

# CLUB NEWS

May 23, 2023



The Wilmington  
**Rotary**  
Club



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## Leaders in Service raises record \$71,785 net for club's projects

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 our club'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.

According to a summary presented to the club's Board of Directors on May 15, just under \$8,000 in pledges—\$6,000 from sponsors and \$1,950 for individual tickets—remained to be collected. The gross revenue figure included some non-cash contributions, notably from UNC-Wilmington for catering the May 4 awards banquet, and from *Greater Wilmington Business Journal* as a deep discount on advertising.

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.

Sponsorships, ranging from a \$10,000 "platinum" level



2023 Leaders in Service Honorees Capt. Terry Bragg, Amy Wright, and Dr. Thomas Dalton pose with their awards at May 4 banquet and ceremony.

to \$1,000 "friends of Rotary," totalled \$80,540 cash after deducting in-kind contributions. When all payments have

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## The Big Bounce Back: President Dale reviews year

By Dale Smith, president

The end of Rotary year 2022-23 is a good time to reflect on what the "Finest Rotary Club on the Face of the Earth" has accomplished following three-plus years of Covid-19.

This year's number one goal was to develop and sustain a comfortable, friendly, fun, relaxed atmosphere for meetings. Finding a new, much more comfortable and appropriate location was a big step towards this goal, followed by an improved menu and excellent programs. Of course, the highlight of the year was the Leaders in Service program, which honored three outstanding community



Smith

leaders, was attended by over 250 people, and raised over \$100,000.

As of early May the membership goal has nearly been accomplished with 21 fine, diverse new members, increasing our percentage of women and lowering the average age.

The club contributed thousands of hours and over \$70,000 in support of local schools and international projects.

This year's achievements are a result of outstanding, dedicated leadership from the board and numerous members, including but not limited to: **Donna Shiro, Steve Yates, Larry Sackett, John Meyer, Bob Kitchen, Terri Everett, John Hatcher, Joe Owen, Elliott O'Neal, Gabe Rich, RB Richey, Nancy Bullock, Paul Lawler,**

and **Debby Gomulka**. Many other members have contributed in a variety of ways to make this a successful year.

I am proud and thankful to be your president.

Among the Wilmington Rotary Club's 2022-23 accomplishments:

- Established a Rotaract Club at UNC-Wilmington and supported beginning a satellite club.

- Supported 13 students at RYLA.

- Donated to and attended programs at the N.C. Boys and Girls Homes.

- Continued "Student of the Month" program at Williston and other efforts to support students and faculty.

- Contributed \$1,250 for books to each of six elementary schools.

- Completed a gardening project at

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## Foundation gifts honor 2 Fellows

Two community leaders have become Paul Harris Fellows because of donations of \$1,000 each to The Rotary Foundation in their names.

First of these was **Katrina Knight**, director of the Good Shepherd Center, which serves the homeless in Wilmington.

On April 11, **Rev. James Everette**, associate pastor of Wilmington's First Baptist Church, became a Fellow thanks to a gift by Rotarian Albert Corbett.

Albert Corbett reads from Paul Harris Fellow certificate for James Everette, right. Looking on is Rev. Everette's wife Lisa.



Former Rotarian Jane Birnbach, with R.B. Richey, Katrina Knight, Mike Beaudoin and Dale Smith when Ms. Knight became a Paul Harris Fellow on March 21.

## Ukrainian refugees need jobs; club to help with third family

Our Board of Directors voted May 15 to allocate \$8,000 to support a third family of war refugees from Ukraine. In addition to financial aid, housing, employment and other help, hands-on assistance will also be needed. A new committee has been formed to coordinate that help from our members. **Jack Clark** and **Dori Bishara** are heading that group.

Meanwhile, the two Ukrainian mothers being supported by Wilmington Rotarians are trying to find better jobs, perhaps in the sewing or garment trades they are best qualified for. At the moment, they are working part-time as hotel housekeepers. Anyone with employment leads should contact Area Governor **Dan Parks** of Wilmington East Rotary Club.

Both women, who have college degrees, are taking English courses at Cape Fear Community College. The third family—a young father and mother with twin sons—will also need housing, furniture, and employment.

Additional contributions are needed to support these families who have fled from Russia's invasion of their country. Tax-exempt donations can be mailed to Wilmington East Rotary Charitable Trust, PO Box 373, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480. Alternatively, donate online through this address:

<https://gofund.me/1375e36b>



Ukrainian refugees Sviatlana Baranova and Natallio Melnik with their children in temporary housing supplied by Wilmington-area Rotarians.

## Orphan ministry reports on needs in Ukraine

Our club has continued to provide aid to groups working inside Ukraine, focused on orphanages.

Greg Gulley of New Life Ministries in Wake Forest recently wrote to thank the club for \$2,000 in recent donation. He said his group is serving fifteen orphanages across five regions of Ukraine, plus a children's hospital. [www.nlm.info](http://www.nlm.info).

## Donna Girardot, homebuilders' advocate and planning board chair, dies

Rotarian Donna Girardot, former director of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders' Association, died April 11. She was 79.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David. She is survived by her children, David and Stephanie, and two grandsons.

Donna retired in December 2014 as the executive officer of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association and as CEO of BASE (Business Alliance for a Sound Economy), a lobbying group for the construction and real estate industries.

Before coming to Wilmington 25 years ago, she was executive director of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce in Virginia

She had previously worked in the U.S. Senate and Virginia General Assembly, owned two businesses, and taught for the Korean National Tourism Corporation in Seoul.

Donna served four terms as chair of the New Hanover County Planning Board and four years as chair of the Wilmington International Airport Authority. She also served the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the county's Technical Review Committee, Cape Fear United Way, the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary, and UNC-Wilmington.

In 2020, Gov. Roy Cooper awarded her the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's top honor for civilians.



Donna Girardot joined this club on Jan. 6, 1998, sponsored by Royce Angel.

## President's review

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DC Virgo Academy.

- Provided basic dental care to over eighty students by conducting four dental clinics with the St. Mary's Clinic.
- Supported building of a Habitat House with funding and labor.
- Helped the Cape Fear Literacy Council complete an outside study area.
- Held two work days at the Rotary Wheel Garden.
- Contributed \$6,000 and completed a Global Grant application for \$45,000 to buy equipment for the Santa Maria Clinic in Honduras.
- Contributed \$10,000 in support of Ukrainian war refugee families.
- Exceeded the Rotary Foundation goal of \$125 per member, contributing over \$26,000.
- Recorded and streamed every weekly meeting's program on Zoom.
- Offered interesting, entertaining and uplifting programs, including Service Above Self, Rookie Teacher of the Year, Veterans Day, Vocational Day, Coast Guard Day, and Literacy Day.



Dr. Thomas Dalton (third from right) celebrates with his family, including his parents, who came from Springfield, MO to attend the May 4 award banquet. Dr. Dalton brought the concept of Eden Village, a community of tiny houses for the chronically homeless, from Springfield to Wilmington



Amy Wright (third from right) with members of her family and of the staff at Betty & Beau's Coffee, which she and her husband founded to provide employment opportunities to people with physical and developmental disabilities.

## Dues to rise July 1

The club's Board of Directors voted May 15 to raise dues effective with the July 1 start of the new Rotary year.

The \$15 increase, to \$275 per quarter, was necessary because of rising dues to Rotary International and to District 7730. For now, President Dale Smith announced May 16, we have not seen an increase in our meeting-space or meal costs. If inflation affects those costs, another dues increase might be needed.

"Rule of 85" members, who pay only for meals they actually eat, will see a comparable increase in the portion of their dues that goes to RI or the district.

## Leaders in Service sets record

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been made, individual ticket sales will have contributed \$13,350 to the cash total.

Largest expense, for the banquet room and catering, totalled \$17,000, partly offset by UNCW's \$2,500 sponsorship. Next was advertising, with the *Business Journal* and WHQR radio, totalling \$9,515, offset by GWBJ's \$4,342 donation, also treated as a sponsorship. Miscellaneous expenses, including videography, table decorations, and insurance, totalled \$2,422.

Key players in the Leaders in Service project included committee co-chairs **Bob Kitchen** and **Terri Everett**; **Lou DiGiusto**, who pro-

duced the video biographies of the honorees; **John Hatcher** and **Chris Riley**, who headed the sponsor-solicitation team; and **Christina Ferris**, **Cathy Barlow**, **Erin Payne** and **Vicki Scott** who organized the banquet itself.

Many other volunteers solicited sponsorships, provided hospitality to banquet guests, or helped with publicity and graphic design.

On the day after, Bob Kitchen thanked them all: "We had a great event last night and it was all made possible by the work that you did. . . . We all left last night feeling proud to be a Rotarian. Thanks for your perseverance and professionalism. Well done!"

## Gomulka in top spot for 2025-26

**Debby Gomulka** will be our president for the 2025-26 Rotary year. The Board of Directors selected her in April along with five new board members. The club will be asked to ratify those appointments on May 23.

Debby will follow **Nancy Bullock**, president-elect for 2023-24; and **Paul Lawler**, president-nominee for 2024-25.

Serving three-year board terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2026, will be: **Jack Clark**, **Christina Ferris**, **Matt Hilliard**, **Laura Lisle**, and **Chris Utesch**.



Gomulka



Key players in the Leaders in Service fundraiser, as recognized at the May 9 meeting: Lou DiGiusto, Christina Ferris, Cathy Barlow, John Hatcher, Vicki Scott, Erin Payne, John Meyer, Terri Everett, and Bob Kitchen.



Williston Students of the Month, backed up by Rotarians, show off their certificates and a yard sign at the year's final award ceremony April 19.

## Williston students honored for ethics

The last Student of the Month ceremony for the 2022-23 school year was held April 19 at Williston Middle School. Fifteen students, nominated by the faculty, were presented with a certificate, a Four-Way Test coin, a gift card, and a yard sign to display at home.

Part of the presentation is a copy of what each honoree's teachers had to say about that student concerning their actions and adherence to the principles of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

No awards will be given in May.

The school year's last Rotary event will be a catered teacher-apprecia-



Proud parents document their child's award.

tion luncheon on June 12. Volunteers will be needed to set up the food line, replenish serving trays, and socialize with Williston's teachers and staff.

Want to help? See Anna Erwin, Laura Lisle or Steve Yates.



Steve Yates with De'Andre Boney, a proud three-time Student of the Month honoree, once for each year he attended Williston.

Rotarian Coleman Burgess, assisted by a volunteer student hygienist, conducts a dental examination on a young patient at the club's free clinic March 25. Other Rotary volunteers helped with registration and other administrative tasks.



## Dental clinic concludes

The last in a series of four free dental clinics was held on March 25 in the St. Mary Clinic on Fifth Avenue. The clinics were funded by the club and staffed, in part, by Rotarians and Rotaracters.

Rotarian Coleman Burgess reported that he and other volunteer dentists, hygienists and assistants saw eighty patients, all students at low-income schools. They provided cleanings, exams, counseling on diet and oral hygiene, diagnostic X-rays, and fluoride treatments.

The dental-clinic team is following up with patients to schedule necessary surgical and restorative care, ranging from fillings to crowns, with volunteers from Wilmington's dental community. Additional funding may be necessary for that planned second phase.

## Vintage brass for Williston

"By way of a quirky event," says President-elect Nancy Bullock, "a friend of mine donated a rare vintage tuba to Williston."

Alan Smith had heard from Nancy about the December 2017 gift of a trumpet for the Williston Middle School's music program. (During our holiday party that year, Dale Smith volunteered to replace a trumpet that was literally falling apart in a visiting student musician's hands.)

After hearing that story, Smith said, "I was delighted to think that I had found a new home for my tuba. The instrument had been a positive part of my life for over sixty years but my playing years are over." He had bought it from his school's band director as a seventh-grader, "sparing me the challenge of lugging a sousaphone back and forth on the school bus." Despite being



Nancy Bullock with Williston music teacher Austin Hinson and 90-plus-year-old tuba.

more than thirty years old already, Smith said, "I cherished the horn and used it in forming a youth fellowship band at my church." He would go on to play it at American Legion Boys State, at the US Naval Academy, and in his eventual homes in Virginia and Rhode Island. While stationed in Europe, Smith "loaned it to a student to play for two years in the band of the American International School in Vienna, Austria.

"I hope it can find continued life in the hands of a student at Williston," he concluded.



Teresa Huffmon and Dustin Hocken.



Pam Hardy, inducted March 31, and Dr. Yousry Sayed, who joined the club May 9.



Rosie Guendner



Dustin Hocken



Ally Thornton



Nicolette Fulton

Albert Semanta

Tom Hoggard



Mark Ihnat



Richard Formo



Pam Hardy



The Rotarians shown above have given their new-member talks to the club.

Left: April 18 inductees were Richard Formo, Dori Bishara, Russell Clark, and Charles Foust.



Russell Clark

## Club inducts new Rotarians, who introduce themselves

The club has gained eight new members in the past two months, and most of them have already introduced themselves through new-member talks.

Teresa Huffmon and Dustin Hocken were inducted March 14. Teresa works in commercial real estate with Van Buren Properties. Clint Meyer was her sponsor. Dustin is a financial adviser with Omni Financial and was sponsored by Joe Owen. He addressed the club the following week, on March 21.

Joining on March 21 was Pam Hardy, a district manager in Duke Energy's community-relations operation. She was sponsored by Chris Riley. She gave her new-member talk on May 16.

Four new Rotarians joined the club April 18. Richard Formo manages an airport fixed-base operator, Modern Aviation. His sponsor was Debby Gomulka. He spoke to the club May 9.

Dori Bishara, also sponsored by

Debby Gomulka, is community engagement coordinator with REV Federal Credit Union.

Russell Clark, media relations manager for New Hanover County Schools, was sponsored by Elizabeth Redenbaugh. He gave his new-member talk on May 16.

Russell's boss, School Superintendent Charles Foust, was also inducted April 18. Joe Owen sponsored him.

Inducted May 9 was Dr. Yousry Sayed, founder of Quality Chemical Laboratories. In 2022, he was one of the first Leaders in Service honorees. Dale Smith sponsored his membership.

Others who joined recently who have introduced themselves to the club are:

Rosemary "Rosie" Guendner, who is workforce training coordinator at Cape Fear Community College, gave her talk on March 31. She joined Feb. 28, sponsored by Erica Talbert.

Also joining Feb. 28 was Ally Thornton, community engagement director for Step Up Wilmington, who spoke to the club on March 28. Steve Coggins was her sponsor.

Nicolette Fulton, another Feb. 28 inductee, spoke April 4. She is deputy attorney for Cape Fear Public Utility Authority and before moving here was a four-year member of the Raleigh Rotary Club. Joe Owen was her sponsor.

Albert Semanta, inducted Feb. 28, also gave his talk April 4. A lawyer with the Murchison, Taylor & Gibson firm, he was sponsored by Joe Owen.

On April 11, Tom Hoggard gave his new-member talk. Sponsored by John Hatcher and inducted Feb. 28, he is a retired family-medicine physician.

Mark Ihnat, also inducted Feb. 28, also spoke April 11. A lawyer with Atlantic Coast Law, he was sponsored by Chris Hoening.

Newsletter photos

by Robby Collins, Stacy Ankrum, Mike Beaudoin, Nancy Bullock, John Meyer, Donna Shiro, Steve Yates, and Alex Keiser of Cape Fear Community College



Pick a card, any card . . .



. . . aaaand . . . we have a winner!

## Raffle winnings help Alzheimer's cause, CART fund gets 'Rotary' mag's notice

Rotarian Peter Maloff's lucky draw of the King of Clubs (get it?) in the May 9 raffle gave him \$500, a third of the pot, but also enriched the CART fund for Alzheimer's research by \$1,000.

Whoever holds each week's fourth winning ticket gets to draw from a deck of cards that gets smaller each week. (The other possible winning draw: the Queen of Clubs.)

Meanwhile, CART ("Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust") got national attention through a feature in the May *Rotary* magazine. That story gave prominent attention to our own District 7730's Norm Rogers, now CART's regional director for the Carolinas. A resident of Carolina Shores in western Brunswick County, Norm is now a member of the District 7730 Passport Club.

The magazine feature traced CART's origins and its presence in 41 Rotary districts.



A page from the May 2023 'Rotary' magazine about CART, and about District 7730's Norm Rogers, the Alzheimer's fund's chief evangelist.



Recognized April 4 at a celebration of the club's 108th birthday were past Presidents Jim Hundley, 1987-88; Albert Corbett, 1982-83; Mimi Cunningham, 1994-95; Reid Murchison, 1998-99; Donna Shiro, 2006-07;

R.B. Richey, 2010-11; Stacy Ankrum, 2011-12; Steve Yates, 2013-14; Hansen Matthews, 2014-15; John Meyer, 2015-16; Cathy Barlow, 2018-19; Robby Collins, 2020-21; and Dale Smith, 2022-23.



Volunteers take a moment in the limelight after spiffing up Rotary Wheel Garden at Greenfield Park May 13. From left: Mark Mendenhall, Darrel Kerr of Wilmington East Rotary, Rob Zapple, Jack Clark, Terry Smith, Addison Ankrum (Stacy's daughter), Mike Beaudoin, Chris Utesch, Chris Nagle of Cape Fear Rotary, and Chris' daughter Karya. Not pictured (because she was behind the camera!) is Stacy Ankrum.

## Rescheduled work day cleans up Rotary Wheel

Nine Rotarians, and a couple of their children, spent a recent Saturday morning weeding, mulching and otherwise tidying up the Rotary Wheel Garden in Greenfield Park.

While the garden—this club's gift to Wilmington on our fiftieth anniversary in 1965—is city property, the Parks and Recreation Department has left its maintenance up to us and the city's other five Rotary Clubs.

Originally scheduled for April 22, designated as the "Work on Wilmington" group's annual volunteer day, the garden cleanup had to be postponed to May 13 because of rain. Participating were seven members of our club and two from other clubs.

Terry Smith, chair of the garden committee, reports that changes are being considered to contracts for such professional landscaping services as weed control, mowing and pruning.

## Grant helps Gregory teacher work abroad

The club's International Committee has presented Gregory International School teacher Sydney Kong with a \$500 grant to help finance a two-week teacher exchange visit to Denmark.

A former Rookie Teachers of the Year finalist, she established the exchange program, which has already hosted a Danish teacher at Gregory.

Rotarian Gabe Rich made the presentation on March 14.



Sydney Kong accepts \$500 check from Gabe Rich.

## Work day aids Literacy

Rotary volunteers put their hands and backs where our money is, helping to create an outdoor teaching area at the Cape Fear Literacy Council. The hands-on work April 22 was part of a project funded by a \$2,500 grant.

The Rotarians worked with Boy Scouts, directed by Eagle Scout candidate Noah Tatum. The job was to weather-treat a new fence and build raised flower beds, which will be a foundation for the Literacy Council's hands-on instruction in horticulture, math, and vocabulary.



Bias: scams against seniors



Maron: senior scams



Stevenson: satellite club



Singleton: Eagles Island



Saffo: City of Wilmington

## Rotary history and projects, elder scams, wetland, city, and mapping data are recent program topics



Gomulka: literacy



Pricope: drone mapping



Shiro: young Rotarians



Gates: mental health

A look back at the club's former leadership and looks forward at various Rotary initiatives were among recent program topics. Guest speakers also addressed scams against the elderly, a proposed nature reserve, and the City of Wilmington.

**Stephanie Bias** of the state Insurance Commission and **John Maron** of the N.C. Secretary of State's office spoke March 14 about their work on the state's task force on fraud against older adults.

Rotarian **Chris Stevenson** of District 7730 and the Maysville club presented details about a new satellite club, to meet separately from our normal lunch sessions, at the March 21 meeting.

Agricultural Extension Agent **Lloyd Singleton** spoke March 28 about a proposal to develop a nature park on Eagles Island, the expanse of wetlands across from downtown.

President-nominee **Paul Lawler** compiled reminiscences from for-

mer club presidents that were read at the club's 108th anniversary observance April 4.

The City of Wilmington's current status and objectives were the topic for Mayor **Bill Saffo** on April 11.

April 18 was our annual Literacy Day observance, with updates from Literacy Committee Chair **Debby Gomulka** and representatives of some of the schools we help.

Dr. **Narcisa Pricope** of UNC-Wilmington discussed her work using drones to produce detailed mapping data at the April 25 meeting.

Instead of meeting on May 2, the club held its fund-raising banquet on May 4. For details, SEE: *page 1*.

Rotarian **Donna Shiro** introduced several of the members and described recent work of the club's "Under 40" committee on May 9.

On May 16, Rotarian **George Gates**, a psychologist, discussed some of the challenges and strategies surrounding mental health.

## Upcoming programs & events

TUESDAY, MAY 23

The challenges of immigrating to the United States, with Rotarian **Ramin “Ray” Bahar**.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Misconceptions about Wilmington’s planning process, with Rotarian **J.C. Lyle**, with WARM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

The state of the county, with Rotarian **Chris Coudriet**, New Hanover County manager.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Cold cases, opioids, safe water: challenges facing the state, with **Josh Stein**, North Carolina attorney general.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

Report from the Chamber, with **Natalie English**, executive director, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Installation banquet for President-elect **Nancy Bullock**, 5:30 pm, Cape Fear Country Club, 1518 Country Club Drive. Reservations required; members free, guests \$65.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

No meeting: Independence Day holiday.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

A vision for UNCW, with **Aswani K. Volety**, chancellor of the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

MONDAY, JULY 17

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18

It’s hurricane season, with **James Jarvis**, executive director, American Red Cross Cape Fear Chapter.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Coast Guard Week in Wilmington, with speaker **to be announced**, from U.S. Coast Guard.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Canoeing the North Carolina Coast, with speaker **to be announced**, from N.C. Coastal Federation.

*Subject to change. Updates: [wilmingtonrotaryclub.org](http://wilmingtonrotaryclub.org)*

## Rotary news briefs

**Guests to be extra at installation banquet.** President-elect Nancy Bullock will take office, along with the new Board of Directors, on June 27. The banquet will be at Cape Fear Country Club. In light of rising costs—and their pressure on dues—the board has decided not to pay for guests’ meals. All club members may attend at no cost; spouses and other guests, however, will be charged \$65. President Dale Smith announced May 16. As usual, a social hour with cash bar will precede dinner and the installation ceremony.

**Fifth Wednesday resumes May 31.** The next of our informal social gatherings will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 31 in the Grill Room at The City Club, 23 South Second Street. Rotarians from all local clubs, as well as guests, are invited. The host venue will provide free hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. Rotarian J.C. Lyle now chairs the Fifth Wednesday committee, for many years the bailiwick of the late Ann LaReau.

**Rotary Day at Boys & Girls Home.** President-elect Nancy Bullock, David Grandey, and Matt Hilliard represented the club on March 25 at the N.C. Boys & Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw. “We toured the grounds and horse farm (equine therapy), visited with some residents, saw the Rotary Cottage, and were greeted by Schall, the Paws4People mascot,” Nancy reports. David presented the homes’ Executive Director Ray Kennedy with our club’s check for \$1,000.



Matt Hilliard and Nancy Bullock at Rotary Cottage on March 25.

**District conference to be virtual.** Rotary District 7730 will hold its 2023 conference online, from 7 to 9 p.m. June 30. Among the guest speakers who will be dialing in are former Rotary International President John Germ and RI President-Nominee Stephanie Urchick. Details, including a link to log in, will come by email from the district in the near future.

**Club’s bylaws updated.** The club’s membership voted April 4 to endorse revisions to our bylaws, as recommended by the Board of Directors. Most of the substantive changes are meant to make the bylaws consistent with the club’s current practice. Most important: to open up membership on the board to a broader group of candidates, especially those who joined our club after previous service in other Rotary Clubs. The new bylaws can be downloaded in PDF format from the club website: look under the “Documents” tab.

### Board of Directors Meeting

5:15 pm, 3rd Monday of each Month  
LS3P Architects conference room  
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