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DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER, 2022 Basic Education and Literacy Month

A Message from Governor Nancy



Hello Rotary Friends,

September is upon us and there will soon be a change in the air as leaves begin to fall ushering in a beautiful autumn season. Change - some of us embrace it, some of us fear it. Yet, it is inevitable. So it is with Rotary. As John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

To date, I've visited over half of the clubs in our district, and I can honestly say, you are amazing! The energy and engagement of club members and the tremendous positive impact of your community projects are overwhelming and humbling. Although each club is unique, the common thread is a desire to "do good in the world" and enjoy each other's fellowship.

As I travel across the 15 counties comprising our district, I'm constantly reminded of the need for Rotary, and the relevancy of our organization.

However, the sustainability of many of our great clubs is in jeopardy. Very few clubs have more members today than five years ago. Does yours? Clubs need members to share the work in fundraisers, create greater impact in service projects, and engage in meaningful fellowship and networking. Too many of us rest on our past laurels or see only today. We need to plan for the future.

Please join us for the District Membership Summit – The Secret Sauce – on Saturday, September 17th. This fantastic program organized by District Membership Chair Andi Young will address issues of attrition, attraction and retention as well as provide proven tools to tackle your specific challenges and develop an action plan for growth. The Summit is open to all Rotarians, please register on DACdb or [click here to register](#):

Just IMAGINE what your club will accomplish with more members.

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District 7730 is now accepting applications for District Governor 2025-26!

By Allen L. Quigley

It's an exciting time for District 7730 and Rotary International - Be a part of it and Lead Your District to Growth!

It's a critical time in the growth of our district, and we're looking for leaders with vision, flexibility, and an unselfish desire to lead the most influential service organization in Southeastern North Carolina.

District 7730 is comprised of a diverse and innovative set of 50 Rotary Clubs from 14 counties with over 1600 Rotarians. We have a reputation throughout the Zone and the United States for getting things done, and we reach beyond our country's borders through a myriad of collaborative projects that address Rotary's 7 Pillars of Focus.

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September 17th
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The District Governor provides leadership, inspiration, and guidance to Rotary clubs under the general supervision of the Rotary International Board of Directors. In each jurisdiction or district, the Governor serves as the regional officer of Rotary, fostering success in their district at the club level.

As a District Governor in Rotary, you have proven leadership and decision-making skills. During your years in office leading to the Governor year and beyond, clubs will look to you for leadership, support, and motivation as they carry out service projects and participate in Rotary programs.
[Read More](#)

Youth Exchange Program Returns after the Pandemic

By Magda Baggett

District 7730 has received the first exchange student in a few years. She is Leora DesGranges from France, sponsored by the Fayetteville Club. She will be a senior at Jack Britt HS. Her host family, the Kriegs, at the same time, sent their son on exchange to Germany. Her host father was himself a Rotary Exchange Student when he was in high school and had such an amazing experience that he wanted to have his children have the same - an example of the positive impact of this Rotary program.

For more info on the Rotary Exchange, please contact District Chair Ken Benton.



Welcoming Leora

Speaker: Terry Weaver, PDG - District 7750 - Greenville Rotary Club

September 17th
[Rotary College Football Saturday Barn Party](#)

September 22nd
[Innovating our Clubs to Engage More Rotarians](#)

September 30th
[Morehead City- Lookout Seafood Festival Parking Fundraiser](#)

October 8th
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October 20th
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October 29th
[Oyster Roast - Wilmington Burgwin-Wright House](#)

November 5th
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[Chefs of Brunswick 2023](#)

March 16th
[Carolinas PETS](#)

April 22nd
[Boys and Girls Home - Rotary Day - Hold the Date!](#)

April 29th
[JumpStart 2023](#)

May 11th
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Meeting her host mother



Leora visits her sponsoring club



[Noon John T Capps Golf Tournament](#)
 May 19th
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 May 20th
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District 7710 hosted a training for incoming students from Croatia, France (7730), Spain and Thailand.

Annual Fund

Club Anniversaries

[Wilmington South](#)
 September 12th

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 September 25th

District Leaders

[Nancy S. Carr](#)
 District Governor
[Allen L. Quigley](#)
 DG-Elect

[Christopher James Crooks](#)
 DG-Nominee

By Scott Rainville
 Rotarians,

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Scott Rainville, our District's Annual Fund Chair. The following are some Rotary Foundation basics. Much of the money raised by our Foundation comes from us—from Rotarians contributing to the Annual Fund (AF). Each of us should gladly contribute to the Foundation. Why? Because our contributions, yours and mine, come back to us eventually as matching funds for our local grant projects. More on that in a future article. As a Rotarian, I believe that contributing to the Foundation via the AF—**Every** Rotarian, **Every** Year--should be as fundamental to each of us as our reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four-Way Test at our Rotary meetings.

A starting point for clubs should be the goal of earning The Rotary Foundation EREY Banner. The three simple criteria for earning this award are:

1. 100% member participation in contributions to the AF.
2. Everyone contributes at least \$25.
3. The club achieves an AF **per capita** contribution of at least \$100.

Last year, 31 of our 50 clubs achieved the third criterion—most by a significant margin. 14 clubs earned the Foundation's EREY Banner.

I'd like to be a resource for your club. I'd like to help you make this a banner year. I'm happy to come visit your club, your board meeting, or consult with your club's Foundation Chair. With some calendar coordination, it should be rather easy. I can be reached at (910)-934-4840 or rainvilles05@yahoo.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Scott Rainville
 Sneads Ferry Rotary Club



District Governor Award Winners 2021-22!

By Ellen Deaton

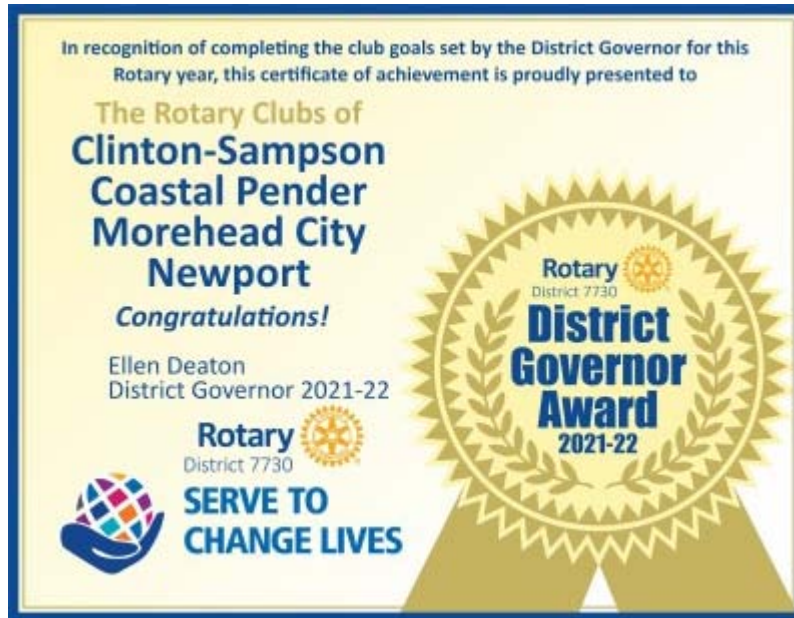
The District Governor's award recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Working on these goals help clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve award goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come. Goals were set for DEI, Membership and Rotary Foundation.

There are four clubs receiving the District Governor award for 2021-2022.

Congratulations to:

- Clinton-Sampson County
- Coastal Pender
- Morehead City
- Newport

Thank you for all you do for Rotary.
Ellen
IPDG



Rotary Citations 2021-22

By Ellen Deaton

Congratulations! There are **NINE** clubs in our district that have earned the Rotary Citation from Immediate Past Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta for 2021- 2022. This is the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, our clubs demonstrated a commitment to achieve their goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.

They truly “Served to Change Lives.”

Those clubs receiving this honor are:

Beaufort-Ole Town
Coastal Pender
District 7730 Passport
Fair Bluff
Jacksonville

Morehead City Noon
Morehead City
Newport
Southport

Thank you for your amazing contributions.

Ellen
IPDG

Polio Plus Society

By Frances Wylie



How many times have you heard it said that Rotary is “this close” to eradicating polio? We keep inching closer and closer to this goal but global circumstances continue to arise and temporarily halt our progress. Rotary International believes we **can** and **should** attain “zero” cases by the end of 2023 if we continue our funding efforts. The Gates Foundation continues to support RI’s efforts by funding a 2-to-1 match of member contributions to Polio Plus.

District 7730’s leadership continues to encourage club and member participation through contribution to the Polio Plus Society.

What is the Polio Plus Society?

In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the Polio Plus Society was formed and recently amended to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until the spread of polio is eradicated from the face of the earth.

What Can You Do?

- Clubs can join with Rotary on October 24th, World Polio Day, by taking action and hosting an event to educate our communities about the need for continued efforts to halt the spread of polio.
- Each Rotarian can join the Polio Plus Society by completing the attached form and personally committing yearly funding until our job is done!
- Check out endpol.io/wpd RI's World Polio Day site.

As the District's 2022-2023 PolioPlus chairs we are available to help you in your polio eradication efforts and are available to visit your club and speak about PolioPlus.

Join us in being a part of history and the countdown to ZERO
Can you IMAGINE a world polio free?

Yours in Rotary Service,
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[Click here for Polio Plus Form](#)

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month - Here's Some Activities Clubs Are Doing

By Nancy S. Carr

SEPTEMBER IS

BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



"To read is to empower, to empower is to write, to write is to influence, to influence is to change, to change is to live."

Jane Evershed



TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Be a People of Action

Basic Education and Literacy remains one of the most important needs across the globe. District 7730 spans across 15 counties and many areas right in our back yard lack resources to tackle this challenge.

Our clubs are making an impact in their local communities through third grade dictionary projects, Little Libraries, etc. Some clubs this year are using the Becky & Lin's Apple Orchard Park picture books focused on Service Above Self to deliver a positive message in a fun and engaging format.

[Read More](#)

Is your club growing?

By Andrea M. Young

Membership Summit is only \$10 with a guaranteed refund. It is the expectation that club Presidents, President Elects and Club Membership Chairs attend. [Read More](#)

Boys and Girls Home Updates

By Vince Juric

Some changes were made as a result of the tragic and untimely death of Ricky Creech, President/CEO, in a house fire in July. Two therapy dogs also died in the fire.

Ray Cockrell is the Interim President/CEO and Joe Kennedy is the Director of Community Engagement. He's the "go-to-person" for speaking requests and projects.

Also, Districts 7710 and 7730 have jointly launched a fundraiser to replace the therapy dogs. The goal is a very modest \$10,000 for both districts. The flyer is attached, please distribute it widely.

Reminder, Rotary Day is April 22, 2023.

For questions, speakers, projects, etc., contact any of the individuals below.

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Imagine walking into a room. In the corner is a young girl. Curled in a fetal position, screaming from all the years of abuse she has suffered. She is inconsolable. No one can seem to help her.

In walks the embodiment of unconditional love. This friend walks across the room and lays her fuzzy snout on the little girl's lap. **Peace.** The little girl becomes calm. This account details a therapy dog at work.

One young person at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina put it like this, "I all can talk. I all talk and talk and talk, and meanwhile, I am having an anxiety attack. But Zara! When Zara enters the room, and without speaking, she says everything I need to hear."

We recently lost Zara and Kiarwah, our therapy dogs, in a tragic fire that also took our CEO, Ricky Creech.

As a memorial to Zara, Kiarwah, and Ricky, would you please donate to help us get two new therapy dogs?

Make your check out to BGHNC.
Memo: CLUBNAME/ DISTRICT,
RICKY CREECH MEMORIAL FUND
FOR THERAPY DOGS

Private giving or individuals may make above and beyond donations on behalf of the district. BGHNC is a 501(c)3 non-profit, and the EIN is 58-1307811. You will receive a tax-deductible donation letter from BGHNC. Questions? Contact: Joe Kennedy Email: joe.kennedy@bghnc.org Cell: 760-801-3562

DISTRICT GOAL:
\$10,000

Rotary

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SEND DONATION TO:
BGHNC MEMORIAL FUND
c/o Marie Kelly
PO BOX 127
LAKE WACCAMAW, NC 28450

Rotary Alumni for Club Growth-Reconnect Week, October 3-9!

By Christian B. Felden



Finding and developing new members is always one of the greatest challenges in ensuring the continuing success and development of any club. Finding someone with the desire to serve others in their heart is the first step. For most, the next step is the introduction to the ideals of Rotary, followed soon thereafter by the introduction within your individual club to begin building relationships that will hopefully lead to full membership.

What if you could find someone you already knew had service in their heart? Not only that, this person was very familiar with the ideals of Rotary, and had already worked closely with Rotary and Rotarians in the past.

Where could you find such a person?

The answer is Rotary alumni, those individuals who have participated in a Rotary related program in the past, but are not yet Rotarians.

Reconnect Week, October 3-9, is an internationally celebrated time on the Rotary calendar dedicated to bringing together past Rotary program participants and Rotarians. As you go through Reconnect Week and throughout the Rotary year, ask yourself can alumni engage in a club service project? Can you simply take an alum out for coffee?

Please feel free to contact me for more information about alumni in your area.

Chris Felden
District 7730 Alumni Chair

John Mohr, Distinguished Service Award Recipient

By Ellen Deaton



The Distinguished Service Award is the Rotary Foundation's highest service recognition and is given to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation.

What is unique about the award is what it represents. Trustees of The Rotary Foundation give this award to those Rotarians who have rendered exceptional service to the Foundation beyond the district level or for an extended period of time. No more than fifty (50) Distinguished Service Awards are presented every year. In Rotary year 2021-2022 there were 38 presented. Our District Rotary Foundation Chair was one of those recipients. This is not awarded based on monetary contributions by the individual. It is based on outstanding accomplishments.

We are so fortunate in our District to have had such an exemplary individual. Here are just a few of the contributions made.

- Provided significant leadership at district or multidistrict Foundation training events.
- Presenting about The Rotary Foundation at district or regional events.
- Presenting about The Rotary Foundation at more than 20 club meetings.
- Organizing and carrying out successful fundraising efforts at the district or multidistrict level.
- Providing substantial leadership in PolioPlus projects and activities.
- Other special projects or activities, which the nominator clearly defines and describes in detail, in support of The Rotary Foundation.

In the three years of service as the DRFC, new Annual Foundation goals set records each year.

- 2019-2020 \$256,819.37
- 2020-2021 \$282,477.59
- 2021-2022 \$322,763.16

Our outstanding Rotarian, receiving the **Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award** is **John Mohr**. What you accomplished exceeds a thank you. I am grateful to have been able to work with you on the Foundation. Your actions exemplify our theme for 2021-2022 "**Serve to Change Lives.**"

Ellen Deaton
IPDG District 7730

Save the Date! District Rotary Foundation Seminar

By Jay Sollis



Saturday, 8 October 2022
District Rotary Foundation Seminar
Sampson Community College, Clinton, NC
10:30 Registration/Check-In
Seminar 11:00 - 3:00

Register to attend on DACdb (District and Club database). Or [click here](#) to register.
Bring your laptop to this highly informative "How To" workshop.

Questions? Contact Jay Sollis, District Rotary Foundation Chair
jbsollis@gmail.com / (910) 333-4196

Come Join Us!

By Steve Hellersperk



Come join us this fall!
Only you can make it Happen

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District Grants Awarded in September

By Steve Hellersperk



You are off and running with your Grant.

Congratulations To Those Clubs Who will be Granted Matching Funds for their District Grant

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\$250,000 Multi-District Disaster Aide Grant for Ukraine

By Nancy S. Carr

Our district is proud to participate in a \$250,000 multi-district grant to provide essential medical supplies to Ukraine. We partnered with 9 other districts to provide \$25,000 each for this effort. Unlike many other RI grants, no matching funds or financial commitments are required.



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Invitation to join Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Call

By Chris Stevenson

You are invited to join our call. Learn more about what we are doing and why.



Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members from August 1 to August 31, 2022

Name	Start Date	Club
Swag Swiger	8/1/2022	Wilmington Central
John Futch	8/1/2022	Wilmington Central
Kyle Martin	8/1/2022	Wilmington Central
Horace Hayes	8/2/2022	Fairmont
Jacob Hardesty	8/8/2022	Newport
Audrey Moore	8/9/2022	District 7730 Passport
Terry Baggett	8/9/2022	Global Partners in Peace
Joseph Dorociak	8/10/2022	Sneads Ferry
Eric Terashima	8/11/2022	Leland Area
Christina Gamba-Vitalo	8/11/2022	Leland Area
Nathan Perry	8/11/2022	Kinston
Klinton McGee	8/12/2022	South Brunswick Islands
Ken Floyd	8/15/2022	Wallace
Brett Roderick	8/15/2022	Wallace
Ken Floyd	8/15/2022	Wallace
Veenu Keller	8/17/2022	Richlands
Schumata Brown	8/18/2022	Maysville
Toni Floyd	8/18/2022	Maysville
George Floyd	8/18/2022	Maysville
Vickie Jones	8/18/2022	Kinston
Katey Simmons	8/24/2022	Newport

District Governor Club Visit to Beaufort-Ole Towne

By Christine R Lamb

Our club was so honored to have Nancy Carr, our new District Governor, visit our club. The District Governor provides leadership, inspiration, and guidance to Rotary clubs under the general supervision of the Rotary International Board of Directors. She is spreading the words of our new Rotary International President.

“Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.” – Jennifer Jones, RI President, 2022-23



New River Onslow Reverse Raffle November 17th

By John M. Potter



Teacher Supplies Project Dedicated at Newport Elementary School

By Bevin W Wall

Newport Rotary's District Grant benefits education in their local community. The teacher supplies project is dedicated at local public school.

Clara's Closet

Providing Teacher Supplies
for Newport Elementary
School Teachers

Newport
Rotary 



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Welcome New Member Eugene Steadman Jr.

By Lori Harris (MBA, PCC, CPM) on Wednesday, August 10, 2022

The Rotary Club of District 7730 Passport
New Member Announcement



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Join us in welcoming our newest Club Member:



Eugene Steadman Jr.

<http://www.rotaryclubdistrict7730passport.com/>

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Night on the Town 2022 - Southport Evening Rotary

By Mary Beth Elizabeth Livers



Southport Evening
Rotary 

NIGHT ON THE TOWN 2022

Restaurant Raffle \$20 Ticket

Every year the Southport Evening Rotary Club puts together a raffle that gives you a chance to win \$500 in local restaurant gift cards.

The drawing will be held on **October 29th, 2022.**

All proceeds from the raffle go towards the Southport Evening Rotary Club's Building Better Futures Campaign which provides items and assistance that enrich the lives of the youth in Brunswick County, NC.

- **1st prize:** Five \$100 Gift Cards to local restaurants
- **2nd prize:** Two \$100 Gift Cards to local restaurants
- **3rd prize:** One \$100 Gift Cards to local restaurants

<https://sercrestantraffle.com/>



Do not need to be present to win!

[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR TICKET ONLINE](#)

Southport Rotary Club presents 10 Paul Harris Awards

By Shawn Braswell

Rotary's first club was formed in Chicago in 1905 by a man named Paul Harris. Originally, it was a place for professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and form meaningful connections. As the years have gone by, Rotary has evolved along with the rest of society. Rotary has become a humanitarian service organization as well as a place to meet people and form meaningful relationships.

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Wilmington Rotary Clubs Sponsoring their 23rd Blood Drive

By Daniel W. Parks

- Masonic Lodge # 319, Wilmington Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of Wilmington are sponsoring their 23rd blood drive since the pandemic!
- The drive is in two weeks, Thursday 9/22/2022 from 10-4 at the Masonic Lodge on 2910 S.College Rd in Wilmington.
- Lodge, club and business leaders please share this information with your brethren, club members and colleagues.

Need help scheduling an appointment, call my cell or e-mail me

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.
American Red Cross



Community Blood Drive

**Co-sponsored by Masonic Lodge 319,
Wilmington Kiwanis, & Rotary Clubs of
Wilmington**

Held at: 2910 College St Wilmington, NC

**September 22nd
10am – 4pm**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org & use
sponsor code: Masonic, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS
(1-800-733-2767). All donors welcome. Please bring
photo ID & be well hydrated

1-800-RED-CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

22nd Blood Drive in Area # 3 Huge success!

By Daniel W. Parks

- The cosponsored monthly blood drive of Area # 3 Rotary Clubs, along with Wilmington Kiwanis and Masonic Lodge # 319 netted 52 units for the Red Cross!
- Our next drive is 9/22/2022 per the attached flier.
- If your club is interested in sponsoring a blood drive please contact me for information. Putting on a blood drive is very easy and this is a great way to 'Brand Rotary' and do a community service at the same time. Dan Parks cell 207-692-7052 or e-mail parksd7272@gmail.com



[Read More](#)

DG Nancy Carr visits Wilmington East Rotary

By Daniel W. Parks

DG Nancy Carr visited Wilmington East Rotary on Monday 9/22/2022 . She reviewed Polio, Membership, District and RI goals.



She was presented with a check for the Foundation and the much sought after Wilmington East Coffee Speakers Mug.

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

By Lin Kelly

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.

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