



4th ANNUAL HAYRIDE AND AUCTION EARNS \$17,130.

The club had its fourth annual Hayride with Santa on December 7th at Kiwanis Park in Hampstead. About 360 people attended, almost double the attendance of last year's event.

Families enjoyed the hayride while singing carols with Santa's elves. Other activities included visiting with Santa and listening to Christmas stories, read by Mrs. Claus. There was a bouncy house, the onsite playground with swings and slides as well as other field games such as frisbee and soccer among others. The Sloop Point Fire Department provided a fire truck for the kids to inspect. Many families spent the entire afternoon. Local vendors were present selling crafts and promoting local businesses.

The Topsail High School Interact Club members were a great help in making this event a success.

The club hopes attendance will continue to grow at our Fifth Annual Event, coming soon on December 6th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM again at Kiwanis Park.

The admission price is \$5.00 per person over 12 and under 12 free. The price includes a hot dog, chips, and bottled water.

The club wants to thank the many generous sponsors who donated money and the various businesses who donated the 84 items for the online auction. This year's auction will start again on the day of the Hayride, December 6, 2025 and continues for 1 week until Sunday, December 13, 2025.

The auction items included something for everyone, from a pizza to a beach home rental. There were many bargains with shoppers getting a jump on their Christmas shopping.

The Club also wants to thank the Organizing Committee of Kim Keenan, Sue Knox, Deborah Martorelli, Nancy Nugent, Ann, Sarah and Leo Urban for their great efforts.

We hope everyone in our community will continue to support the Coastal Pender Rotary Club and the good work we do for our community.

Please see the list of worthy causes our club has supported in the past. Please scan the QRCode to visit last year's auction site.



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