



2023 Special Events Series Kicks Off

On the evening of January 24, 2023, the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island began its second year of the Scholarship Special Events Series by hosting Wit Tuttell, the Director of Visit North Carolina Tourism. Mr. Tuttell entertained a crowd at the St. James Community Center by highlighting a variety of interesting and not-well-known visit spots in North Carolina. Mr. Tuttell has been with North Carolina Tourism since 2006 and has won numerous awards for his work with tourism; most recently he was named State Tourism Director of the Year for 2022. Mr. Tuttell led the state through a remarkable period of growth, engineering creative strategies that helped North Carolina become the fifth (in revenue) most visited state in the nation. Mr. Tuttell began his presentation by addressing hidden gems on the Coast such as Kill Devil Hills - the birthplace of Aviation; Cape Hatteras - the First National Seashore; Blackbeard's Sunken Ship - Queen Anne's Revenge; The Burying Ground in Beaufort; and the Ghost Tour in Ocracoke. His talk then transitioned to the Piedmont area where he highlighted the Charlotte Motor Speedway; the 2014 US Open Golf Championship in Pinehurst; the great BBQ restaurants in Lexington (don't miss the BBQ festival in October!); and of course, Mt. Airy and the Andy Griffith Museum. His talk finished with a tour in the Mountains - highlighting, of course, the Biltmore; the Blue Ridge Parkway; Bryson City; Lake Lure and the House of Flags Museum. All of these locations and more can be found at visitNC.com or project543.com.



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Membership Meetings

February 2nd@ 8:00 AM

John Waters
President of Waves4kids

February 16th@ 8:00 AM

Wendy Jones
Matthew's Ministry and Free
Sneaker Giveaway

February 9th@8:00 AM
BOD Meeting





This month several Kiwanians volunteered their time to support Matthew's Ministry with their Adopt a Backpack Program. Volunteers packed food which gets provided to children at various schools throughout Brunswick County to ensure that no child goes hungry. Volunteers on January 24, 2023 were: Jack Addicks, Tom Pezanowski, Patty Voigt, Dave Voigt, Evelyn Jefferies, Marta McKenna, Helenea Grace, Justine Wilson, and George Bayless.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, February 2nd @ 8:00 APM

John Waters
President of Waves4Kids

Thursday, February 9th @ 8:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting (all members are invited)

Thursday, February 16th @ 8:00 AM

Wendy Jones
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The History of Kiwanis

At the December 15, 2022 Membership Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island, Greg McDonald, Past President & Past Governor, provided our members with a presentation highlighting the history of Kiwanis Club International. His talk provided interesting background information and it was much appreciated by many members who had not been aware of this history before. Much thanks goes out to Jim Blackburn for capturing the essence of Greg's talk in the following notes:

- The club was founded in Detroit, MI in August of 1914 by Alan Brown and Joseph Prance. The original club's name was the Supreme Lodge of Benevolency and Brotherhood. It was founded as a men's service organization for young professional businessmen and as something of a fraternity. They wanted to focus on "new ideas of human relationships".
- By January 1915, there were 200 members and the club was granted a charter on 1/21/15. The name was also changed based on a local Indian term "Nun Kew-wan-is". Loosely translated it meant "We trade". When specifically translated, it means "We have a good time. We make noise." The motto was "We build", thus several of our programs have "build" in their name.
- In 2005, the motto was changed to the current one and the mantra of "sowing the seeds of service" became a focal point in all our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). There are now more Key Club members (250,000) than there are Kiwanians (171,000).
- By 1919, with 100 clubs, the business focus was fading and community service took its place. During the Depression, the focus became clearly on children in the community.
- In 1916, the first non-US club was founded in Hamilton, Ontario and Kiwanis became international.
- In the 1960's, a great deal of overseas growth took place with the founding of clubs in Central America (Tijuana, Mexico in 1962), Europe (Vienna, Austria in 1963) and Pacific-Asia (Tokyo, Japan in 1964). The Pacific-Asia region has become the fastest growing in terms of membership and new clubs. Nepal is the fastest growing division.
- The headquarters was started in Chicago, but moved to Indianapolis in 1982. It now has a staff of 120 full-time people. A Children's Fund was established that now has a \$17M endowment and distributes \$1M yearly.
- By 1992, Kiwanis reached its peak with 325,000 members and 8,972 clubs. It has been declining ever since. Today we have 171,000 members and 6,727 clubs. 19M hrs. of service time have been recorded along with 152,000 service projects, which have raised over \$133M. The average Kiwanian impacts the lives of 162 children each year.





Club Hosts Evening Social/Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2023 Uncorked by the Sea

The Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island hosted its first, since the pandemic, Evening Social/Meeting at Uncorked by the Sea on the evening of January 26, 2023. The meeting was attended by over 20 members who were highly entertained by the guest speaker, Ms. Katie Boyd from the Southport Historic Ghost Tours. These tours are lantern-led and have been a favorite in Southport since 2004. The tour is family-friendly and highlights the restless spirit world that is Southport. The tour focuses on chilling stories of specters and haunts and allows participants to learn about the rich and sometimes little known history of Southport. The tour is based on facts from historical records as well as from local folklore passed down through generations. Katie's presentation was an excellent example of why these tours are so popular! www.OldSouthTourCompany.com See the schedule below for the next evening social/meetings.



Evening Social/Meetings Schedule Uncorked by the Sea 5:30 PM

March 23, 2023

5:30 pm

Uncorked by the Sea

April 20, 2023

5:30 pm

Uncorked by the Sea

May 25, 2023

5:30 pm

Uncorked by the Sea

Important Dates and INFORMATION

February 10 and 11, 2023	Mid-Year Kiwanis Conference in Wilmington
February 23, 2023	Kiwanis Open House at Arbor Creek
February 28, 2023	Special Events Series: Susan Munroe, Deputy Director of Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy, Southport Wind Farm
March 21, 2023	Special Events Series: Ron Daise, Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens, Gullah Heritage and Song
April 1, 2023	Annual Plant Sale at St James Community Center
April 7, 2023	Southport Spring Festival
May 2, 2023	Kiwanis Club Picnic at Woodlands Pavilion, St. James
November 14, 2023	Special Events Series: Holiday Gift Extravaganza

Tickets for the 2023 Special Events Series (aka Speaker Series) are on sale now. \$100 total or \$50 each presentation Contact Bruce Kupper at kupperbruce@gmail.com or go www.soikiwanis.com to get your tickets.



Sarah Ward



This month we are proud to spotlight Dr. Sarah Ward. Dr. Sarah Ward, MD is a Family Medicine Specialist in Southport, NC and has over 6 years of experience in the medical field. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University / Medical College Of Virginia in 2017. She is affiliated with J Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital. She has been a member of Kiwanis, along with her husband, Jacob, since 2021.

1. What do I enjoy most about Kiwanis?

I enjoy being part of a like-minded group of people who are genuinely helping our children. I have found that the members of Kiwanis are generous with their time and talents and want the best for our kids' futures.

2. How I came to live in Southport?

I did my residency training in Wilmington, NC and knew that I wanted to provide primary care in this region. My husband works as a prosecutor in this district and I began interviewing for jobs in Brunswick County. I fell in love with Doshier and we moved in December 2019 in preparation for starting practice in September of 2020.



3. What is my proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment and journey to date is becoming a mom to our two amazing kids.

4. Where did I go to College?

I am a proud Furman University Paladin.

5. What is my favorite book?

It has always been and will forever be *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.



Kiwanis Citizen Recognition Award

“Kids helping kids”

Delanie Jackson is a 16-year-old junior at South Brunswick High School. At an early age Delanie began her service to children by helping her mother, an elementary school teacher, with the distribution of Matthew’s Ministry backpacks in the classroom. From this point, her concern for children in her community grew. Her accomplishments include:

- Working with BFA to distribute household goods to those affected by Hurricane Florence
- During the Covid quarantine in 2020 as an eighth grader, Delanie decided to create a book drive for Christmas to help children confined at home
- Delanie reached out to Kristie Disbrow to partner with her book drive distribution
- Delanie created fliers, contacted local businesses for collection sites, and learned how to create an Amazon wish list.
- In 2020 she collected over 700 books; she collected 550 in 2021 and was expecting at least 550 for 2022.

Delanie came to the attention of the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club through her advertisement for books. The awards committee approved her nomination contingent on approval by the Board of Directors. Delanie’s service to the community children perfectly fits the mission of our club and of Kiwanis International. She is a great example of “kids helping kids”.

The awards committee presented a certificate of accomplishment and a check for \$100 to Delanie at the January 19, 2023, member meeting. Her parents and Kristie Disbrow attended with Delanie.





At the January 19, 2023 membership meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island welcomed new member, Beth Van Soren. The induction ceremony was presided over by Jeff Johnston, former Kiwanis Club President. Beth is sponsored by Jack Addicks. Beth has a background as an attorney. She

realized that her retirement life centered around TPGCR (tennis, pickleball, golf, cocktails, repeat!) and it just wasn't enough so she decided, after being persuaded by Jack, to give Kiwanis community service a try. Welcome to Beth!

KIWANIANS ARE LEADERS, DOERS, AND ADVOCATES

Remember that Helenea Grace is the Club's Sunshine Lady. If you are or know one of our club members who is ill, have had surgery, or is experiencing a lengthy health issue, please let Helenea know. She would welcome the opportunity to send out a Kiwanis greeting card to let you/them know that the Club is thinking of you/them. Likewise, if you are celebrating a momentous occasion — like a significant birthday or anniversary, Kiwanis would like to help you celebrate by mailing you a card.



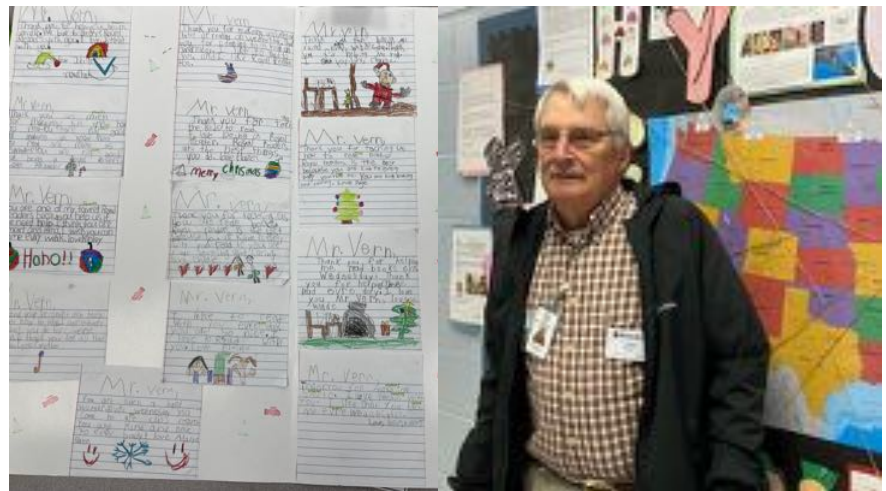
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Appreciating our Volunteers

ROYAL READERS

Two of our Royal Reader volunteers from Bolivia Elementary School were recognized for their contributions in helping students read when they received a large Christmas Card with handwritten notes from the students in their first grade class. Congratulations to Katie Madon and Vern Hunt on the difference they make in the lives of the children of Ms Stott's Class at Bolivia Elementary!





February Birthdays:

Chuck Lusk, Jim Pavlik, George Bayless, Paula Belch, Joe Crostic, Karl Goodwin and Anne Hager



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Notes

by Jim Blackburn

December 15, 2022

- Bruce Kupper updated us on the Special Events Series (previously known as the Speaker Series). Its goal is to establish a local endowment fund for scholarships. Last year it raised \$39,000. Bruce encouraged us all to donate to the series.
- The Shallotte Club has begun a reading program at Supply Elementary and has asked our Club to join them.
- Steve Corbett spoke about the upcoming Mid-Year Conference to be held at the Cape Fear Community College campus in Wilmington on February 10 & 11. If you register by January 10th, the fee is only \$99 (which our Club will reimburse you for).

January 5, 2023

Guest Speaker Summary

Bob: President of the Shallotte Kiwanis Club

- The Shallotte Club has partnered with the SPT-OKI Club for tutoring of reading and math at Supply Elementary. He highlighted some of the key programs his club offers.

SPT-OKI Kiwanis Club Program Offerings

- Several club members highlighted their program offerings to encourage each Kiwanians to consider providing their time and talent to the programs that spark their passion.

January 19, 2023

Guest Speaker Summary

Lynda Stanley: President & CEO of Doshier Hospital

- Lynda has been with the hospital for 36 years, starting in lab management and working her way up to the top. She only thought she would stay in Southport for 2 years! But her purpose and passion in life was, and still is, found at Doshier.
- Lynda is a past Key Club Member and a recipient of a Kiwanis scholarship.
- The hospital has been in existence for 90 years, with 360 staff members and 25 beds in the hospital.
- The hospital has operated in the black the last two years.
- Doshier is the last independent hospital in North Carolina. This is possible because:
 - Southport is a growing community
 - There is a large pool of volunteers
 - Southport taxes support capital projects only (not operating expenses), which help keep the hospital current on needed equipment. \$2.7M in 2022.
- A 7-member board is elected for 6-year terms.
- The Doshier Hospital's main objective is to provide access to quality care locally.
- The robotic orthopedic surgery unit is outstanding, performing many joint replacement surgeries each year. The program has been named a "model program" for the rest of the country to follow. The Mako Robot unit has been named "Arthur", the name of the hospital's founder.
- The hospital needs to expand its capacity for clinical care units, but the main campus has no more space. So, they are moving administrative departments to the Doshier Wellness Center, allowing the hospital to expand/build out the emergency department, the ortho unit, the lab and the pharmacy.
- Doshier was recognized as the best hospital in the area, receiving 4 of 5 stars by Medicare.





SHOW OUR COLORS

Join us in honoring our Country while helping Brunswick County Kids

Subscribe today to enjoy two 12"x18" lawn flags set in a unique white base with the Kiwanis logo affixed. For each of 5 national holidays (Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day and Veterans Day,) Kiwanis will place the Flag Unit in your front yard 3 days before each holiday and remove it 4 days afterwards. While you show your patriotism, take pride in knowing your donation helps support the children of Brunswick County through our Club's many service programs, such as our in-class reading programs, leadership training, Terrific Kids, Key Clubs and scholarships, to name a few.

Please consider subscribing to our Flag Program by retuning this form with your annual \$50.00 tax deductible donation payable to **Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island** to: Peggy McDonald at Kiwanis, PO Box 11487, Southport, NC 28461. Questions? Call Peggy at 910-368-7979 or email at pegngreg48@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our Patriotic Flag Program. Initial subscriptions will be placed for Presidents Day, February 20th, 2023. A renewal notice will be forwarded to you via email or mail.



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**KIDS NEED KIWANIS.
MORE THAN EVER.**



KIWANIS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 23, 2023

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Arbor Creek ClubHouse
3985 Arbor Creek Drive, Southport, NC**

We are proud of what we do in our community and we are looking to expand our volunteer services in the schools of Brunswick County

Come join us for an informational meeting on the many varied programs we lead support and see whether you would like to be a part of a fun organization that enjoys working with kids! Here are just some of our programs:



**Royal
Readers**



Please join us to learn more about what we do!