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Breakfast Rotary Club of New Bern

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Meets Thursday 7:30 a.m.

Bakers Kitchen

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Lewis Hoggard

2021-22 President: Barry Lutz
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Sabrina Bengel has been a member of our club for many years but visits us today as a speaker. She has been member of the downtown New Bern family and a property owner here for most of those years. She met and married Steve, a native New Bernian, after meeting him while attending a one semester session at ECU. She currently is serving her second term as Alderman.

The census controls the lines of our wards. Because of COVID we did not get our census numbers in time to establish new boundaries that will be required by the new number of 31,000. The board was expecting the number to be closer to 33,000 and may decide to challenge the count. A ward by law must be represented equally which means each of our six wards should have a population about 5,000 people +/- 5% to 10%. The imbalance is caused by exponential population rise in the portions of New Bern off of Highway 70 East and the fifth ward (Highway 55).

Redistricting must be completed by November to be given to the public by the second week in December when filing for office begins. That puts the election in March of 2022 which means the new board could be seated as late as June 2022. The current board will be in the middle of budget season (budget must be voted on in May). The new board could be in the position of processing a new budget as their first task after election. They would be voting on it and debate without any experience behind them.

Because of the interruption caused by COVID the current board will serve four and a half years so that the next board will serve three and a half years, putting us back on the track of election in the odd years. Sabrina feels we should move our election to November with the county elections which are paid for by the federal government. It costs the city between \$40,000 and \$70,000 to hold our stand-alone election instead of \$5,000 if we hold our elections with others. That change would also take the determining vote from 50% +1 to majority and do away with the runoff scenario.

Her mission upon coming into office was revitalization of the Five Points and Greater Duffyfield area. The Redevelopment Commission was the first step toward that effort. The city with help from players like Mike Williams at Habitat continues creating partnerships to enhance that effort. An increase in Economic Development will be the biggest of helps. In light of our booming tourism we need more hospitality services which will also put us in position for more conventions. We also need affordable housing: rents around \$500 and homes for sale between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

Bob Dofner asked about the possibility of developing the waterfront where Maola used to be. Mike Hawkins, a local builder, has bought that. He has renovated the original milk-producing center as an event center which now in operation. He would like to develop the waterfront portion as mixed-use housing when building material costs come down or he finds a partner.

The aldermen are working with the police department on the homeless presence in downtown. Zeb Hough at RCS is helping the displaced to receive the services they need to bring their standard of living up.

Committee Reports

CART

John

It's that time again!
Stuff the blue bucket.

Highway Cleanup

Dick

The date to put our magic touch on Hwy 70 West of Glenburnie exit will be here before you know it. It thankfully is planned for one week after the temperatures drop to livable.

President's Message

Barry

* September 9 is the cookie prep for the first responders. Last year we delivered 200 dozen. Get out your cookie sheets!

* Bring \$1 and \$5 bills with you for Cart. Change is sometimes difficult.

Disaster

Allen

See page 5.

B/S/H Oktoberfest

Rich for Barbara, Chair

Sponsorships with media and poster benefits are closed.

Let's start practicing our theme song at each meeting. You can practice at home by going to this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xe7mRV0S-0>

Tickets and posters to hang will be distributed next week. Each member will receive 5 tickets to sell. If you need more, let Barbara know. Also let her know if can fill a table (6 or 8) and (members only) can reserve a table.

The Farmers Market booth is full staffed.

Volunteer Chair

Deedra

Watch for the clipboard and sign up where you wish.

Grants

Barry for Charlene

We will be giving two \$500 grants at next week's meeting.



Historical Data, our Rotary Club, and the World

Wedding Anniversaries

8/20 Mike and Jodi Davis- 16 yrs

8/25 David and Joan Whitley-

8/25 Bill and Pam Pope-

Historically Important Happenings

❖ 1/21/1888 First viable adding machine

❖ 8/22/1902 First President (Roosevelt) rode in a car. Just 67 years later we landed on the moon.

Holidays

8/20 National Bacon Lovers and Tooth Fairy Day

8/21 National Honey Bee Day

8/24 National Peach Pie Day

8/25 Respect for Parents Day

Happy Dollars

Sabrina— \$5 Happy to be with us again!

Rich— \$1 for Sabrina being here.

Don— \$1 for their Canadian grandson coming to the University of Arizona. \$1 for Larry being with us. \$1 for the Craven County Clean Sweep next to the trash that was piled up. \$2 for all of the work being done on Oktoberfest.

Karen— \$1 She's happy to be here!

Mitch— \$5 For being back to the meeting already after his second back surgery. \$1

Mike— \$1 for Sabrina and all she does for our City.

Bill— \$1 For the job Foster Hughes is doing with the city. \$1 for our fearless Oktoberfest leader and all she has done. \$1 for the memories of David and Joan when they were in high school dating.

Barry— \$3 for David doing triple duty. \$1 for Deedra leading the pledge. \$1 for the work Karen always does for the meetings. \$15 for the Oktoberfest committee members working so hard and putting in many hours.

Dwight— \$1 for Sabrina and what New Bern City has done. \$1 School is back in session. \$5 He and Tara are working a service day with the students. They tell the students that the city serves them all the time and the second day of school they will pay back by helping out.

Larry— \$5 He is now a member of a Winston-Salem Rotary which has 110 members. It is nowhere as much fun as our club!

Ramona— \$4 for the Rotary children here today. \$1 for Sabrina and all she does.

Cecilia— \$1 Sabrina. CC was also brought to New Bern because of her in-laws and she is so glad. \$5 is for the military, past and present in Afghanistan and what they are going through...many are very hurt to see what is happening to the work they did. \$1 Their anniversary is this month. They renewed their vows on their last trip.

Barbara— \$1 for Sabrina's forward vision for our city. \$1 for all of the club members hard work on sponsorships and every phase of the Oktoberfest.

Barton— \$1 He's happy to be here!

Zeb— \$1 each for his son and daughter being with us today.

Joe— \$1 for Sabrina speaking. \$1 for the hard work being done by the Oktoberfest committee. \$1 All of us...enjoy.

Ed— \$1 For his third grandchild, Riley, becoming a Virginia Tech Hokie starting in the fall. Riley is in the Corps of Cadets. One of the drill masters is her older sister. It was decided between the sisters that the only thing that would come out of McKenna razing Riley would be laughter so they were not going there!! \$1 for Sabrina being a big fundraiser for us today for many members giving a happy dollar for her being here.

Other.....



The program director of CCC thanked us for our participation in the Neuse River Bridge Run 2021: She presented us with our banners which hung on the streets of New Bern during the run. Proceeds, over \$47,000, went to Craven Community College Foundation, MERC Clinic, Religious Community Services, The Filling Station, The Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina, The Duffield Project Phoenix, and The Twin Rivers YMCA.

With the \$6,400 the CCC Foundation received they were able to help about 13 students with \$500 scholarships.

The dates for the bridge run 2022 are April 8 for the welcome, package pickup and the children's super fun run and April 9 will be the 5K, 10K and half-marathon. Our club mans the water station in front of Tryon Palace.



Bill Taylor Update

Randy

Bill is continuing to have some health problems. He had a fall due to leg weakness and is spending some time at Vidant hospital. He is doing fine, just taking some time to heal.



Sabrina draws the winning number....



....which is owned by George O, who now has \$40 for lunch

The Queen holds for another day on with \$258.

Be Red Cross Ready

Hurricane Safety Checklist

Hurricanes are strong storms that cause life- and property-threatening hazards such as flooding, storm surge, high winds and tornadoes.

Preparation is the best protection against the dangers of a hurricane.

Know the Difference

Hurricane Watch—Hurricane conditions are a threat within 48 hours. Review your hurricane plans, keep informed and be ready to act if a warning is issued.

Hurricane Warning—Hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Complete your storm preparations and leave the area if directed to do so by authorities.

What should I do?



- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Check your disaster supplies and replace or restock as needed.
- Bring in anything that can be picked up by the wind (bicycles, lawn furniture).
- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.
- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so that food will last longer if the power goes out.
- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.
- Fill your car's gas tank.
- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event.
- Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.
- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges.
- Because standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact the U.S. For more information on flood insurance, please visit the National Flood Insurance Program Web site at www.FloodSmart.gov.

What supplies do I need?



- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

What do I do after a hurricane?



- Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.
- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding even after the hurricane or tropical storm has ended.
- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.
- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company.
- Stay out of any building that has water around it.
- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.
- Use flashlights in the dark. Do NOT use candles.
- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.
- Wear protective clothing and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org/SafeandWell to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

8/26 Menu – Rotary Breakfast

- **The Suburban:** Two eggs, plus bacon, sausage links or patties, plus grits or home fries or Baker's Dutch potatoes, plus toast or a biscuit & coffee.
- **Belgian Waffle:** A Belgian waffle with syrup, or add whipped cream, strawberries, blueberries, pecans or chocolate chips and coffee or tea.
- **The Farmer's Wife:** Slice of French toast or a pancake or a grilled cinnamon roll plus 2 eggs, bacon, sausage links or patties and coffee.
- **Twigs and Berries:** Vanilla yogurt with blueberries and strawberries topped with granola, plus toast, biscuit or a muffin and coffee.
- **Breakfast Sandwich:** One egg with sausage patties or bacon, plus cheese if desired, on a croissant (toasted or plain) or on toast, and coffee.

OR

Ala carte

One egg

Bacon or Sausage

Toast

Grits or homefries

Serve yourself coffee from the coffee makers or pots. Refill if desired.

Water is available at the soda dispenser.

You may elect tea rather than coffee.

Please order your breakfast from Kim as soon as you are seated. Open seating
– tables are set for two occupants.