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Breakfast Rotary Club of New Bern

Chartered May 9, 1985

Meets Thursday 7:30 a.m.

Bakers Kitchen



District Governor:
Lewis Hoggard

May 26; June 2 & 9

2021-22 President: Barry Lutz
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April King, director of the Craven Literacy Council, has been involved with the literacy council since 2011. She is the past president of the Chamber's Non-profit Council.

The council's work has been going on since 1996 serving Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties. There are 19,000 residents in our area that read at a third grade level or below. Their mission: Building literacy skills to empower adults and families to improve lives. Low literacy usually means low earning ability. 75% or more of those living in subsidized housing usually have low literacy skills. It also means that those same citizens who show up at the Emergency Room are 2 times as likely to be admitted and are more likely to stay two or three days longer than those with higher literacy skills.

The greatest determinate of a child's future academic success is their mother's or care provider's reading level. Helping the adults raises the entire family's reading ability. Most parent's comment when come to the council is that they want to be able to help with their children's homework.

Some of the programs they provide are helping earn a high school equivalency, workplace, health, family, and financial literacy. New Bern being a refugee community learning English as a second language is very important. Refugees are helped to pass their citizenship test. Go to <https://www.cravenliteracy.org/> for answers to your questions and to apply to volunteer.

June 2:

UPDATES—Barry had a positive COVID test this morning and is with us by Zoom. Rich had a health set-back over the weekend and is not here today.

GRANTS, Jeff: We have one request for a scholarship; none for grants.

CART, John: He doesn't play the banjo or sing but is good at shaking people down for Alzheimer's.

We enjoyed George Oliver playing the banjo music and singing. We even attempted to sing Happy Birthday to Dick Peeples. George drew the ticket of our visiting Rotarian and member prospect. He enjoyed \$18 lunch money.

June 9:

Sheriff Chip Hughes brought us up to date on the Craven County Sheriff's activities. His inspiration to become our Sheriff was to provided the same safe environment for his children he enjoyed as a child.

Lately they are finding overdoses come from marijuana laced with fentanyl. All of the drugs they are finding are coming in through the southern border. They try to stop them on the highway but only a small amount is found.

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They do roundups of those dealers (mostly seasoned felons) in Craven County quarterly or more often which has encouraged them to move to other counties. Addicts are sometimes caught in the roundups. They are referred for help if they want it. He would like to have a mental health professional at the jail to start these people immediately on the right track. They adopted a program set up for them by Greg Singleton at Craven Community College which has cut down on recidivism by 25% or a savings of about \$2.2 million to the tax payer. They use ankle bracelets to release inmates who need medical treatments so the medical costs do not fall on tax payers. They are working to get a doctor to make visits to the jail to stop illnesses before they get worse. Nurses will be there about sixteen hours a week.

There is a jailer assaulted every day. They make only \$36,000 a year and are hard to keep. The Sheriff is trying to get more salary for those positions to help retain employees.

After the most recent school shooting he called in every school resource officer and his command team. They were told that until the end of school year every deputy will be in a school. That put as many as three deputies in each school and a stop to all other business. Summer camps will be secured. The private schools have been given a proposal for SROs beginning the next school year.

ALSO

Chip drew John's ticket for a \$12 lunch. \$520 for the queen who still is holding tight!!



We have hats and shirts for sale:

Men's

Tan Golf Shirt - Large and Extra Large. \$35.00

Navy Golf Shirt - Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large \$35.00

Navy Tee Shirt - Small, Medium, Large, X Large, 2 X and 3 X
\$18.00

Women's

Navy Golf Shirt - Medium \$35.00

Navy Tee Shirt - Small, Medium and Large \$18.00

Aprons - \$20.00

Important Announcements

President's Report

Brant for Barry

- Everyone start thinking about what your contribution in time will be for Oktoberfest, our one big fundraiser for the year. And fill in the sponsorship list that will be passed around at every meeting.
- Remember to provide Janet with speakers!
- Make your reservation and meal selection for the installation banquet (Wednesday, June 29 at NBGCC. Pick salmon, chicken or pasta prima vera) and for the district installation banquet, (where our very own ray of sunshine (ROS) Deedra.
- Everyone stay involved in Oktoberfest preparations. There is a meeting every third Tuesday at 5:00 PM at Century 21 Zaytoun-Raines (6/21)

Oktoberfest 2022

Bill

The monthly Oktoberfest Committee meeting will be every Third Tuesday at 5:00 PM at Zaytoun-Raines Century 21 Realty. Please be at the back door by 4:45 PM.



Fundraising

Janet

Thanks to all who have responded to the mini-fundraiser idea! I have had responses for a variety of objects people will be working on for the Holiday Table at the Farmer's Market. I will be in touch with each one of you soon.

I wanted everyone to know that our honorary member, Donna Farmer, who with Phyllis Harke, did such a wonderful job on the Game Party, will be making some items and helping with this project. Please also send crochet and knit patterns for Christmas ornaments and other holiday items we can work on in our spare time,,ha ha! Put your spouses and children to work also.

And keep those fundraising ideas coming. Think of something that won't interfere with the sponsors for Oktoberfest and can be handled with much less work than that takes.

Star Wars Wisdom

In a dark place we find ourselves, and a little more knowledge lights our way.

— Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith

Health and Happiness

Member Birthdays

Harris Huddle	June 10
Ed Moore	June 10

Member Anniversaries

	Years
Carole Betz	1
Mike Williams	5