

# CLUB NEWS

August 1, 2023



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The Wilmington  
**Rotary**  
Club



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## Membership retention, public image are among President Nancy's goals

A systematic approach to mentoring new members, helping them to become committed Rotarians, was the top goal incoming President Nancy Bullock announced during her installation banquet on June 27.

Other objectives for her year include a revamped public-image effort, a new international service project, and establishing a new scholarship to benefit former Williston Middle School students attending Cape Fear Community College.

In the 2022-23 Rotary year, Nancy said, the club inducted more than 30 new members. "But what do we do with the new members?" she asked. "They blend very quickly into the club, but are they really participating in our club?"

She set the objective of getting every new member involved with a committee, helped by a mentor. This may involve asking some veteran Rotarians to be mentors, overseen by a Membership Engagement Team co-chaired by Christina Ferris and Tiffany Kitchen.



Nancy Bullock outlines her goals as the club's president at induction ceremony June 27.

The hoped-for result, as Rotary International has advocated, is "to take them from being a member to *becoming a Rotarian!*" Nancy said.

Another major RI goal, which Nancy strongly endorsed, is a focus on telling our story to the broader community. "Public image is a big part of the curriculum I studied to prepare for the presidency," she said. "It is vital on so many levels that we raise our profile and gain recognition for what we do." With that mandate in mind, Nancy has helped recruit new members for the Public Relations Committee. For more on that group's work, SEE: *page 4*.

After the club's successful Leaders in Service fundraiser this spring, Nancy called for directing some of our club foundation's resources to establish another international grant project. Our current Global Grant project will buy equipment for a medical clinic in rural Honduras. For details on that, SEE: *page 2*. Among the international initiatives Nancy learned about at the Rotary International Convention in Australia, she said, she especially likes Shelterbox, a Rotary-supported disaster-relief agency.

The scholarship proposal is subject to the Board of Directors' approval. For decades, our club awarded modest scholarships to CFCC and UNCW students. If approved, the new scholarship to the community college would complement our Legacy Project at Williston Middle School, helping its alumni pursue higher education.

## Board approves four grants; District match pending

Our Board of Directors has approved four grants potentially worth more than \$9,000 depending on possible matching District Grants.

At its July 17 meeting, the Board allocated a total of \$9,270, half of which would come from District 7730 matching grants.

These proposals were submitted to the District before the Aug. 1 deadline. Our club's share, as approved by our Board, will come from our non-profit foundation. Its coffers were filled this spring by our unprecedentedly successful "Leaders in Service" fundraiser.

The grants are:

\$3,500 for **2ShareInc**. This agency provides donated furnishings, bedding, kitchenware and other household needs to low-income families.

\$1,000 for **Kids Making It**. This organization helps young people learn woodworking, business management and marketing skills. Our club has bought hand-crafted pens from Kids Making It to use as thank-you gifts for our guest speakers.

\$2,270 for the **Northside Food Co-op**, which is working to bring a grocery store to the "food desert" in inner-city neighborhoods north of

Market Street.

\$2,500 for **Theatre for All**. This is the Wilmington affiliate of a national organization that provides stage experience for actors with disabilities.

The matching District Grants are subject to a review process that compares projects proposed by our Rotary district's 50-some clubs. It also takes into consideration a formula that includes both total and per-capita giving to The Rotary Foundation from the applying clubs.

In recent years, we have allocated additional local funds for projects that did not receive District Grants.

## \$45,000 Honduras clinic project moves forward with Rotary Global Grant

The Rotary Foundation has approved the \$30,000 Global Grant for our rural health-clinic project in Honduras, International Committee Chair **Gabe Rich** reported on July 25.

That money has been matched with \$15,000 from this and other Rotary Clubs in the U.S. and Honduras. Our portion is \$6,000. The \$45,000 total will buy medical equipment for the Salud Hondu clinic in Reitoca, Honduras, which serves a rural area in the impoverished Central American nation.

The Rev. **Robert Kus**, a former member of this club, retired to Honduras after serving as pastor of Wilmington's St. Mary Basilica. "Father Bob" has been a major advocate and organizer for the Salud Hondu clinic. Helping manage the clinic is Laura Vinson, director of Wilmington's St. Mary Clinic, which our club has also supported.



Rich

The money will supply equipment to improve the Honduran clinic's laboratory, diagnostic and treatment capabilities, according to the International Committee's annual report.

In announcing the grant's approval, Gabe noted that The Rotary Foundation's funds come from contributions by Rotarians, who are recognized as Paul Harris Fellows after giving \$1,000 or more. "Thirty of you Paul Harris Fellows," he proclaimed, "We got your money back!"

As required for all Global Grant projects, we have a local partner, the Tegucigalpa Sur Rotary Club in Honduras' capital. It will administer how the grant money is spent.

On Feb. 22, Gabe and Laura Vinson visited the clinic and the Honduran club, concluding that they were the best partners for this project. Another trip to Honduras is tentatively planned for October. Rotarians interested in joining that visit should contact Gabe.

"Our club will have a huge effect on the life and health of the people of Honduras," Gabe noted in the committee's report. "The other bonus of Rotary Global Grants is for our club to leverage a small contribution to other clubs' grants." He cited this club's participation in the Global Grant project the Wilmington East Rotary Club has conducted in **Moldova**, a poor Eastern European nation impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Our club's other major international work involves financial aid to a number of agencies. These were all supported from the committee's \$12,500 budget for the past Rotary year:

- The **Kiva** micro-lending organization, which helps farmers and entrepreneurs in developing nations to buy needed equipment or stock for their farms, stores or workshops.
- **LUV, Lift Up the Vulnerable**, which supplies school uniforms—usually their primary garments—for pupils in South Sudan.
- A Rotary Global Grant project to upgrade water purification equipment for an orphanage in Georgetown, **Guyana**, for which a Philadelphia-area Rotary Club is the lead.
- Shutterbox, a Rotary-affiliated agency that provides emergency housing and survival gear for victims of disasters. Our contribution helped earthquake victims in **Turkey** and **Syria**.
- Aid to a medical clinic in **Haiti**.
- Support for orphanages in **Ukraine**, including medicines, generators and supplies for bomb shelters.



Williston Middle School teachers enjoying year-end catered lunch.

## We thank Williston faculty & staff with a catered luncheon

On June 30, we continued our annual tradition of serving Williston Middle School's teachers and other staffers a catered lunch. It's a small token of appreciation for the work they have done throughout the school year.



More Williston faculty at the appreciation lunch we catered for them.



Some of the Rotarian volunteers who served lunch at Williston June 30. From left: Larry Anderson, Taft Martin, Laura Lisle, Terri Everett, Bunny Donahue, Nick Rhodes, Dori Bishara, Steve Yates, Jack Clark, Bob Kitchen, Marty Feurer, Elliott O'Neal, Tom Dodson, Ray Bahar, Terry Smith. Also participating but not pictured here were Charlotte Davis, Donna Shiro, Paul Lawler, Anna Erwin, and Dale Smith.



District Governor Allen Quigley swears in President Nancy Bullock and the club's other officers and board members at June 27 banquet at Cape Fear Country Club.

## Scenes from June 27 induction banquet

Taking office at the annual presidential induction banquet June 27 were President **Nancy Bullock**, President-Elect **Paul Lawler**, Secretary **Elliott O'Neal**, and Treasurer **Larry Sackett**.

Also inducted were the 2023-26 class of our Board of Directors: **Jack Clark**, **Christina Ferris**, **Matt Hilliard**, **Laura Lisle**, and **Chris Utesch**. Confirming their continuing membership were 2022-25 Board members **Terri Everett**, **Debby Gomulka**, **David Grandey**, **Donna Shiro**, and **Tyler Wooden**. Debby is president-nominee and will take the top spot July 1, 2025. The 2021-24 class, entering its final year, consists of **Cathy Barlow**, President-Elect **Paul Lawler**, **Gabe Rich**, **Vicki Scott**, and **Terry Smith**.

Our club foundation's officers were also sworn in. They are **Terry Smith**, president; **Laura Lisle**, vice president; **Susan Harrell**, secretary; **Sean Frelke**, treasurer, and Trustees **Jack Clark**, **Tiffany Kitchen**, **Dale Lazar**, **Larry Sackett**, and **Tolis Vardakis**.

Nancy added personal thanks to Past Presidents **Dale Smith**, **Cathy Barlow**, **R.B. Richey**, and **Cleve Callison**, and to **Larry Sackett**, for helping her prepare for the presidency. SEE: *page 1*.



Before handing the gavel to Nancy Bullock, outgoing President Dale Smith presented insulated tumblers displaying the current Rotary slogan 'Create Hope in the World' to members who have provided exceptional service to the club. From left: John Hatcher, Gabe Rich,

R.B. Richey, Elliott O'Neal (partly hidden), John Meyer, Bob Kitchen, Terri Everett, Debby Gomulka, Donna Shiro, Steve Yates, Nancy Bullock, Paul Lawler, and Dale Smith. Not pictured: Lou DiGiusto, Joe Owens, and Larry Sackett.

## Want to help Williston faculty? Buy and donate retail gift cards

For the coming school year, our Williston Legacy Committee is helping the school's Sunshine Committee to reward teachers for their hard work. With school starting in August, the club wants to give the committee several \$20 gift cards for various stores—grocers, Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Dominos, etc.

Because teacher pay remains low-

er than for comparable professions, and teachers often pay for classroom supplies out of their own pockets, we have tried to assist the faculty in various ways over the years. We began the Legacy Project at Williston Middle School in 2011 after concluding the school needed extra support.

The Williston Legacy Committee is asking Rotarians who are out and about

and would like to support the school's teachers to pick up a gift card or two. These should go to Donna Shiro, who will deliver the cards to the committee as soon as the new school year begins later this month.

She asks that these cards have values of \$20 or more. (There is no upper limit!) If you have questions, contact Donna Shiro at [donna.shiro@gmail.com](mailto:donna.shiro@gmail.com).

## Help club, join a committee

Rotary's work is almost entirely done through our committees. President **Nancy Bullock** is urging every member, especially those who have just joined us, to get involved and sign up with one or more of these committees.

While a formal sign-up process took place in July, it's never too late to get involved. How? Just see the chair of the group you're most interested in. They are listed in the club handbook.

### Especially needed:

Three club committees especially need help.

**1.** The first of these is brand-new: the **Environment Committee**, established to address one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus. It needs members, a chair, and an agenda, which its members can shape from scratch. See Nancy if you're interested in being a part of this.

**2.** Our **Technology Committee** needs a few volunteers to fill in occasionally, helping to handle our microphones, cameras, video monitor and Zoom feed during weekly meetings. The groundwork of setting up standard procedures has been done, so volunteers will be able to follow simple instructions. Anyone at all computer savvy can help! See **Chris Utesch**, who is always easy to find at the front table, running the audio-video systems.

**3.** Our **Public Relations Committee** can use anyone with experience and skills in informative writing, news media placement, or social media. See **John Meyer** if you would like to help spread the word about Rotary to the public.

## Members assume positions in District 7730 leadership

Three members of this club and one former member have recently taken on leadership positions with Rotary District 7730.

Past President **Mike Beaudoin** is this year's assistant governor for Area 3. That consists of the six clubs in Wilmington; in addition to ours, those are the Cape Fear, West, East, South, and Central Rotary Clubs.

Mike joined this club in 2011 and was president in 2016-17. Retired from TV advertising sales, he had another 29 years of Rotary service in upstate New York.

**Dale Lazar** is the new district membership chair. Dale joined this club in September 2022 after 13 years in clubs in McLean, Va. He is a lawyer specializing in in-

tellectual property.

His committee's mission is to help the district's clubs recruit new members and to help establish new clubs. It is also focused on retention, a key goal for our President **Nancy Bullock**.

**Tolis Vardakis** is developing a new district international service committee as its first chair. A retired engineer, Tolis joined our club in 2016 after five years in a suburban Philadelphia-area Rotary Club.

**Former member David Morrison**, now a member of the largely virtual Maysville Rotary Club, is the district's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair. A consultant to non-profit organizations, David was a member of this club from 2019 to 2021.



Beaudoin



Vardakis



Morrison



Lazar



June 20 was a big day for recruiting. Joining the club that day were Melissa White, Vince Howe, Billy King (returning after three years absence) and Ramona Farrell.



Giving new-member talks were Dori Bishara, who spoke on May 30, and Dr. Charles Foust, who addressed the club June 6.



Ramona Farrell



Melissa White



Vince Howe



Billy King



Julie Varnam



Mark DeLoach



John Downing

## Inductions swell club rolls; new Rotarians introduce themselves

Membership growth continued in June and July, with six new members joining the club and one former member returning.

Three of the new Rotarians were inducted June 20. **Ramona Farrell** is a self-employed forensic accountant doing business under the name Farrell Insights. She was a member of the Greenville, S.C. Rotary Club from 2017 to 2022, serving as president for 2021-22. Joe Owen was her sponsor.

**Melissa White** is development director with Paws4People, the service-dog training group our club supports. She was sponsored by Debby Gomulka.

**Lee Vincent Howe** is professor of marketing in the Cameron School of Business at the University of North

Carolina Wilmington. Vince's sponsor is Clint Meyer.

Also on June 20, **Billy King** rejoined us. He had moved to Charlotte after retiring from Wilmington Business Development in 2020, but thought better of it and returned to Wilmington. Before his previous 1996-2020 time in our club, he was a member of the Charlotte Downtown Rotary Club from 1984 to 1996. Joe Owen sponsored his return to our club.

Two new Rotarians joined the club July 11. **Julie Varnam** is New Hanover County Schools' assistant superintendent for student support. J.H. Corpening sponsored her membership.

**Mark DeLoach**, sponsored by Jack Clark, is a self-employed financial ser-

vices executive and business consultant.

Our newest member is **John Downing**, inducted July 18. He is vice president for economic and workforce development at Cape Fear Community College. Erica Talbert is his sponsor.

Others who joined recently have introduced themselves to the club by making new-member talks. They are:

**Dori Bishara**, who spoke on May 30. Dori works with REV Federal Credit Union and was inducted on April 18, sponsored by Debby Gomulka.

**Dr. Charles Foust**, who gave his talk June 6. The superintendent of New Hanover County Schools, Charles also joined our club on April 18. His sponsor was Joe Owen.

## Proper microphone use is essential to being heard and understood

Many of our members have complained about having trouble hearing speakers, whether from the lectern or from the audience. While some of this stems from our meeting room's acoustics, the chief culprit is improper use of microphones.

Unless you have experience in the theater or a courtroom and can project effectively without a mic, any of us can benefit from this advice from Toastmasters International. Since 2019, Toastmasters has partnered with Rotary International to help our members develop our speaking skills. A Toastmasters video about proper microphone use begins with this:

"Have you ever sat in an audience and struggled to hear what the speaker said even when the speaker was using a microphone?"

Whether the mic is on a stand or in your hand, the video advises, "Position is everything." Too many of our members don't get close enough to the microphone to be heard clearly or loudly enough. When using the microphone at our lectern, it's important to begin by adjusting the stand to the right height and close enough that each speaker can hold their head up straight without stooping.

A hand-held mic should be held at a 45-degree angle, slightly below the

mouth. For either mic, the ideal distance is three inches. Too close and your voice will sound muffled; too far and you may not be heard at all, or the sound quality will be inconsistent.

It's also important to remember not to turn away from the mic while speaking. Finally, while it's never appropriate to shout, a firm, clear tone of voice and slow, careful diction will also help your audience understand everything you have to say. Mumbling or rushing is never a good idea.



### Resources for public speakers

Watch the Toastmasters' microphone video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=twuRPGDDD5I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twuRPGDDD5I)  
Learn about Toastmasters' alliance with Rotary: [www.toastmasters.org/about/rotary-alliance](https://www.toastmasters.org/about/rotary-alliance)



Jones

### Jones marks 89th

To mark Rotarian Wilbur Jones's 89th birthday, Donna Shiro brought a cake to the July 11 meeting. (Wilbur's birthday was two days earlier.) A retired Navy Captain, Wilbur has been a member of this club since 1998, after leaving the Department of Defense and returning to his home town.



### Newsletter photos

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# 'Plus' Paul Harris Fellows and family members recognized for repeat gifts to Rotary Foundation

Several donors to The Rotary Foundation have been honored recently as Paul Harris Fellows. Each award represents contributions of \$1,000 or more.

First of them, on May 23, was **George Gates'** nine-year-old granddaughter **Collins Kinkead**. She and her mother, **Laura Kinkead** (who was a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participant in her teen years and a Fellow herself) were joined by George and his wife **Carole**. George himself is a PHF Plus 2, reflecting another \$3,000 for the Foundation.

**Susan Harrell** received her PHF Plus 1 pin May 30 for \$2,000 in gifts.

On June 6, Past President **Tom Dodson** became a PHF Plus 4, representing gifts of \$5,000 or more.

**Chris Utesch**, another RYLA alumnus, became a first-time Paul Harris Fellow on June 13. June 20 it was **Don Wood's** turn; giving \$2,000 made him a PHF Plus 1.

Then on July 11, **David Grandey** also received his PHF Plus 1 pin, representing \$2,000 in contributions to the Foundation.



Proud grandpa George Gates does the honors, presenting granddaughter Collins Kinkead with her Paul Harris Fellow medallion. Mom Laura Kinkead, also a PHF, and grandma Carole Gates look on.



Susan Harrell gets Paul Harris Fellow '+1' pin from Foundation Chair RB Richey.



Above: Past President Tom Dodson accepts '+4' pin from RB Richey.

Left: RB presents first-time Paul Harris Fellow Chris Utesch with his pin. Chris also received a PHF medallion.



Grandey: +1



Don Wood: +1

## This club made 40% of our district's CART contributions; new car raffle opens, its proceeds to fight Alzheimer's

Our club was District 7730's leader in contributions to the CART fund. That won us the annual award now named in honor of the late Rotarian **Ann LaReau**, who was our club's most passionate advocate for the Alzheimer's disease research initiative.

Coins for Alzheimers Research Trust is a Rotary-affiliated charity. We support it with individual "blue bucket" cash contributions at our weekly meetings, through online giving, and with the profits from our weekly raffle. In the 2022-23 Rotary year, we gave a total of \$6,851.

That was more than 40 percent of the \$16,790 the District 7730 CART

fund collected. District CART chair **Norm Rogers** noted that only 17 of the district's 50 clubs participated in CART during the past Rotary year.

With fewer and fewer Rotarians carrying cash that can be dropped into blue buckets on our lunch tables, our club has set up a donation form reachable through the QR codes on those buckets. Alternatively, CART has a donor portal at: [www.mycartfund.org](http://www.mycartfund.org)

The district's other leading donor clubs were Sneads Ferry, with \$3,739, and the District 7730 Passport Club, which gave \$1,020.

For the new Rotary year, the district is again promoting a "Cars for CART Raffle." Tickets are \$100 each. The winner can choose between a three-year lease on one of three Toyota hybrid cars, or take \$20,000 in cash. The winner will be drawn Dec. 16.

To buy a ticket, scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera.



For more information about CART and how its funds are used for research, go to: [www.cartfund.org](http://www.cartfund.org)

# Local government, university, disaster response and Alzheimer's Disease are topics for speakers



Lyle: Wilmington planning



Bradley: New Hanover Co.



English: Chamber

The nuts and bolts of city and county government, the university's future, and a detailed look at the costs of Alzheimer's Disease were among program topics in recent weeks.

Rotarian **Ray Bahar** spoke May 23 about his nomadic upbringing in many different corners of the world as a diplomat's son, and his eventual immigration to the United States.

Our May 30 program was presented by Rotarian **J.C. Lyle**, who chairs Wilmington's Planning Commission. She talked about common misconceptions about the city's planning process.

Rotarian **Tufanna Bradley**, New Hanover County's assistant manager, pinch-hit for her boss, Rotarian and County Manager **Chris Coudriet**, who had a last-minute conflict, in a June 6 program about the state of the county.

On June 13, **Brian Mingia**, executive director of The Healing Place, described how his addiction-recovery facility helps patients overcome addiction. Mingia is a member of Wilmington Central Rotary.

**Natalie English**, executive director of the Wilmington Chamber

of Commerce and a former member of this club, spoke June 20 about the Chamber's work on behalf of area business.

Instead of a regular lunch meeting, June 27 featured the club's annual president's installation banquet, when **Nancy Bullock** and other officers assumed their new roles. For more, SEE: *pages 1 and 3*.

We skipped a meeting July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

**Aswani K. Volety**, the new chancellor at UNC-Wilmington, spoke July 11 about the university's current status and goals.

Hurricane season and other perils were the topic when **James Jarvis**, executive director of the American Red Cross Wilmington Chapter, presented our July 18 program.

**Racheal Prorise** with the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina spoke July 25 about the economic and personal toll the incurable dementia disease causes to families, caregivers and the economy at large.

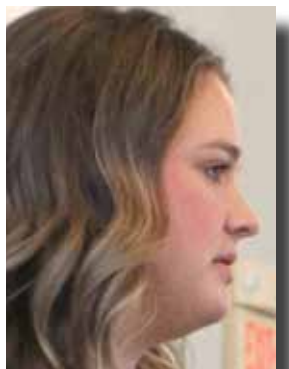
For more on Alzheimer's and the CART fund, SEE: *page 6*.



Bahar: an immigrant's tale



Mingia: Healing Place



Prorise: Alzheimer's



Jarvis: Red Cross



Volety: UNC-Wilmington

## Barn party is next social event

The club's Social Committee (formerly, and more narrowly, called "Fifth Wednesday,") is planning a reprise of last fall's football-themed barn party. It will be 4 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Gabe Rich's Middle Sound spread, 1018B Penter Place in Olde Baymeade subdivision.

All members of our club, as well as Wilmington's other Rotary Clubs, are invited. Paid at the door by cash or check, the \$30 admission buys beer, wine, soft drinks and "tailgate" style food. Other amusements will include disc jockey "Sundance Bob" and a variety of games. If you plan to come, RSVP to 910-777-4082 or email to [cat.marinich@nothingbundtcakes.com](mailto:cat.marinich@nothingbundtcakes.com).

## Take boys out to the ballgame

Fifteen teenage boys from the N.C. Boys & Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw will be our club's guests at a minor-league baseball game Aug. 6. That will be at a special Rotary Day at the Down East Wood Ducks ballpark in Kinston. Rotarians from around District 7730 are encouraged to attend.

**David Grandey** and **Matt Hilliard** of our Boys & Girls Home Committee will take residents from the Rotary Cottage to the game and treat them to lunch and a

fast-food supper on the way home. An anonymous member of our club has donated money to buy the boys branded Wood Ducks caps.

Participants in the Rotary program can enjoy a buffet lunch at noon before the 1 p.m. start of the game against the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. Kinston's Grainger Stadium is 88 miles from Wilmington.

Cost is \$25. There is still time to register; log in to [DaCdb.com](http://DaCdb.com) using your email address and your Rotary membership number.

## Upcoming programs & events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Coast Guard Week program, with **Adm. Karl Schultz**, retired commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Canoeing the North Carolina Coast for clean water, with **Kerri Allen** of the North Carolina Coastal Federation.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Killing Osama bin Laden, with **Kevin Maurer**, journalist and author of the book "No Easy Day."

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Board of Directors meeting, 5:15 p.m. LS3P Architects conference room, 101 N. Third Street, Fifth Floor.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Fighting back against contaminated water sources, with **Ken Waldroup** of Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Finding sand to renourish local beaches, with **Layton Bedsole**, N.H. County shore protection coordinator.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Only half the planes up there are commercial, with Rotarian **Richard Formo** of Modern Aviation.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Thalian Hall, 165 years of serving the community. With Rotarian **Rob Zapple**, interim director, Thalian Hall.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Board of Directors meeting, 5:15 p.m. LS3P Architects conference room, 101 N. Third Street, Fifth Floor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Wilmington women at the turn of the twentieth century, with **Amanda Leese**, local history buff and tour guide.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Public use of former PPD tower, with **Aubrey Parsley**, City of Wilmington director of economic development.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Vocational Fellowship Day, 12:00 noon, box lunches and workplace tours at a variety of sites. Rotarians will have a chance to choose from a list of venues to visit.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Speaker and topic **to be announced**.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Board of Directors meeting, 5:15 p.m. LS3P Architects conference room, 101 N. Third Street, Fifth Floor.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

District governor's official visit, with **Allen Quigley**.

## Rotary news briefs



**Attractions books on sale.** Once again, the club is offering the annual Attractions coupon books to members and friends. Full of discounts at area restaurants and other establishments, the books sell for \$30. Half the proceeds go to The Rotary Foundation, and all buyers will be entered into a raffle. The winner will become a Paul Harris Fellow. George Gates is running this year's campaign.

**Keeping big donors in the loop.** At the request of the Leaders in Service fundraising committee, Past President Dale Smith has begun sending monthly letters to the event's sponsors. Starting in July, these letters keep our financial supporters informed about how their contributions are being used, and offer an open invitation to attend our meetings.

**Happy hour for under-40 Rotarians.** All members in that prized youthful demographic are invited to an informal social gathering from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at Ciana Ristorante Italiano, 4724 NewCentre Drive. The under-40s are promised free appetizers and drinks.



Grayson T. Wooden

### Woodens welcome a future Rotarian.

Grayson Tyler Wooden, son of Rotarian Tyler Wooden and his wife Stacey, was born July 15. He weighed in at a healthy seven pounds, four ounces, proud papa Tyler reports.

**King is recovering slowly from car wreck.** After incurring a spinal injury in an auto accident July 11, Rotarian Billy King has undergone surgery and is gradually on the mend at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. He welcomes cards, emails, and calls. Billy rejoined the club on June 20 after returning to Wilmington. He had previously been a member from 1996 to 2020, and before that in the Charlotte Downtown Rotary Club from 1984 to 1996.

**Data updates and headshots needed for handbook.** Vicki Scott and her committee are hard at work preparing the club's 2023-24 handbook for publication. They will be contacting every member to double-check the accuracy of such details as address, phone, email, etc. New members should see Robby Collins or John Meyer to get headshots made; anyone else can pose for a new photo or submit one: email [jmeyer1@ec.rr.com](mailto:jmeyer1@ec.rr.com).

### Board of Directors Meeting

5:15 pm, 3rd Monday of each Month  
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