



ROTAGRAM

ROTARY CLUB of NEW BERN

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BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

PROGRAM RECAPS

June 14th - Jon Clemmons, Gen. Mgr.,
Down East Wood Ducks

In 2017, the Texas Rangers signed a 12-year contract with Kinston and the Wood Ducks were born. A grad of NC State and Lenior-Rhyne, Jon’s life-long goal was to be to be a GM of a minor league baseball team. His main focus as GM of the Woodies, is to make the organization as successful as it has been since day one. The Woodies 132-game season is April-Sept., ticket sales indicate fans come from a 90-mile radius, 1,500 is the average daily attendance at the historic Grainger Stadium. So far 20 players have made it to the big leagues.

June 21st - Walter James - Hunting Education
Engagement Specialist, NCWRC

The NCWRC is the regulatory agency created in 1947 to conserve and sustain the state’s fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use and public input and for the enforcement of NC’s fishing, hunting, trapping and boating laws. Walter “Deet” James, the Hunting Heritage Biologist for the NCWRC and his focus in on the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters. Deet’s passion for the outdoors led to his career in wildlife and he dedicates his time both personally and professionally to maintain the hunting culture. Aa CLT instructor since the program began, he credits the experience as one of the most enjoyable and rewarding opportunities of his wildlife career.

June 28th - Madeline David - Fishing Education and
Engagement Specialist, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
TV News Reporter turned NCWRC Angler Engagement
Coordinator and passionate ALZ volunteer.

Up-Coming Programs

July 5 - No Meeting

July 12 - Club Strategic Annual Planning Session

July 19 - Pete Frey, Owner Brewery 99

July 26 – Head Coaches, WCTI Brian North
Moderating



**Pinning Jim
PHF Major
Donor Level
3
Presenting
the Crystal
Recognition
Piece**



Jim Slaughter – PHF MD Level 3

For the 2nd year in a row, Jim Slaughter was recognized for his outstanding giving to the Paul Harris Foundation. At the 2021 Installation Banquet, he and Mary were recognized for giving at the PHF Major Donor Level 2. Setting a record for all time giving by a club member, recognition for his generosity was a repeat performance at our June 14 meeting. Jim was presented with a beautiful crystal recognition piece and pin (with 3 diamonds) for reaching the Major Donor Level 3 (\$51K). Jim and Mary’s exceptional generosity and giving as a couple, represent the backbone of giving to the Rotary Foundation, whose donations enable Rotarians to carry on a world-wide program of educational and humanitarian programs.

2022 Rotary International Convention

In June, Rotarians (20,000) from around the world met in Houston, TX. The Rotary Int’l. General John Hewko, presented his annual report. *Membership has increased from 1.2M to 1.4M members. A total of 168,460 people joined Rotary and 1,708 new clubs were chartered. More than \$13M was raised for relief for Ukraine through the end of April and 74 Disaster Grants were given. Hewko singled out the work of Shelter Box, which is doing wonders in the wore-torn country. Rotary’s Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement and Migration is providing guidance on supporting refugees arriving our communities. *Ridding the world of polio remains Rotary’s primary project. Efforts are being increased. They discovered that the region of Khadim Solangi Goth, just outside Karachi, Pakistan has remained problematic – not because of opposition to eradicating polio, but because there are higher priority projects such as clean water, electricity and health care. When efforts are made to take care of those problems, the citizens then strongly support the polio eradication effort. After all, why worry about polio when your children are dying in huge numbers from dysentery? *The first Problems of Scale operation is underway in Zambia to fight malaria. If you recall, this is a new effort by RI to do a major project while still maintaining the smaller programs that the clubs and districts sponsor. Since 2021, the program has trained and deployed 1,300 community health workers in two highly affected provinces with a goal of having 2,500 workers in the field to more quickly diagnose, treat and prevent on of the scourges of our planet. A successful effort is underway to recruit more collage age and young professionals into Rotary. Numbers in that area are growing. Hewko is optimistic about Rotary ... and I think he should be! Jim Findley’s RI 6/14 up-date.