



ROTAGRAM

ROTARY CLUB of NEW BERN

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BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM RECAPS

Feb. 8 - Jeff Odham, Alderman Ward 6

Jeff Odham said, he was elected to the Board of Aldermen in 2013, represents Ward 6, and has spent his entire career with Glidden Paint Co. As an Alderman, there have been many issues to deal with including those created by damage from Hurricane Florence ... DoubleTree Hotel closure, and severe flood damage to the Stanley White Recreational Center requiring rebuilding on a new site between Gaston and Broad Streets. He stated the Aldermen would discuss signing a MOU that evening related to the Kessler Collection's purchase and renovation of the Elk's building, construction of apartments and first floor retail spaces at the corner of Craven and South Front, and their interest in building a hotel on the northern portion of Union Point Park. The MOU provides discussion between Kessler and the city related to incentives etc., allows time to negotiate and work out the details and also allows both parties to discontinue negotiations on each parcel/project at any time in the process.

Feb. 1 - John Autry, NC Market Mgr. MetroNet

John stated, MetroNet is an independently owned, fiber-optic company with networks in 120 communities in 13 states. it is a customer-focused company that provides cutting-edge fiber optic communication services, including high-speed Fiber Internet, full-featured Fiber Phone, and Fiber IPTV with a wide variety of programming. He introduced Bobby Shatterly, Project Director, who will oversee the actual construction of the service, and provided an overview of what to expect as they begin installing the service to homes, with a focus on transparency, accountability.

Up-Coming Programs

Feb 15 - Chief Bobby Boyd, New Bern Fire Dept.

Feb. 22 – YMCA Field Trip

Mar. 1 – TBA

Feb. 9 Area 8 Mid-Year Conference

An enjoyable evening of Rotary fellowship was attended by 50+ members from Vanceboro, Oriental, New Bern Breakfast, Havelock/Cheery Point and Oriental clubs. President Joe and the other Club presidents provided an overview of their respective club's activities.

SHAM'ROCKIN' UP-DATE

\$42,000 (gross) so far

We have sold roughly 285 tickets so far, and would really like to be in the 300 to 320 range.

Member's support and help needed in selling the \$75 member/guest tickets

Tickets to the public can be purchased at the link below: \$250 - 2 tickets + sponsorship recognition
\$175 - 2 Tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sham-rockin-2022-tickets-244444258357>

Committee Needs!

4 or 5 dedicated Rotary Club volunteers
On-Line Auction Items

Jim's RLI Minutes: (Feb. 1) John T. Capps a "Most Unforgettable Rotarian, passed away January 22. In addition to being an outstanding community leader in Morehead City and a highly respected printer, he was a club president, District 7720 Governor, a Rotary Int'l President's representative on many occasions and a renowned speaker on Rotary. He was a dynamic force for all things Rotary.

(Feb. 8) January 27 marked a significant date in Polio. Pakistan has gone one year without a reportable case of the wild polio virus. First time ever. That leaves only Afghanistan. After the Taliban took over the rule of Afghanistan, they promised to allow the polio vaccination program to continue unmolested. That has been a first. They reported zero wild polio virus cases in January this year. That is also significant. If they allow the vaccination program to continue, they may be following Pakistan's footsteps. It takes five years of zero cases of the wild polio virus for a country to be declared polio free. With Pakistan at one year, and Afghanistan at one month, we are making great strides to eliminate this scourge in a relatively short time.

Club's goal - 100 members by June 30 getting close!
92 active members



Welcome
Katherine Peterson

Our Newest New
Member
Getting Pinned