



# SPROCKET



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

**Breakfast Rotary Club of New Bern**  
**Chartered May 9, 1985**  
**Meets Thursday 7:30 a.m.**

**2023-24 District Governor:**  
**Anthony Santore**

**August 24, 2023**

**2023-24 President:**  
**Andy Garlick**

Photographer needed next several weeks. Please take pictures.

Note taker required for 8/31. If you want any content in the next Sprocket, take notes!

Please email pictures and notes to [RamonaStoner@yahoo.com](mailto:RamonaStoner@yahoo.com).

## **CRAVEN COUNTY COMMUNITY BAIL FUND**



Talina Massey the owner of Business Savvy, LLC and the chair of - Young Urban Professionals of ENC joined us to talk about Cash Bail. And she also helps with the Juneteenth celebrations.

Cash bail refers to the practice of requiring defendants to pay a certain amount of money to secure their release from jail while awaiting trial. It disproportionately affects low-income individuals, sometimes leading to unjust consequences for those unable to pay.

For most NBBR members if we forgot to get our license renewed and got arrested for driving without a license, we'd pay the bail money and go home. But for people who daily must choose between food on the table, rent and getting their license renewed, they often cannot make bail.

That creates a downward spiral, a person can't work while sitting in jail waiting trial, you can't take care of your children, so you may lose them to social services, you can't go to school. When you finally get your day in court you are much further behind.

The three big issues with cash bail are:

- **Inequality:** Cash bail perpetuates socioeconomic disparities, as those who can't afford bail remain incarcerated while those with means go free.
- **Unnecessary Detention:** Many pretrial detainees remain in jail not because they are dangerous, but simply because they can't afford bail, leading to unnecessary incarceration.
- **Impact on Innocence:** Defendants who can't afford bail might feel pressured to plead guilty to get out of jail faster, even if they are innocent



Clifton ran the meeting in Andy's absence.

Many people end up in jail waiting for a trial because they can't come up with bail. For offenses like loitering or trespassing because you are homeless, drug possession, driving without a license. Even if you are innocent, if you are poor you can sit in jail long enough to ruin your life simply because you couldn't come up with bail.

On top of that, the Craven County Jail is operating greatly over capacity. There are often 3 to 5 people in a cell designed for 2. Someone arrested for a minor drug offense may be in the same cell with a murderer.

The Craven County Community Bail Fund is one component of local efforts to address the issues with cash bail. It's a grassroots charitable 501 (c) (3) organization that aims to provide financial support for individuals who cannot afford bail. It also advocates for pretrial just reform.

CCC Bail Fund was started by Ben Watford and Craig Rosindale in 2021. The bail fund is revolving. They post bail for people held in pretrial detention who cannot afford to pay. Upon court appearance or case resolution, they recover the bond and help others in need. Because it often can take months to years to reach trial, and then it can take months for the court system to issue the check, the amount initially put into the fund is largely revolved out. The fund is having to make difficult decisions about helping 4 people with \$500 bail or one person with \$2,000 bail.

Detainees must meet 4 criteria to be eligible for the program:

1. They must be Craven County resident in the Craven County jail and must be at least 18 years old.
2. Their bail must be less than \$5,000
3. They must be charged with a misdemeanor and non-violent offenses. Their bail must be one without serious restrictions.
4. They cannot have been helped before. It is a one time only "get out of jail free, literally."

The candidate is evaluated by an interview and must provide at least 2 validated references. The focus is on what support system they have for going forward and to ensure they will show for their court date. They offer automatic text court reminders and Lyft service to or from court dates until case disposition is attained.

93% of those bailed out show for court. That 7% is a reasonably expected rate.

Talina is currently the only person researching the detainee logs and conducting the interviews. Volunteers are welcome! For more information visit: <https://www.cccbailfund.org>

**MAP WEBINAR**  
MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN  
**Your club's key to**  
**IRRESISTIBILITY**

Unveiling the Path to Membership Excellence  
Improving Member Experience by Shaping Club Culture

Rotary Zones 23-34 Membership Action Plan  
MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | 6 PM EDT  
Register on DACdb

# Club News

## Mark Your Calendars

<b>August 31</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:30 AM</b>	New Bern Police Department Chief
<b>September 1</b>	<b>FRIDAY 8 to noon</b>	RCS - Sign up with Bette Morris
<b>September 7</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:30 AM</b>	District Governor's Visit
<b>September 14</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7:30 AM</b>	Cookies for First Responders
<b>September 27</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Tapping of the Keg <i>CORRECTED</i> : Persimmons will open at 5:30 and the keg will be tapped at 6:00.
<b>September 29</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	RCS - Sign up with Bette Morris Oktoberfest Set-up
<b>September 30</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	NBBR 12th Annual B/S/H/Oktoberfest at Union Point Park.
<b>October 1</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	Oktoberfest tear-down, inventory & storage
<b>October</b>	Deedra's Rhode Island club will be the host campers at the K.O.A. in Bridgeton for the Rotary RV Camping Group of the eastern part of the U.S.	

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary	Club Years	Total Rotary Years
Cecilia Chittick	Sep 17	8	8
Joni Bass	Sep 20	11	11
Tara Hughes	Sep 20	11	11

Member	Birthday	Partner	Member	Partner Birthday
Mike Davis	Sep 10	Patti Peebles	Dick Peebles	Sep 25
Stephen Hoard	Sep 19	Jodi Davis	Michael Davis	Sep 26
Jeffrey Haddock	Sep 20			
Randy Gray	Sep 30			

Member	Partner	Wedding Anniversary	Years
Monachino, Ben	Patti	30-Aug	59
Taylor, Bill	Linda	28-Sep	54

# The New Bern Breakfast Rotary Club

Providing Service Above Self

Locally, Regionally, and Globally since 1985

## Literacy, Education, Leadership

- ◊ Provide scholarships each year to
  - + 5 graduating area HS Seniors
  - + 4 students attending VOLT Training Center
  - + 1 Nursing Scholarship at Craven Community College
- ◊ Send 3 — 5 HS Juniors each year to RYLA, a week long intensive leadership program
- ◊ Charter and support the Interact Club at New Bern High School (200+ members in 2023!)

## International Connections

- ◊ Partner with 1,400 Rotarians & 46,000 Service Clubs: our network of colleagues
- ◊ Rotary Peace Fellowship
- ◊ Rotary Youth Exchange
- ◊ Rotary Friendship Exchange
- ◊ Peace Scholarships
- ◊ Shelter Box



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## Community Support

- ◊ Provide new sneakers annually for over 300+ area children through our "Kicks for Kids" program—augmented in 2023 to provide sneakers to the Twin Rivers YMCA STRIDE and GIRLS ON THE RUN Programs
- ◊ Donate over \$15,000 to local charities and organizations each year
- ◊ Actively support and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
- ◊ Acknowledge 9/11 and ongoing personal sacrifices of First Responders each September
- ◊ Volunteer 2x/month at Religious Community Services
- ◊ Provide manpower to clean up US 70 monthly
- ◊ Sponsor the annual B/S/H Oktoberfest
- ◊ Provided main financial support for founding of *Craven County Crime Stoppers Crimestoppers* Program

## International Programs

- ◊ World-wide, Rotary-led Campaign to End Polio
- ◊ CARTS—Alzheimer's Research
- ◊ Maternal and child care clinic in Uganda
- ◊ Artists Against Genocide: Rotary Children's Clinic in Mali West Africa

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# 50 / 50 Raffle

George Brake won \$14 for lunch.



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