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DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023 Rotary Fellowship Month

Governor's Message

By Nancy S. Carr



It's here - the final month of the Rotary year. Clubs are busy planning the installation of their new officers and presidents as well as hosting year-end socials. Please join us on Saturday, June 24th for our 2023-24 District Leadership Installation and Year End District Awards and Recognitions. We also invite you to attend our Hawaiian Virtual District Conference on Friday, June 30th, from 7-9 p.m. from the comfort of your own home or maybe a "watch party."

June is a wonderful time to reflect on all the successes of your club, be it fundraisers, service projects, socials, etc. As a district, we are very proud of our Rotary, Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs. The commitment to service and fellowship is inspiring. We hope your club applies for the District Governor Award by June 30th as well as completes 13 of the 25 goals in Rotary Club Central to achieve the Rotary Citation.

As this is my last newsletter, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to my entire Rotary family for allowing me to serve as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2022-23. I truly appreciate the warm welcome during club visits as well as the many fundraisers and service projects. You are all amazing and I am in awe of the Power of Rotary. Although this year and theme is closing, my hope is that we will continue to "Imagine Rotary" well into our future.

Last Chance to Register! Award and Recognition Banquet - June 24, 2023

By Lin A. Kelly

Join us for the District Awards and Installation Banquet on Saturday, June 24th

Mad Boar
111 River Village Place
Wallace, NC 28466

Registration 11:30 am

Program scheduled to end by 2:00 pm

Casual attire.

Lunch is Taco Buffet, Water, Iced Tea and Coffee and Cash Bar.

Cost \$35.00 per person

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Please Join Us!

Rotary District 7730

June 24, 2023
11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Celtic Court,
The Mad Boar
Wallace NC

**2022-2023
Awards &
Recognitions**

**2023-2024
District Leadership
Installation**

Casual Attire

**Feel free to come who you are - reflect
your culture, profession, nationality, or
wear all your Rotary regalia!**

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 9TH! NO REFUNDS AFTER THAT DATE. REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED ON JUNE 9TH.

Lin Kelly
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2023 District Conference - It's Free & It's Virtual....Join Us June 30th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM

By Nancy S. Carr

Mark your calendars and save the date for our district conference on Friday, June 30th. We've got an exciting line up of activities including a polio update from Past Rotary International President John Germ, a conversation with Rotary International President Nominee Stephanie Urchick and an informative talk about Club Culture Transformation by Past District Governor Tom Gump.



Please join your Rotarian friends and plan a night of fun and camaraderie while you enjoy this virtual district conference from the comfort of your home or an even larger venue. More information to come soon!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Mark Your Calendars for Our Joint District Conference -

April 19-21, 2024 Wilmington

Certification Training

September 4th

Articles Due for District 7730 Newsletter

September 4th

Go Jump in the Lake

September 23rd

District Training Seminar - Save the Date!

October 2nd

Articles Due for District 7730 Newsletter

October 20th

24-Hour Run Around the District for Polio - Save the Date

November 6th

Articles Due for District 7730 Newsletter

November 11th

District Foundation Banquet - Hold the Date

By Nancy S. Carr

It's official! Our next district conference will be April 19-21in 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.



Part III - End A Year, Start Another - DACdb Training - June 13, 2023

By Lin A. Kelly on Thursday, June 1, 2023

Every Tuesday, DACdb holds live training sessions. They started a series of what you need to do to prepare for the new Rotary Year. All sessions are recorded and you can view the previous sessions by going to the Support/Training Tab and clicking on DACdb training on the Left, Tuesday Training.

Here is the next session:

[Click here to register - Part III - 4:30 pm Eastern Time](#)

End a Year, Start Another - Part III
Why use Committees in your Club or District?
Date: June 13, 2023

Time Zone Chart
2:30 pm Mountain (UTC -6)

Use link below to convert to your time zone

[Time Zone Converter – Time Difference Calculator \(Classic\) \(timeanddate.com\)](#)

NOTE: WE WILL BE USING ZOOM AS THE VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM FOR THIS SESSION! The Zoom login will be on the confirmation you receive after you register!

We will open the session 5 minutes prior to the event to give people a chance to log in before we start the actual training. So please sign in early.

Club Anniversaries

Jacksonville

June 1st

Morehead City Noon

June 11th

Laurinburg

June 12th

Wilmington West

June 15th

Lumberton

June 15th

Newport

June 17th

Coastal Pender

June 17th

Clinton-Sampson County

June 20th

Wilmington Central

June 22nd

Surf City

June 25th

Liberty Point Rotary Club

June 28th

Morehead City-Lookout

June 29th

New Member Challenge - Lose None, Add One

By Nancy S. Carr

We are excited to see so many of our clubs growing. In fact, we've been running a New Member Challenge for the last few weeks - Lose None - Add One, and are pleased so many clubs are participating. It's wonderful to share the power of Rotary with your colleagues, friends, and neighbors.

Finish Strong! Share your passion for Rotary by inviting others to join your club and add that new member by June 30th.

District Leaders



Nancy S. Carr
District Governor



Allen L. Quigley
DG-Elect



Christopher James Crooks
DG-Nominee

Andrea M. Young
District Governor
Nominee

Introducing our new District Public Image Chair - Shawn Braswell

By Nancy S. Carr on Thursday, June 1, 2023

We all understand that Public Image is an important part of any vibrant club. We are pleased to introduce Shawn Braswell as our new District Public Image Chair. Shawn's home club is the Rotary Club of Southport, where she served as president and she currently serves as Assistant Governor for Area 4. Shawn was named an Emerging Leader for our district this year and she has truly risen to the occasion.

Please feel free to reach out to Shawn at Shawn@dwbonline.com with questions related to social media, public relations, newspaper articles, radio spots, etc. She's very creative and enjoys working with other Rotarians to strengthen their clubs and spread the word of their good work.



Designee/Membership
Chair



Rotary Fellowship and Membership

By Andrea M. Young

June is Rotary Fellowship month. Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, spouses and Rotaractors that share a common interest. The shared interest can be in a variety of areas: recreational activities, professions, sports, hobbies. These groups may consist of people from all over the world. This is a great way to make friends from around the world and further explore a hobby or profession.

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Final Month for Membership Growth

By Andrea M. Young on Thursday, June 1, 2023

We've entered June and the end of the Rotary year. Remember the Rotary year ends on July 1st. We are holding a last push for membership growth this year. With only a few weeks left we are asking each club to participate in a new member challenge. **Lose none and add one new member** to your club this month.

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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.

 <p>District Governor Award Visit DACdb & Complete Today! Due 6/30</p>	<p>Earn the Rotary Citation It's easy! Just Complete 13 Goals on Rotary Club Central by 6/30</p>
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Public Image: Share Your Stories

By Shawn Braswell

What an exciting time of the year! As we wind down 2022-2023, we start to look forward to the new year and its possibilities. It's a busy season for sure! We have an Installation & Awards Ceremony for our district, and local clubs are holding them as well.



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY ROTARY CLUB!

Rotary
District 7730

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It's Matching Points Season - Get Your Paul Harris Fellow

By Nancy S. Carr

Thank you to all Rotarians and Rotaractors in our district that support The Rotary Foundation and thereby receive district grants for club service projects as well as improve the lives of others across the globe. We are almost at the finish line for 2022-23 and hope you will help us reach our stretch goal of \$300,000. Remember, it's matching points season and we will provide points for those wishing to achieve their first Paul Harris Fellow or their multiple Paul Harris Fellow. We are also seeking Bequest Society members and you may contact our District Foundation Chair Jay Sollis at jbsollis@gmail.com for more information.

DEI Corner: Rotary Fellowships recognize Diversity Equity and Inclusion: We can do more

By David Franklin Morrison

June recognizes Rotary Fellowship Month. Of the 100+ fellowships recognized by Rotary International, a handful take Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to heart. Find out how in the article that follows. [Read More](#)

Polio Plus Society

By Frances M. Wylie



Two month countdown to the end of this Rotary Year. Please join the Polio Plus Society and help Rotary achieve its goal of a Polio Free World.

The PolioPlus Society

A great opportunity to make history and **IMAGINE** the world Polio Free!

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority**, I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the **PolioPlus Society of District 7730**

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Attention all District 7730 Members - Exciting new App!

By Allen L. Quigley

You are the first District-wide rollout of this exciting App! Download it today and find out what the buzz is all about.

IGNITE by Member Minder Pro, LLC provides ease of use for DACdb users by not only helping manage their organizations, but by making member engagement more accessible.



Members can

- Recruit new members directly from the phone.
- Broadcast messages
- pay their invoices (this is available to DACdb Finance Module users)

- make donations to the Foundation from your phone.
- log service hours (service projects must be listed in DACdb Engagement Module)
- send service selfies when you're working on service projects with other organizations.
- connect with members outside your club by scanning their QR codes (digits) to save contact information in your Rolodex.
- so much more from this simple and clean app.

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Help Us Expand Our Reach

By Nancy S. Carr

Like and Share Our District Facebook Page

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.

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>

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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) ...




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

Proceeds benefit TRAC (Trust Rotary for an Alzheimer's Cure) www.cartfund.org

Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members May 1 to May 31, 2023

Name	Start Date	Club
Bagshawe, Nick	5/22/23	Newport
Pfledderer, Kent	5/15/23	Newport
Pfledderer, Laura	5/15/23	Newport
Burns, Stephen	5/7/23	Southport
Gellener, Irina	5/7/23	Red Springs
Sheetz, Wendy	5/1/23	Whiteville
Shipman, Ship	5/24/23	Whiteville
McPherson, Joan	5/11/23	Whiteville
Kroshus, Gunilla	5/16/23	New River Onslow County
Sayed, Yoursy	5/9/23	Wilmington
Campbell, Phillip	5/23/23	Lumberton
McClughan, Jane	5/2/23	Morehead City Noon
McClughan, Bob	5/7/23	Morehead City Noon

The Return of Those Dam Rotarians- October 2023

By Magda G. Baggett

A letter from our friend, Elias Thomas:

Greetings to my fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary.

It is that time of year again when we begin solidifying plans for our upcoming DAM BUILD in India. Nothing is more exciting and rewarding than to roll up our sleeves, put on our gloves, and "play in the dirt," working alongside local laborers as we help to construct another Water Catchment Dam in one of the arid regions – this year near Udaipur – known as the City of Lakes! Surrounded by the Aravali Hills (the oldest mountains on earth), local farming families can barely eke out one grain crop each year. However, with the completion of this – our 14th Water Catchment Dam, the water table will rise, bore wells will recharge, and the possibility of gravity-fed irrigation will change the lives of nearly 2,000 people residing in Mada and Gogunda villages.

Having traveled to India each year since 2001 under the auspices of Rotary International, I have

had the honor and privilege of leading Rotary Dream Teams, where we have engaged in various service projects to benefit the population in many remote villages. Since access to electricity is scarce in these outlying regions, the introduction of gravity-fed irrigation increases crop production from one harvest each year to three!

One can never tire of the camaraderie enjoyed amongst those of us who travel – at our own expense – to India, but even more important is to witness how our contributions change the lives of the beneficiary families. To see a child look up to you and see the smiles is heartwarming. But to share our experiences with the local laborers – working side by side is one of the most rewarding experiences any of us will ever have.

So, I invite you to consider joining our ROTARY DREAM TEAM – INDIA 2023 in October and November this year. Various opportunities to explore India and Nepal are available before and after the project.

We welcome you to join this life-enhancing experience.

Yours in Service to others through Rotary
Elias

Elias Thomas – Team Leader
Rotary Dream Team – INDIA 2023

Past District Governor (2000-2001)
Rotary District 7780

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Rotary Club of The Friendship Knot Rotarians welcome Ukrainian Refugee

By Patrick W Curley

Pat Curley, of The Rotary Club of The Friendship Knot, and his wife Nancy welcome Kateryna (Kate) Zherdetska from Odessa Ukraine to their home in Stella. Kate is one of two sisters who Pat and Nancy have agreed to sponsor as part of a partnership between Rotary International and [Welcome-US](#).

The sisters fled the war over a year ago and have been living in a refugee center in Galway Ireland. They are still waiting for the younger sister, Daria, to receive her passport which will allow her to travel. We hope that she will be able to travel during the month of June. Kate came in advance as her authorization to travel was soon to expire. Kate speaks very good English and hopes that she can connect with other Ukrainians or serve as an interpreter for others who are coming to the area. The Curleys have agreed to sponsor the sisters and help support them in order for them to get established in the US. They hope to go to college, find jobs and purchase a car in the near future. They hope that others from our District 7730 community will help support these two young ladies as they start their new adventure in Eastern North Carolina.

You can learn more about them on their GoFundMe site: <https://gofund.me/13732f39>



[Read the article in Jacksonville News!](#)

Swansboro Rotary Interact Club Leads the Way on Earth Day

By April A. Clark

Swansboro Rotary Interact Club participates in District Wide Earth Day Projects. Article written by Interact President Hailey Griffin



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Second Annual Leaders in Service Awards

By Dale Smith

The club's second annual Leaders in Service awards proved to be a smash hit, raising an unprecedented \$100,000-plus in sponsorship pledges and ticket sales. After deducting expenses of just under \$29,000, that left a net \$71,785 for Wilmington's tax-exempt charitable foundation.

That money will be available for the club's projects, as well as grants to other organizations, in the coming year.

Roughly 250 people attended the award ceremony, at which three local leaders were honored.

They were Capt. Terry Bragg, director of the Battleship North Carolina, in the public-sector category; Dr. Thomas Dalton, founder of Eden Village of Wilmington, in the non-profit sector; and Amy Wright, founder of Bitty & Beau's Coffee, in the private sector.

Dale Smith President Rotary Club of Wilmington



One Act of Sponsorship Leads to Greater Effort!

By Daniel W. Parks



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Sprucing up the Rotary Wheel in Wilmington!

By Michael Phillip Beaudoin

Wilmington East, Cape Fear Rotary and Wilmington Rotary worked at Rotary Wheel Park on Saturday May 13. Rotarians spruced up the largest Rotary Wheel in the world. Committee headed by Terry Smith.

Mike Beaudoin



Wilmington East tours The Helping Place in Wilmington

By Daniel W. Parks



After having Megan Webber-Youssefi address the club earlier in the month we asked for a tour of the Healing Place in Wilmington. This is a center for drug and alcohol addiction. The tour was longer than expected because of all the questions it generated. The tour was given by Megan and Maurice. After Wilmington East Board of Directors decided to donate \$2000 from our endowment for this very worthy cause. We strongly encourage other clubs to get them to speak at one of your meetings. You will not be disappointed. Below is contact information.



Youth Services



Click on the chair name to email them.

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

- For more information: interact@rotary.org

District Rotaract Chair: [Magda Baggett](#)

- For more information: 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!

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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