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

2023-24 District Governor:
Anthony Santore

2023-24 President:
Andy Garlick

February 29, 2024

Thursday 3/6 we will meet at
St John's Lodge No. 3

516 Hancock ST
New Bern, NC 28560

Groundlings!

At last Thursday's meeting we welcomed Carolyn Peterson from the English Speaking Union. This organization supports educational initiatives and local literacy programs, offering assistance to students and educators to further pursuits in English-related studies. Learn more about the ESU [here](#).

The big fundraiser for our local ESU is an annual Shakespeare Dinner. After a three-year hiatus, this popular event will highlight Shakespeare's groundlings with selected scenes and food associated with the theme. The groundlings were the people who stood on the dirt in the back to watch Shakespeare's plays. They could be quite riotous if they disapproved, so Shakespeare wrote insults and slapstick into the plays to keep the populace happy. This year's dinner will feature these insults as part of the participatory entertainment.

The event will be held Saturday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at St. John's Lodge #3, 516 Hancock Street.



The English Speaking Union is an international organization. ESU sponsors the National Shakespeare Competition for high school students and our local Colonial NC Branch sponsors a student competition each year and sends the winner on as long as they keep winning. There hasn't been a national winner from our area, YET! Learn more [here](#).

Talk of Shakespeare and recitations, led Carolyn and Andy to give us the introduction to Chaucer's Canterbury Tales – in Middle English!

Habitat Build & Fundraising

There is still time to volunteer for Wednesday's Rotary Build Day – or any day. Register at: cravencountyhabitat.org Please, remember to put "Rotary" behind your name when you sign in at the work site.

PINTS & PINOTS for the Habitat Build is **Friday, March 15**. The list of establishments includes: Captain Ratty's Seafood, Brewery 99, Persimmons, and Nautical Star. Note: Last week's newsletter erroneously included a bar that is not participating.

Smart-looking lapel pins to support the build are available for \$20. Buy one, sell one – or two or three or more!

We will have "**Arts & Surprises**" on **May 9th** at the New Bern Country Club. Tickets are \$50 and everyone who attends will get something. Tickets are given out at the door and then multiple tickets are drawn periodically (about every 15 minutes). When drawn you can pick a piece of art or a grab bag. Everyone is encouraged to (a) **donate something**: a piece of art, a glass of wine, a book, something and (b) **spread the word** so people buy tickets. There will be a cash bar and passed, heavy hors d'oeuvres.

We also are conducting a **50/50 raffle**. The drawing will be at the "Arts & Surprises" event. You do not have to be present to win. We need to **sell tickets for \$50**. We have 300 tickets. The club keeps ½ the proceeds and the other ½ is divided between four prizes. If we sell all of the tickets, that is \$7,500 for the club. Let's go team!!!

OKTOBERFEST

The budget still has open items but we hope to raise over \$30,000 dollars.

There are still multiple items being worked out with the convention center regarding the contract.

Ticket prices will be the same as last year but will not include an alcohol ticket.

Persimmon's is interested in hosting the "Tapping of the Keg" party again this year. Negotiations are proceeding. We would like this event to also benefit the club financially.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Cotton Funeral Home.

Club News

Mark Your Calendars

March 6	WEDNESDAY	Habitat Rotary Build Day
March 7	THURSDAY 7:30	NEW VENUE - Masonic Lodge
March 7	THURSDAY 6:00	Oktoberfest Mtg., Cotton Funeral Home
March 13	WEDNESDAY	Habitat Rotary Build Day
March 14	THURSDAY 7:30	Back to the DoubleTree
March 15	FRIDAY 6-8	Pints & Pinots for Habitat
March 16	SATURDAY 8-12	Habitat Rotary Build Day
March 18	MONDAY 5:30	Board Meeting @WSG on Glenburnie

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary	Club Years	Total Rotary Years
George Brake	Mar 10	8	8
Drew D'Angelo	Mar 16	7	7
Rich Goldstein	Mar 17	8	8
Barton Phillips	Mar 28	5	15
John Griffin	Apr 6	18	18
Chris Richey	Apr 6	18	18
Ramona Stoner	Apr 25	5	5
Bette Morris	Apr 30	6	6

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Partner	Member	Partner Birthday
Barry Lutz	Mar 07	Betty Orsega	George T Orsega	April 15
John Griffin	Mar 16			
Tom Gingrich	Mar 17			
Kyle Dickerson	Mar 28			
Joni Bass	Mar 28			
George Orsega	Mar 30			
John Finlayson	Apr 03			
Rick Davis	Apr 10			
Barton Phillips	Apr 11			
Beth Richards	Apr 14			
Lucine Moffett	Apr 18			
Wayne Hauck	Apr 19			
Aaron Goldstein	Apr 22			

Member	Partner	Wedding Anniversary	Years
Dave & Ann Super celebrate 40 years on March 31.			
Rick Davis	Debbie	Apr 10	48

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



Mailing Address

PO Box 14625 New Bern, NC 28561

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

Long time member and Treasurer Randy Gray graced us with his presence - so we asked him to draw for the queen. Bob Rigg won lunch money.



AND...

THE QUEEN LIVES!