

Southport/Oak Island Kiwanis Club Supports The Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina Drive Back Christmas Car Parade



On Saturday, December 11, 2021, several members of the Southport/Oak Island Kiwanis Club participated in the Drive Back Christmas Car Parade at the Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina. They drove around the campus a couple of times while the kids cheered them on. They threw candy, and even Santa Claus showed up with lots and lots of

gifts for the kids! Congratulations to Ross and Cindy Lively, new members to our Club, the winners of the Parade decoration contest. They won with blow-up versions of the Grinch and Santa Claus in the back of their red pickup truck. (see photo below)



January 2022

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Membership Meetings

January 6th @ 8 AM:

Dr. Mason Fuller Smith
Director of Community
Engagement, Boys and Girls
Homes of NC

January 20th @ 8 AM

TBD



President's Message

Happy New Year to all my fellow Kiwanians!

2021 was an interesting year for all. It was a year of transition. A year where everyone was hoping to see the end of Covid... hoping things would return to “normal” ... and they did... almost... but not quite. So, now it is my hope and prayer that in 2022 we will see the end of this virus that has plagued us for so long... and the end to the long list of “variants”... so that family and friends can travel, meet in safety and be free of fear.

Now as our Club looks out into the coming year, we can see many reasons to be optimistic. We are adding new members every month. Our fundraising efforts are reaching new heights. And, even though our ability to work in all schools is still not as strong as it was pre-Covid, many of our school programs are doing very well.

In the coming month, there are two great opportunities to support our Club and the children of Brunswick County. One is the First Tee Program at Southport Elementary School headed up by Don Wilson. The second is the new Speaker Series that will host the first night of speakers on January 25 with all of the proceeds to benefit the Club's Scholarship Endowment. Please consider volunteering and supporting these programs and events.

As always, thank you for making the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island a great place to “Improve the world, one child and one community at a time.”

George Bayless
President
Kiwanis of Southport – Oak Island

Website: [www. southport-oakisland-kiwanis.org](http://www.southport-oakisland-kiwanis.org)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, January 6th 8:00 AM

Dr. Mason Fuller Smith

Director of Community Engagement

Topic: Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw

Thursday, January 13th @ 8:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting (all members are invited)

Thursday, January 20th @ 8:00 AM

TBD



The mission of The First Tee of Coastal Carolinas is to impact, influence, and inspire the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf and other enduring character-building activities. All of the golf and youth-development programs focus on The

First Tee Nine Core Values™ – Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Responsibility, Courtesy, Confidence, Judgment and Perseverance – using golf and golf etiquette as the context. Kiwanis sponsorship of the First Tee Program begins in January 2022 at Southport Elementary School. A few slots still remain. If interested in volunteering, please let Don Wilson know willtalk@hotmail.com; 910-253-0527.





BEMC Systems Operations Manager Tim Tippet Recipient of Kiwanis Award for Excellence in Community Service

Tim Tippet, Systems Operations Manager for Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC), was recently awarded the prestigious Kiwanis Award for Excellence in Community Service

by Club Treasurer Peggy McDonald. On hand to honor Tippet were BEMC employees and Club Secretary John Ertlschweiger and Awards & Recognition Chair Jack Addicks.

Tippet epitomizes the Kiwanis award criteria by routinely demonstrating Character - Citizenship - Service – Accomplishments in the community they serve. He was recognized for his exceptional leadership, vision and selfless concern for others through his service to the communities in Brunswick County.

A thirty-five year employee with BEMC, Tippet has risen through the ranks to his current position based on his job skills and competencies and his ongoing efforts on behalf of BEMC to personally support each community in the Southport-Oak Island District.

Mr. Tippet has been BEMC's 'face to the community' for numerous non-profit community organizations (Kiwanis, Lions and the American Legion), the cities of Southport and Oak Island, the local Chamber of Commerce and Duke Energy. Since 2003, Mr. Tippet has been involved with the BEMC Community Grant Program, providing scholarships to high school students and the "Bright Ideas Education Grants" for local teachers.



A Great New Fundraiser

A Forever Endowment Fund - 2022 Speaker Series

Profits Go Directly to Support Scholarships

4 Nights: \$100 Total

Individual Evenings: \$50 Each

Tickets are available from your participating Kiwanian or from kupperbruce@gmail.com or

Call (314)330-4436

All Major Credit Cards accepted

Many of you have heard of our efforts to create an endowment for our Club's scholarship program. This Forever Fund would greatly add to the Club's scholarship security and size. Traditionally the club raises about \$20,000 for scholarships, but now we are undertaking our biggest donation effort ever with the 2022 Speaker Series.

A couple dozen of our members have already volunteered to help get donations. And we are off to a great start. All of you are welcomed and encouraged to get involved. If we reach our goal, we receive an additional \$10,000 via a foundation challenge grant.

So far over 80% of the donations have come from non-members. These new donors are a welcome find for the Club. But in the end, your efforts and your financial support will be critical to making our goal and qualifying for the additional \$10,000 donation ... probably the largest in our 28 year history.

The donation is \$100 per person. It's 100% tax deductible and every cent we collect will go to this Fund. We are thanking supporters with a 4 night speaker series, at no charge, at the St. James Community Center at 7p.m. for each presentation.

January 25	Chicago Economist — Andrew Opdyke
March 22	Best Selling Author — Flora J. Solomon
May 10	Southport Historian — Liz Fuller PhD.
November1	Wine Expert — Doug Zucker of Bridgewater Wines and Dines

We need your help to reach our goal of doubling the current number of scholarships we offer. Checks can be made out to the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Forever Fund or you can go to our web site to use a credit card. www.southportoakislandkiwanis.org

Thank you for your help and support



Evelyn Jeffries

Our first “spotlight” member of the new year is Evelyn Jeffries. Evelyn has been a member of the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club for just over a year, joining in September 2020 via Zoom during the height of the COVID pandemic. She has lived in the Southport area for 4 1/2 years following a career with the Federal Government. Evelyn is currently retired and enjoys many of the volunteer opportunities that Kiwanis offers. She organizes the summer Sunset Beach Socials and is an active participant in the Giving Garden, Matthew’s Ministry, Royal Readers, mentoring at Cedar Grove and many other Kiwanis activities and functions.

What do you enjoy most about Kiwanis?

I really enjoy the wide variety of things you can become involved in, either directly or indirectly, to help local children. Since joining Kiwanis I have been involved in Royal Readers, the Giving Garden, Cedar Grove lunch monitoring, the 5K Fun Run, Sunset Beach Socials and other things like the Toys for Tots collection and packing backpacks for Matthew’s Ministry. I have also read books for the Kiwanis Reading Korner YouTube. I’m signed up for my first experience with First Tee and I am looking forward to that opportunity upcoming this month.

How did you come to live in Southport? Why?

I am really here because of my sister. She had purchased land in Seawatch and recommended that I do the same when prices dropped. I am really a Mountain (Alps) girl, rather than a beach girl, but I wanted to have a family support system available to me, so I took my sister’s advice and here I am in Southport for over four years.



What is your proudest accomplishment?

Being a Mom!!! I have two daughters, Samantha who is 29 and living in Ocala, FL and Kallie, who is 27 and is currently living with me here in Southport.

What is one thing most people don’t know about you?

I love sports and really enjoy Downhill Skiing. I was an active volunteer member of the National Ski Patrol for 15 years starting with the Munich (Germany) Ski Patrol and continuing with Ski Liberty in PA.

Where did you go to college?

I was living in the Netherlands when it was time to pick a school. I had lived overseas for all of my schooling so this was a difficult task. I choose Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT where I double majored in Political Science and German. I later received my Masters in (National) Security Policy Studies from George Washington University. During my junior year, I did a semester abroad in Mainz, Germany and a Foreign Policy Semester at American University.



The Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island welcomed four (4) new members to our club at the December 16, 2021, Members Meeting. Please take a moment to welcome these folks to our club and share your Kiwanis experiences with them. Welcome to Jim and Jayne Pavlov, sponsored by John and Bev Ertlschweiger; Vicki Edge sponsored by Patty Voigt, and Gary Dickinson sponsored by Don Wilson.



KIWANIANS ARE LEADERS, DOERS, AND ADVOCATES



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 (July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Presidents' Day and Memorial 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 returning 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 21st

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KIWANIS PRESENTS

SUPERBOWL & SWEETHEARTS



DANCE PARTY



Featuring **MIKE'S GARAGE BAND**

FRIDAY, February 11

5:00-9:00 PM

St. James Community Center

\$20 Contribution per ticket

Bring your own food and drinks!

checks payable to 'KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHPORT-OAK ISLAND'



Help support the Kiwanis programs that have a positive impact on the students of Brunswick County.

Support your favorite NFL or College team! Wear your jersey, shirt or mascot uniform to the dance!

Look for upcoming ticket sales at SJ Community Center or at a Kiwanis meeting

Or drop off check to Steve Corbett at 3577 Chinquapin Lane, SJP

Tables of 6-8 or 10 can be reserved. Music will end at approximately 8:30 PM.



Cedar Grove Mentoring Opportunities



As you know, a number of students are experiencing challenges achieving a minimum level of success in school this year. Both Brunswick County middle schools have expressed a desire to have volunteers as mentors for students one-on-one. Most often, the issue is not subject knowledge but more often can be organization, study skills, not studying or reading, etc. Positive reinforcement and review of their folders often can get the student back on track. Occasionally, we may be paired with a student that has minimal maternal or paternal involvement and being a role model and someone to talk with can be a positive outcome for the student.

For those interested, we have finalized the plans for immediate involvement at Cedar Grove from **7:42 AM until 8:27 AM** in Taylor Watkin's office (she is CIS Success Coach). We will finalize South Brunswick Middle School to begin in January if we have enough volunteers. We will be guided by the CIS Success Coaches at both schools and they will train us for mentoring (which is not the same as tutoring).

One additional request from both schools is for us to be lunch period chaperones once monthly beginning at 10:48 until 12:20 (3 lunch periods) so that the teachers can relax while having their own lunch. We will need four volunteers for us to do this at each school. If interested in helping middle school students once per week, please contact Steve Corbett, 516-410-3922. Will train!

WHAT MAKES A GOOD MENTOR	BENEFITS
<p>Before becoming a mentor, here are a few things to understand about the role of mentoring. Most of us have had a teacher, supervisor, or coach who has been a mentor to us and made a positive difference in our lives. Those people wore many hats, acting as delegators, role models, cheerleaders, policy enforcers, advocates, and friends. Mentors assume these different roles during the course of a relationship, and share some basic qualities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A sincere desire to be involved with a young person• Respect for young people• Active listening skills• Empathy• Ability to see solutions and opportunities• Flexibility	<p>Mentoring relationships are a shared opportunity for learning and growth. Many mentors say that the rewards they gain are as substantial as those for their mentees, and that mentoring has enabled them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have fun• Achieve personal growth and learn more about themselves• Improve their self-esteem and feel they are making a difference• Gain a better understanding of other cultures and develop a greater appreciation for diversity• Feel more productive and have a better attitude at work• Enhance their relationships with their own children <p>Above all, a good mentor is willing to take the time to get to know their mentee, to learn new things that are important to the young person, and even to be changed by their relationship.</p>

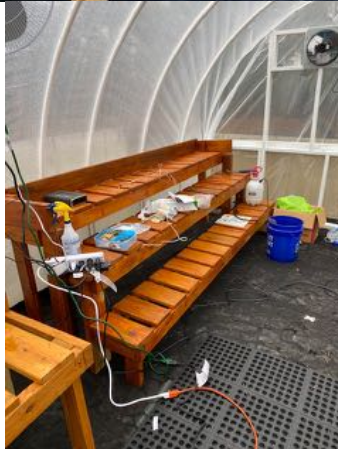
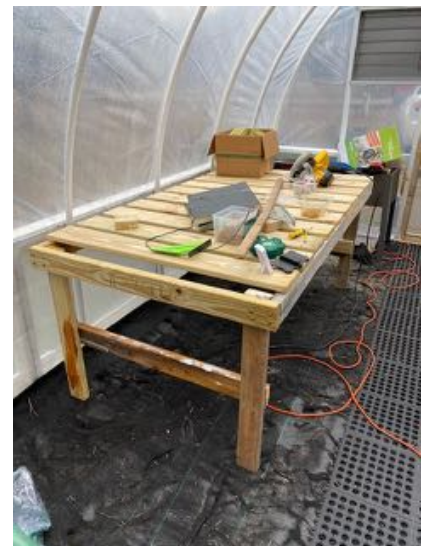


KIWANIS GIVING GARDEN



Activities continue at the Kiwanis giving garden with work being done on the Greenhouse and vegetables continuing to be picked and planted. Three new benches have been built and will be ready for planting late winter vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage. The new greenhouse will provide an opportunity to begin a children's program at the garden. If interested in volunteering at the Giving Garden, please let Steve Corbett know. swcorbett@gmail.com

Pictured are James Blackburn and Pat Boyce building the first of three plant benches; Ross Lively cutting the bench boards; Marta McKenna and Evelyn Jeffries picking cabbage and broccoli while Rich Holt and Elaine O'Donnell plant carrot seeds.





SOUTHPORT SPRING FESTIVAL – IT’S BACK!

After two years of having to cancel the festival due to the COVID pandemic we’ve gotten the “green light” to hold the 2022 Spring Festival Event! The festival will be held on Friday, April 15 & Saturday 16, 2022. The Spring Festival Committee, which includes the Kiwanis Club, along with co-sponsors, Downtown Southport, Inc. and the City of Southport will be meeting in early January 2022 to start the planning process. More detailed information and volunteer needs will be provided at future club meetings and via email. We are excited about being able to provide this wonderful community, family event again! Question can be directed to Peg McDonald at pegngreg48@gmail.com.

Reminder that Kiwanis e-mails all of its members an E-Card Birthday wish on the occasion of the member’s birthday. The e-mail will come from Kim Cardillo. It is safe to open the link.



January Birthdays:

Kimberly Baxter, Frankie Beacham, Charlie Crowder, Gary Dickinson, Don Halbert, Ken Huber, Tom Pezanowski, and Kathy Vagell.



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.

Helenea Grace heleneagrace18@gmail.com 910-599-6902



December Meeting Notes

By Anne Hager

December 2, 2021

Melissa Warren, Executive Director, Brunswick County Literacy Council (BCLC), gave an overview of literacy in our community. The BC high school graduation rate is 85%. Seventeen percent of adults in BC lack literacy skills. BCLC offers programs designed to help adult learners lead more successful and productive lives. The Literacy Council has programs in basic adult literacy, GED assistance, English for speakers of other languages, computer literacy, work skills, financial literacy, and citizenship. Helping adults with literacy is much more than learning to read and write. When adults read, children become readers. If you have literate parents you have literate children. You can go to bcliteracy.org to learn how you can volunteer.

December 16, 2021

New Member Inductions

Steve Corbett was pleased to end the year with the induction of **four** new members. We are pleased to welcome:

- **Jim and Jayne Pavlik**. Jim was sponsored by **John Ertlschweiger** and Jayne by **Bev Ertlschweiger**
- **Vicki Edge** sponsored by **Patty Voigt**
- **Gary Dickinson** sponsored by **Don Wilson**

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