



DISTRICT 7730 NEWSLETTER

Events

September 11th

NFL Big Game Raffle! - Empowering our Girls Rotary

September 12th

Pizza, Beer, and Rotary

September 14th

New River Car Wash ISO Cheery Scholarship Fund

September 24th

Who Wants to be a District Governor?

September 25th

NFL Big Game Raffle! - Empowering our Girls Rotary

October 3rd

District 7730 Conference at Sea!

October 4th

Seafood Festival Raffle

October 9th

NFL Big Game Raffle! - Empowering our Girls Rotary

October 17th

Taste of the Vine

November 2nd

SBI Three Bridge Tour

November 7th

Foundation Gala-RI President Stephanie Urchick-Save the Date

November 14th

Reverse Raffle

November 16th

Cougar Classic Golf Tournament

November 16th

District Governor Nominee Designate Interviews

December 7th

CHRISTMAS HAYRIDE WITH SANTA AND ONLINE AUCTION

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)

Club Anniversaries

Wilmington South
September 12th

Beaufort-Ole Towne
September 24th

Account Leaders



Christopher James Crooks
District Governor



Andrea M. Young
DG-Elect



Shawn Braswell
DG-Nominee



David L. Baggett
District Finance Chair



Steven F. Paes
District Treasurer



Lin A. Kelly
District Exe
Sec/Communications
Officer



Dale S. Lazar
District Membership
Chair



Virginia Quinn
District Public Image/PR
Chair



Tonya S Adams
Assistant Governor



Leisl Athen
Assistant Governor



Cathy L Barlow
Assistant Governor



Dianne W. Bennett
Assistant Governor

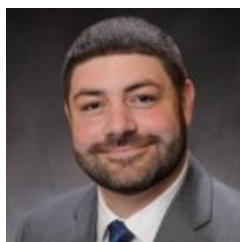


Kenneth E. Benton
Assistant Governor



James A. Brooks Jr.
Assistant Governor

A Message from Governor CJ



The Magic of Rotary is truly in the hearts and hands of our members. Our district grants team approved over 60 grants this cycle. These projects span all 7 of Rotary's Areas of Focus and will make a life-changing difference to thousands of our neighbors. Even more micro-projects have already been completed by clubs this Rotary year. In each one of these experiences, we have the opportunity to engage Rotary and change lives. In each of these experiences, we have the opportunity to create Rotary moments for our friends, family, and people we are helping.

Every meeting, project, and social enriches our understanding and strengthens our bonds. They provide us with opportunities to share ideas, collaborate on innovative solutions, and support one another in our personal and professional growth. While each club has its own unique priorities and goals, its true value lies in the friendships we build among members. The experiences we create together not only enhance our individual engagement but also magnify our effectiveness and increase our impact.

Our District Conference, the annual celebration of our clubs and their impact, is only a few short weeks away. Thanks to the generosity of almost every one of our clubs, we are able to engender a truly international effort: over 20,000 items have been collected, organized, and packed for distribution throughout the Bahama islands. We are working with Rotarians in 10 different Rotary clubs to distribute these items to individuals and families in need. From infant clothes and teething items to canes and other walking aides, these donations span the gamut of need. Rotary International and Carnival Cruise Lines have partnered to help us transport these items free of charge from Charleston, SC to Nassau, Bahamas. From there, Bahamian clubs will begin their own projects as they distribute these items to schools, homeless shelters, domestic violence centers, and underprivileged neighborhoods. There are still rooms available on Carnival Sunshine if you would like to join us in the festivities and celebration of our collective impact. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can do so here (Zeffy "tips" can be changed to any number, even \$0): <https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/7deb5d2e-5945-40b4-af69-e55fe367234d>

District Conference Project to Nassau

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.

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Let's continue to prioritize and celebrate our Rotary experiences, ensuring they remain dynamic, inclusive, and impactful. By doing so, we uphold the values that make Rotary a powerful force for positive change and create more Rotary moments.

Yours In Rotary Service,
CJ Crooks



Call for Nominations - Nominate Your Outstanding Club



Call for Nominations - Nominate Your Outstanding Club Leader to Serve as District Governor



[Barbara F. Johnson](#)
Assistant Governor



[William B. Kampa](#)
Assistant Governor



[Rhonda Williamson](#)
Assistant Governor



[Vanessa Ervin](#)
District Foundation Chair

By Allen L. Quigley

Nominate Your Outstanding Club Leader to Serve as District Governor FY 2028-29 (Application Deadline 10/31/24)

Your Rotary district invites nominations of outstanding club leaders to serve as District Governor for the year 2028-29. This is an incredible honor for the individual as well as your club. The District Governor serves as your official representative to Rotary International and is one of only 529 district governors world-wide!

District Governors are selected as the District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) three years before their term.

Applicants for the position must fulfill certain requirements, including:

1. having previously served as President of a Rotary club, and
2. being a member of Rotary for at least seven years by the time they become District Governor on July 1, 2028.

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The New Year Has Started, Summer Is Over - Its Time To Start Thinking About Your Club's Membership

By Dale S. Lazar

Membership attrition is inevitable. The District recently had a Membership Seminar where we mourned the death of the Rotary Club of Attritionville. Your Club is probably going to lose members this year. Your President has probably set a membership goal for the year. This isn't the number of new members to be added to your Club. It is a net membership goal. It's where your Club wants to be AFTER attrition. Let's say your Club has averaged losing 3 members each year over the past 3 years. It is amazing how steady attrition is. Chances are you are going to lose about 3 members this year. If your Club plans to increase its size by 5 this year, then your Club will have to add 8 new members to overcome attrition.

Now is the time to start adding new members. It is SO much easier to spread this effort out over the entire year, rather than engaging in a crash effort next May and June.

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for 2024

By Allen L. Quigley

District 7730 Rotarians were presented with the prestigious New Hanover County Equity Champions award at the annual New Hanover County Equity Awards banquet at Cape Fear Community College on August 24th.

Allen Quigley, Wilmington West, Terri Everett, Wilmington, and Rahel Haley were presented with the award for their work with "Our Stories: Brave Conversations on Race", a program designed to encourage people of all races to talk about their lived experiences. It's a program that has graduated over 100 participants, many of them Rotarians in the surrounding Wilmington area.

"Our Stories", was started by two Rotarians in the Raleigh area, after the murder of George Floyd, to create open but facilitated discussions around race and social issues in our communities. Each cohort presents an opportunity for 5 people of color and 5 white people to share lived experiences that impact their thinking, attitudes, and biases that can impact our daily lives. You can learn more at www.ourstoriesonrace.org.



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Youth Exchange Students have arrived!

Rotary Youth Exchange is a global program that allows students ages 15-19 to learn a new language, culture, and leadership skills through living with host families in another country. The Rotary Club of Wilmington West is sponsoring a student exchange this year and making a huge difference in the lives of 2 young people. We are excited to share that both students have arrived in their respective countries and are preparing to embark into their Junior Year of High School on Cultural exchange.



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Here we Grow Again - New Members

New Members August 1 to August 31, 2024

Name	Start Date	Club
Brian Peterson	08/12/2024	Beaufort-Ole Towne
Jason Phillipps	08/13/2024	Duplin
Sara Cariaso	08/27/2024	Ending Child Abuse
Aaron Goldfarm	08/14/2024	Fayetteville
Lillian Moye	08/22/2024	Kinston
Jeff Maley	08/06/2024	Laurinburg
Misty McMillan	08/06/2024	Laurinburg
Tom Hunter	08/25/2024	Laurinburg
April Snead	08/25/2024	Laurinburg
Laurie Tocash	08/25/2024	Laurinburg
Stafford Dunbar	08/26/2024	Laurinburg
Walker McCoy	08/26/2024	Laurinburg
Susan Garland	08/20/2024	Morehead City Noon
Renee Melby	08/20/2024	Morehead City Noon
Jimmy Bond	08/20/2024	Morehead City Noon
Christian Byrd	08/02/2024	South Brunswick Islands
Kristin Magee	08/28/2024	Southport
Jason Smith	08/20/2024	Wilmington
Morgan Moskal	08/27/2024	Wilmington Central

President Subir exchanges club banner while visiting Evergreen Alabama

By Subir Mukherjee

Our globe-trotting president Subir took the opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Evergreen, AL while on a visit there to attend the baby shower of his eldest son. There he got to exchange the club banner and brought back one from the local club and now we have another excuse to create our own Banner of Banners.



Mayor Batts Reminisces and shares future vision!

By Subir Mukherjee

Mayor Batts took us on a vivid journey back to her childhood, growing up in a quaint fishing village nestled on a barrier island. She fondly recalled the day she and her sibling unearthed a centuries-old Tuscarora canoe, a treasure now preserved at the Missiles and More Museum in Topsail. In those days, the island had only one telephone, and it was in the hands of the Police Chief. Over the past 75 years, that sleepy town has transformed into a bustling tourist destination, offering a wealth of activities for locals and visitors alike.



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AG Ken Benton talks about Leadership

By Subir Mukherjee



AG Ken ignited a spark in us by sharing the essence of true leadership. Being a leader is not about just managing tasks but about leading with vision, passion, and heart. While managers carry out directives and navigate an uncertain future, true leaders chase after bold ideas, see beyond the horizon, and “most importantly” cultivate and grow the people around them. A true leader shapes the future, changes destinies and sharpens their own skills along the way.

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Beach Cleanup at Surf City

By Subir Mukherjee

The club conducted a successful and exciting beach cleanup on August 29th, with six dedicated members

participating. Starting at Beach Access #17, volunteers covered the two adjoining access points, collecting a significant amount of trash, including plastic bottles, cans, cigarette butts, and other debris. Despite challenging areas around the ramps due to dense vegetation, Jack Brentâ€™s determination paid off as he single-handedly tackled the toughest spots.



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SBI Three Bridge Tour

South Brunswick Islands Rotary Foundation
Saturday, November 2, 2024

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Registration 7:30 A.M.
All 3 Routes start at 9:05 AM
67 Mile Three Island Ride Start (3 Bridge)
34 Mile Sunset Beach & Ocean Isle Beach Ride (2 Bridge)
17 Mile Sunset Beach Ride (1 Bridge)

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Cliff Dochterman Award presented at National Alumni Gathering in Boulder Colorado

By Virginia M Conway

On July 28, 2024 The Rotary Club of the Friendship Knot presented Asst District 7730 Governor Leif

On July 29, 2024, the Rotary Club of the Friendship Knot presented Asst District 7730 Governor East Athen with the Cliff Dochterman award at the Scouting America Alumni gathering in Boulder, Colorado USA.



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Area # 3 Holds 48th blood drive

By Daniel W. Parks

Fellow Rotarians,

Area # 3 Wilmington Rotary clubs along with Wilmington Kiwanis and Masonic Lodge # 319 held their 48th blood drive since the pandemic!

37 units was collected, bringing the total to 1816 over the 48 drives!
Our next drive is Thursday 9/26/2024.

Pictured are Captain Jeff Whiting Retired USN and past president (twice) of Wilmington East. We also have the lovely Camille Hendrichs, wife of past president (twice) of Wilmington West.

Dan Parks

District 7730 Disaster Relief Chair



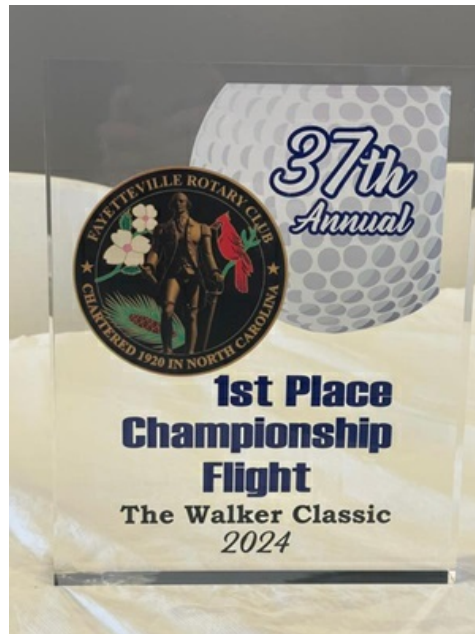
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Fayetteville Golf Tournament Continues to Honor Family and Tradition

By Carolyn Justice-Hinson

Over three decades after Fayetteville Rotarian Joe Walker helped his club start a Father-Son Golf Championship Tournament, the club celebrated his legacy on August 24 with the Walker Family Golf

Championship tournament, the club celebrated his legacy on August 24 with the Walker Family Golf Classic. The tournament, which now includes teams of any family relation, has continued since his passing in 2015, and is the Fayetteville Rotary Club's largest annual fundraiser.



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Wilmington East Donates to Church Worls Services

By Daniel W. Parks

Wilmington East Rotary was recently addressed by Church World Services(CWS) employees Jan Fisher and Joclyn Walston. CWS is a refugee resettlement agency. They have been very helpful with Wilmington East's sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees.

Wilmington East board of directors voted to send CWS \$1000 to help their ongoing efforts with all refugees.

Pictured are Jan Fisher and Joclyn Walston receiving the **much sought after Wilmington East Speakers mg** presented by president Dan Parks.



Ukrainian End of Summer pool party

Wilmington East Rotary president Dan Parks held a 4th pool party of the summer for his Ukrainian friends and neighbors. Pictured are the adults, a few of the children(most were in the pool) Some Ukrainians were actually sponsored by Wilmington East Rotary with much help from other Rotary clubs. All of them get support from other nonprofits that Wilmington East Rotary works with, First Fruit Ministries Foodbank, Lower Cape Fear Diaper Bank of North Carolina and Church World Services.

This is an opportunity for Ukrainians to relax and enjoy the company of each other.



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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 benefitting 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.



Youth Services





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- 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 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.

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