windsor Circle SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

Our wish for all is for a happy and healthy 2023, and a heart-filled commitment to the cessation of the spread of the crippling polio virus. COUNTDOWN TO ZERO!



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## Help Us Expand Our Reach

By Nancy S. Carr

Like and Share Our District Facebook Page

The Friendship Knot  
January 19th

[Jacksonville South](#)  
January 22nd

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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

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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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## PETS Registration is now open

By Allen L. Quigley



The 2023 version of CarolinasPETS is now open for registration for all **Presidents-elect, Presidents-nominees, and Area Governors!**

How do you get registered? Click on this link and sign up.

**[Register NOW](#)** for **Carolinas PETS 2023**.

Remember to reserve your hotel room for Thursday AND Friday night so you can participate in the Thursday evening social and be ready to go with the opening bell on Friday morning.

Get registered early and take advantage of the savings for your club.

### **What is PETS? President Elect Training Seminar**

Did you know that you picked a fantastic year to be president? With an updated curriculum, incredible speakers and an awesome District 7730 session, it will be your best PETS yet! And remember, all Presidents-elect are required to attend PETS each year, even if they served as president in the past...even multiple times.

If, for some reason, you can't attend Carolinas PETS, your DGE, Allen Quigley, will help you find another district to attend.

Note 1: For clubs without presidents-elect, it will be expected that the current president registers and attends.

Note 2: While you're registering for PETS, go ahead and register for one of the PrePETS Zoom sessions in February, as well as JumpStart 2023 on April 29<sup>th</sup>. For questions and more details, contact DGE Allen Quigley at 845/987-0074.

[Pre-Pets Registration](#)

[JumpStart 2023 Registration](#)

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## Rotary Citation and District Governor Award

By Nancy S. Carr

January is a great time to review the requirements for the Rotary Citation and District Governor Award and position your club to achieve these honors. The Rotary Citation may be found through the website [my.rotary.org](http://my.rotary.org) under the Rotary Club Central tab. To achieve the Rotary Citation, review the 25 available goals, select at least 13, achieve those goals, then report your achievement in Rotary Club Central. The deadline is June 30, 2023.

The District Governor Award is found on the district website DACdb. Under the district tab there is an icon specifically for this award. The deadline is June 30, 2023.

There is still plenty of time to achieve these awards if your club is interested. Feel free to reach out to your Assistant Governor if you have any questions or need help accessing the award requirements.





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## Join us on our Polio Trip to India!

By Nancy Barbee

**Join us for 2 Polio Eradication Experiences in India in 2023.** We will travel through Delhi, Agra, and Kolkatta to deliver polio drops to children. There will be time to visit Rotary projects, meet Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotarians, sightsee, and enjoy fellowship.

**The dates are January 24<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**

I'm hosting a Zoom meeting on December 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm for all who are interested in traveling with us and learning more about this fascinating experience.

[NID-2023 Cost and Final](#)

[Application for Trip](#)



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## Make a Resolution to Increase Membership in 2023

By Andrea M. Young



If you're like me as you prepared for 2023 and a year of new beginnings, you reflected on past years and what we learned and what we experienced. Thinking back on this time last year, I could not have imagined where I'd be today or some of the experiences I've had. As district membership chair (DMC), I didn't imagine that we'd end 2022 with a net membership loss in our district or that we'd still have a few clubs without a membership chair identified. Is this all doom and gloom? Certainly not, but it is the reality, and it needed to be mentioned. I hope you can agree with me that changes need to be made to ensure the viability of not only our clubs but District 7730 as well. I'm going to **REIMAGINE 2023** with all the changes and redirections necessary, so we can **adapt, adopt and accept a stronger Rotary community** with additional members enabling us to do more good in the world, our communities and ourselves. I **hope you'll join me** in this venture to reimagine 2023.

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## Five Ways to Enhance Your Club

By David Franklin Morrison

July 1st and the transition of leadership in our clubs is just around the corner. This article will focus on tips to make sure our Clubs are well-prepared throughout the year. [Read More](#)

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## Is Your Club on Track to Earn the District Governor & Rotary Citation Awards?

By Nancy S. Carr

We are midway through the year and this is an excellent time to review your club's progress towards the District Governor and Rotary Citation Awards. The District Governor Award and a link to the Rotary Citation may be found on our DACdb website under the District tab and then select the District Awards icon. You may also contact your Assistant Governor for information and any questions you may have.

By planning now, you can still position your club to earn these two prestigious awards. It's also a wonderful compass to help you navigate through the next six months of your Rotary year. Please look at these two awards and use them to help motivate your club and improve your Rotary experience by setting a few new expectations and striving to achieve these goals.

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## District's New Essay Contest for 6th & 7th Graders

By Nancy S. Carr

How to Prevent Bullying/Cyberbullying

**4-Way Test  
Essay Contest!**  
*Of the things we think, say and do ...*

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Deadline Date - March 15, 2023**

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A World Without  
Bullies!  
Rotary  
District 7730

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## National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

By Raquel Renee Painter

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11th brings attention to a crime that leaves a lasting toll on human life, families, and communities around the world. Beginning in 2010, by Presidential Proclamation, each January has been designated National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a crime where one person exploits another for labor, services, or commercial sex, using force, fraud, or coercion (or where the person induced is under 18 years of age, in the case of a commercial sex act under U.S. law). Following the start of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with the help of non-government organizations, National Human Trafficking Day began and is observed annually on January 11th. It is a key time for us all as individuals to educate ourselves about human trafficking and learn to spot the signs of trafficking.



Human trafficking is considered a modern form of slavery. Estimates on the economics of trafficking approximate that commercial sexual exploitation generates \$99 billion a year, and that \$51 billion is generated by forced economic exploitation, including domestic work, agriculture, and other economic activities. This totals \$150 billion per year. This illegal act involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or sex. Traffickers use violence, manipulation, or false promises to lure their

victims into trafficking situations. Trafficking victims usually experience physical and/or psychological abuse. They might also endure sexual abuse, food and sleep deprivation, threats to family members, and isolation from the outside world. Family members of the victim may also get threatened.

The goal of the day is to bring greater awareness to the crime of sex trafficking. Each year, organizations around the globe provide support to communities, training to volunteers and educational events to increase awareness. On this day, take time to learn of the resources available in your community and how you can make a difference in the fight against modern day slavery.

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## Let's Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd and Join Our Rotary Day of Service

By Nancy S. Carr



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## Cars for Cart

By Norman Rogers

**WE HAVE A NEW "CARS FOR CART" FLYER** with better credit card functionality and **cheaper rates**. We ask that each club purchase at least one ticket. **PAYMENT** Clubs in **Florida** and **South Carolina** are buying tickets for the next **3 District Governors** to use the car. Clubs in **North Carolina** are buying tickets for the **\$20,000 cash** to be used for their **local needs**. **ALZHEIMER'S** is a **long goodbye** to your **love one** and extreme stress for the **care giver** affecting **6 MILLION** in the **USA** and **50 MILLION worldwide**. **PLEASE HELP US FIND A CURE!!! (NEW FLYER BELOW)**



### # 3 CARS for CART Raffle

Win YOUR CHOICE:

TOYOTA AVALON 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 \$100 tickets plus fee 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.**

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)

**Yours in Rotary Service and a Cure for Alzheimer's,**  
**Norman Rogers**  
**910-616-1205**  
**CART Division 1 Director -NC/SC**  
[normrogers@atmc.net](mailto:normrogers@atmc.net)

**All District 7730 GOLDEN BUCKET checks to be made out to CART Fund Inc.**  
**Mail to: Norman Rogers**  
**CART Chairman 7730**  
**146 Freeboard Lane**  
**Carolina Shores N. C. 28467**

## Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members from December 1 to December 31, 2022

Member	Date	Club
Anderson, Caroline	12/1/2022	Fayetteville
Davis, Ashley	12/1/2022	Elizabeth
Kayitare, Fred	12/5/2022	Monarchs and Friends
Banks, Karina	12/8/2022	Fayetteville
Merrill, Ryan	12/15/2022	Leland Area
Pickett, Debra	12/15/2022	Leland Area
Graff, Rodney	12/19/2022	Surf City
Barrett, Brooks	12/20/2022	Morehead City Noon
Mingia, Brian	12/20/2022	Wilmington
Lyle, Jeannie Cariker	12/20/2022	Wilmington
Corpening, Katherine	12/20/2022	Wilmington



Lazar, Dale	12/30/2022	Wilmington
Allen, Roy	12/29/2022	Elizabethtown
Rivenbark, F.D.	12/28/2022	Surf Cityq
Schneider, Cindy	12/31/2022	Beaufort-Ole Towne
Schneider, Joel	12/31/2022	Beaufort-Ole Towne

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## Five Loaves Mission in Beaufort

By Christine R Lamb

Our Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary prepared 50 gift bags of food, toiletries, and holiday treats for clients of . Five Loaves is a collaborative effort of Beaufort churches that serves Monday evening meals for community members in need. The Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary members donated items and assembled gift bags during their December 19 meeting. Pictured with the gift bags are Rotarians Bedford Smith and Jeff Vinton.



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## Coastal Pender Rotarians and Guests Cruise Cape Fear and Black River on Nature Cruise

By Susan Knox

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, The Coastal Pender Rotary Club and guests spent a beautiful fall day cruising the Cape Fear and Black River. We were accompanied by famed naturalist Andy Wood. Andy was our tour guide, who pointed out ancient cypress trees, rare wildlife, and indigenous plant life. It was an opportunity to see the Rivers as our ancestors would have viewed it when they visited it for the first time. We enjoyed a picnic lunch and cool fall breezes. We are hoping to plan more of these outings in the coming months.



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## Successful 2022 Santa Hayride for Coastal Pender Rotary

By Leo Urban

On December 3, 2022, the Coastal Pender Rotary Club held its 2nd annual **Hayride with Santa** at Kiwanis Park in Hampstead.

The event had grown by 50%, from about 250 to 380 visitors.

The event included two hay wagons with singing elves, a visit with Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus reading stories to the kids.



There were many games including a bouncy house, corn hole, miniature golf, football, soccer and croquet.

At a price of only \$3.00 for adults and free to children under 12, a family with young children could enjoy an afternoon of fun for under \$10, a large help to those watching pennies during this year of rising costs.

The Topsail Interact Club, under their advisor, Mr. Matthew Rogers, volunteered their Saturday to assist the Coastal Pender Rotarians in making this community event a great success.

This year eight vendors participated selling everything from cookies, popcorn, clothing and crafts. We hope to have more vendors next year.

The Hayride with Santa event kickoff a week long online auction that raised \$17,000 to return to our Hampstead community.

The Rotary Club plans to hold the event again next year at Kiwanis Park on December 2, 2023 (the first Saturday in December) and hopefully the attendance, sponsors, and donations will continue to grow.

Pictured: Coastal Pender Rotary President Leo Urban and District Governor Nancy Carr



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## Rotarians participate in Kiwanis Club Halloween Event

By Susan Knox

Coastal Pender Rotarian Karen Burkett and President Leo Urban spent Halloween evening at Kiwanis Park handing out Halloween Candy to all the ghosts and goblins. They also took the opportunity to tell their parents about the benefits of joining Coastal Pender Rotary and our upcoming Santa Hay Ride on December 3rd! Hundreds of friendly Ghosts, Mermaids and Disney Princesses appreciated our sweets while their parents enjoyed chatting with Leo and Karen.





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## Happy Feet Project

By Brittany Moore

The Rotary Club of Fair Bluff chose to do a project entitled "Happy Feet" for their district grant this year. A project near and dear to club president Gary Barnes finally came to pass on December 10, 2022.

An excerpt from the club's grant description describes the "Happy Feet" project as "providing the at-risk youth who reside in the Rotary Cottage at the Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw with two pairs of shoes per resident. These shoes will ensure that residents have well fitting and reliable footwear that will protect their feet from the elements. These shoes will assist in the overall health & safety of the resident. An added bonus, is that attractive footwear may, in some instances, decrease/prevent bullying of students."

Members of the club met the residents at the Shoe Department shoe store in Whiteville. Each club member had 1-2 residents and helped them pick out their shoes. Each resident was also allowed to purchase some socks as well. This project was a great time for the club to be "hands on" and truly exhibit the rotary motto.



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## The Rotary Club of Fair Bluff Donates American Flags to the Town of Fair Bluff

By Brittany Moore

Veteran's Day is a day to recognize those who have served and thank them for their service. The Rotary Club of Fair Bluff chose this particular day to present new American Flags to the Town of Fair Bluff. The small ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Fair Bluff, members of the Fair Bluff Town Council, and the members of the Fair Bluff Rotary Club.

The club chose this day to present the flags "in honor and recognition of the Veterans who have served under, and protected the American flag, and her people," club president Gary Barnes said. When talking about the flag and what it symbolizes and how it relates to rotary, Barnes said, "A symbol of our country is the American flag. It's a symbol that represents and unites our individual and diverse citizens as one. Rotary is inclusive, and believes in unity."

Veteran's Day is always a special day in our nation. But this year, Veteran's Day was even more special for the Town of Fair Bluff and the Rotary Club of Fair Bluff as the rotary motto "service above self" was exhibited.



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## How a Rotary project has inspired others!

By Suzy M. King

Our club's 2022 fundraising project helped build roofs on homes in rural Honduras. The funds provided 51 roofs for homes which had dilapidated leaking roofs. Rotarian John Cromer was contacted by one of our Salud Hondu donors who felt inspired to support this Rotary project (which had already ended). He asked if he could make a donation. Of course, we said yes. His contribution of \$10,000 supported another 50 or so roofs. One blessing flows from another! Happy New Year from our club to yours. May we all be inspired in 2023.



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## DG Nancy visits Wilmington Club

By Michael Phillip Beaudoin

DG Nancy presented to our Club today. Her 46 club visit out of 49 club visits.

Norm Rodgers presented the Wilmington Rotary Club the CART cup for largest club donation last year. We get to keep the cup after winning 4 years straight. During the meeting we paid tribute to club member Ann LaReau, our CART chairperson, who died recently.

Pictured L-R are Wilbur Jones, Ann's partner, Norm Rodger, District CART chair and Club President, Dale Smith.





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## Three Ukrainian Families need transportation

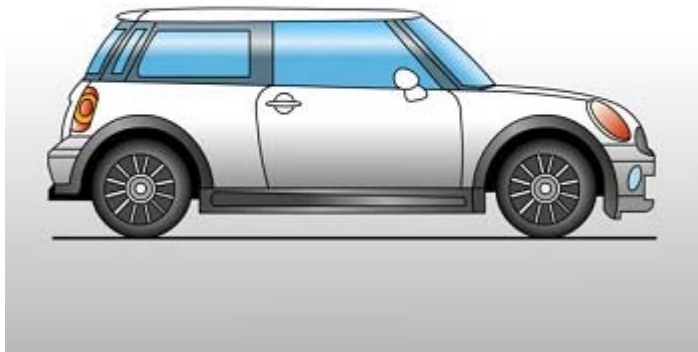
By Daniel W. Parks

We have three Ukrainian families in need of transportation. Obtaining employment can be a challenge with language barriers. Once over that their next hurdle is transportation to get to and from work.

If you have a car you would like to donate it is tax deductible through the Wilmington East Rotary Charitable Trust.

- Checks can be made out to Wilmington East Rotary Charitable Trust or WERCT
- Mail to: Wilmington East Rotary POB 373 Wrightsville Beach NC 28480

Call me with any questions 207-692-7052



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## Area Three Holiday blood drives a success!

By Daniel W. Parks

Fellow Rotarians,

Area three co-sponsored two Holiday blood drives on the 22nd and 29th of December. These were the 3rd annual memorial blood drives in memorial of Judge Gilbert Burnett.

The drives netted 69 units total! Since the pandemic these represent 27 drives netting 1072 units for the Red Cross!

Our next monthly drive is on Thursday 1/26/2023 at the Independence Mall in Wilmington from 10AM-4PM.



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## Ukrainain Refugees.Women and children first

By Daniel W. Parks  
Fellow Rotarians,

As you know from past posts Welcome.US has partnered with Rotary to sponsor Ukrainian families to the US on a humanitarian parole.Men can not leave only women and children.

I and my playmates at Wilmington East Rotary have done just that. I have two mothers and their children staying in my home until they can get on their feet' in order to support themselves. This is not an easy task and took a lot of courage for them to leave their husbands, come to a country they do not speak the language or understand the customs.A LEAP OF FAITH!

We are trying to raise money for them and three other families already here.

If you wish to donate to help them here is the information:

- Checks can be made out to Wilmington East Rotary Charitable Trust or WERCT
- Mail to: Wilmington East Rotary POB 373 Wrightsville Beach NC 28480



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## Youth Services



Click on the chair name to email them.

District Interact Chair: [Jennifer Hardee Vanasse](#)

- For more information: [interact@rotary.org](mailto:interact@rotary.org)

District Rotaract Chair: [Magda Baggett](#)

- For more information: [Rotaract@rotary.org](mailto:Rotaract@rotary.org)

District Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Chair: [Phil Panzarella](#)

District Youth Services Chair: [Ken Benton](#)

District Student Protection Officer: [Jean Hall](#)

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

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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.

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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