



## **Byron Price Celebrates 48 Years of Service with Kiwanis**

Recently Byron Price, a longstanding member of the Southport- Oak Island Kiwanis Club celebrated a milestone anniversary- 48 years of continued service with Kiwanis International!

Byron was presented the prestigious Kiwanis *Distinguished Service Award* at the club's January 21st virtual club meeting. His numerous accomplishments include:

- 48 years with 3 clubs
- Served on several local, state, national and international committees focused on achieving the Kiwanis Mission Statement of improving the world one child and one community at a time
- Held Board positions in all the clubs
- His signature program and true love has been his active involvement and leadership with the Brunswick County Teen Court

An award for years of service truly recognizes the value of each member and their volunteerism, effort and desire to help the kids in their communities. Congratulations Byron, we salute you!





# President's Message

By Steve Corbett

## 2021: The Start of Something Good

January has proven to be a busy month for many of us individually and as a club. A number of members have successfully navigated the various websites to get at least their first dose of the vaccine and were automatically scheduled for the second shot 3 or 4 weeks later. Meanwhile, the county commissioners were pleading for more doses to be delivered as Brunswick has the highest elderly population among the large counties in the state. Let us hope that the governor agrees to increase the number of doses available so we can get a quicker return to what may be considered normal in 2021.

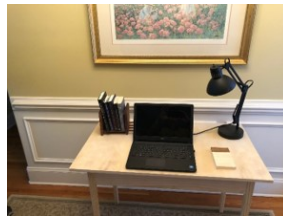
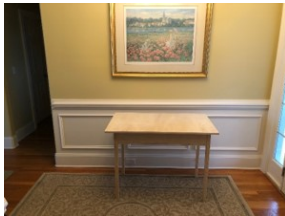
The Board of Directors met for nearly four hours to discuss the club activities and finances, making several important decisions. Here are some which were approved by the board:

1. Formed a new AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE, chaired by **Jack Addicks** and includes **Jeff Mount** and **John Ertlschweiger**. A new award will be presented to outstanding members of the community, named the *'Kiwanis Award of Excellence for Community Service.'* The first recipient will be **Southport Chief of Police Todd Coring**.
2. A new FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE is being established which will include a number of our members and will involve social events, 5K race, the golf tournament, concerts and other fun events. Chaired by **Ray George**, the first members of the committee include **Pete Berg, Bruce Kupper, Peg McDonald, Frankie Beacham, and George Bayless**. Others are needed to join and help raise the funds for scholarships and programs.
3. A more robust COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE will hold its initial meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 4:30 PM. If you would like to be involved, please reach out to Joe Crostic to add your name for the Zoom meeting.
4. The Membership Committee has postponed the Virtual Open House until May (tentative) so more residents would be able to receive the vaccine. The board approved the committee recommendation to participate in the Chamber of Commerce Outdoor Show on Oak Island on Saturday, May 8. (More to follow). Thanks to **Beverlea Ertlschweiger** who serves as our liaison to the Southport-Oak Island Chamber for our club and to **Kathleen Bradcovich**, Membership Chair, for encouraging our participation.
5. We are reviewing the date of the Annual Charter Dinner, now scheduled for April 16, and considering moving it back up to 60 days so more members could attend in person. President-elect George Bayless will keep us informed on any decisions on the dinner.
6. The new Kiwanis **AMPLIFY** Leadership Program (see article on page 9) has been described as one of the best leadership development tools ever created and is open to all of our members. The topics are:

- a) The qualities of a good leader. b) Methods of communication. c) Planning engaging events. d) Promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion throughout a team. e) Working with others. f) Sharing a message g) Planning for the future. h) Staying focused

Registration begins on February 15 but we would recommend you attend the February Carolinas District webinar on Tuesday, February 16 at 7 PM for more information. There is a cost for the program (\$200) and our club will offer a \$100 for up to 3 members (non-board members). Please let a board member know if interested in a scholarship for AMPLIFY.

7. The board agreed to begin a monthly review of club programs beginning with ***Terrific Kids*** on Thursday February 11, followed by ***Listening Post*** on March 11. Information will be sent to the leadership of these programs in advance with the information the board would like to see.
8. A request from **Kathrine Weeks**, Key Club faculty advisor at Early College High School, to **Dick To** was presented to the board which agreed to spend up to \$1000 for a new program. The request was for student desks for home use as a number of students (estimated to be 15) have a need for personal workspace in their homes. The desks will be built by Kiwanians and non-Kiwanians alike. If interested, please reach out to Dick and he can share the specifications with you. Supplies will be provided.



9. Finally, our annual PLANT SALE will be held on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 10 AM until 2 PM. This year the sale will be held in the rear parking lot of the Community Center as it will provide more room to socially distance and spread out the perennials and annuals with the big draw, beautiful azaleas, taking up a good part of the area. We will need volunteers for the preparation and the day of the sale. We will be doing pre-orders that will be delivered directly to the house. The plant sale chair is **Larry Trainor** and he is assisted by **Tom Pezanowski** and **Rich Holt**.
10. Our club is partnering with the ***Brunswick Wellness Coalition*** to host the ***5K Spring into Health Race*** that is scheduled for March 20. **Jon McMath** is our race chair, and we are still discussing the race with BWC at this time due to the current restrictions in Southport.

A little less than a year ago, we were baffled on what was happening globally with the novel coronavirus and things certainly got worse since then. Finally, we now are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel and our activities will start picking back up each month that passes. We look forward to getting back in the schools but in the interim, we are working on new ways to service our community and its children.

Thank you for your commitment to service and being willing to share your passion for serving the children of our county.

Yours in Kiwanis.

Steve

# **AKTION CLUB WRITES LETTERS TO NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS**

The Aktion Club of Brunswick County, NC, along with several students from the Brunswick Interagency Program (BIP), wrote letters and sent Christmas cards to North Carolina deployed soldiers. The messages were sent to spread Christmas good wishes and words of gratitude and thanks for their service to the country. The let-



ters and cards were received at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The base Chaplain, Charles White IV, wrote that he had posted the letters to the wall outside the camp's post office where multiple folks could enjoy them and "be blessed by them". He sent his thanks to our Aktion Club members and BIP students for thinking of the troops over the holidays.

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## **Membership Meetings**

**All on ZOOM**

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**February 4 @ 8 AM:**

**Health Update**

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**February 18 @ 8 AM**

**Annual Financial Update**

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**ZOOM Board Meeting**

**February 11th @ 8:00 AM**

**January 14**

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Morning Meetings are on ZOOM

**Thursday, February 4th @ 8:00 AM**

Dr. Sarah Ward

Family Medicine Practice at Doshier Hospital

**Local Health Update**

**Thursday, February 11th @ 8:00 AM**

**Board of Directors Meeting (all members are invited)**

**Thursday, February 18th @ 8:00 AM**

Peg McDonald

Club Treasurer

**Annual Financial Update**

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

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# Kiwanis Club SPOI

## Presents 11 Member Awards in January



At our January 7th and 21st club meetings, 11 members were recognized for their years of service in Kiwanis International and the Southport – Oak Island Club. A years of service award is one of the most important recognitions that a member can earn.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for reaching a milestone in your Kiwanis career:

1. **Byron Price**- Distinguished Service Award for 48 years in Kiwanis International service across 3 clubs
2. **Steve Corbett**- Distinguished Service Award for 16 years in Kiwanis International service across 2 clubs
3. **Ed Dougherty**- Distinguished Service Award for 12 years in Kiwanis International service across 2 clubs
4. **Jeff Johnston**- Recognition Award for 15 years club service
5. **Peter Berg**- Recognition Award for 15 years of club service
6. **Nick Mastorides**- Recognition Award for 15 years of club service
7. **Vern Hunt**- Recognition Award for 10 years of club service
8. **Jim Straub**- Recognition Award for 10 years of club service
9. **Victor Long**- Recognition Award for 5 years of club service
10. **Katie Solecki**- Recognition Award for 5 years club service
11. **Larry Trainor**- Recognition Award for 5 years club service



Congratulations to our honored members for their volunteerism, ongoing effort and desire to help the children of Brunswick County!

***Awards and Recognition Committee***





# January Meeting Notes

By Anne Hager

January 7, 2021

**Beverly Eury**, principal of Bolivia Elementary School and Principal of the Year for Brunswick County, shared the challenges students, teachers and parents face with interrupted face-to-face learning. Mrs. Eury finds the impact especially heartbreaking at entry level years, kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Although students are falling behind while on virtual learning, they do see significant growth once they return to face-to-face learning. But there are still challenges. With no transitions, less hands-on learning, students find it difficult to stay engaged all day. Socially and emotionally, this style of learning is taking a toll on the students and teachers. However, Mrs. Eury is very positive about the future. She knows students, teachers, and parents will get through this best as they can.

Mrs. Eury misses Kiwanis' involvement at Bolivia through programs such as Terrific Kids, Royal Readers, K-Kids and Chess and looks forward to our volunteers returning. She is also exploring a program the school system has used in the past, B.E.S.T for Kids, a program committed to helping all children become fluent readers by the end of third grade. Beverly will work with the school system to see if volunteers can be used virtually so stay tuned.

January 21, 2021

**Mandy Bayless**, chairperson of our Scholarship Committee, gave an overview of the scholarships and their selection process. Did you know our club distributes \$20,000 a year in scholarships to the students in Brunswick County? As Mandy said, "It is our investment in the next generation." There are three different scholarships we fund:

- Brunswick Community College students
- JROTC candidates
- High School Seniors (involved in Key Club or Teen Court)

This year the interviews will be conducted by Zoom. Besides looking at the GPA, they also consider their financial situation, the number of family members that have graduated from college and their volunteer activity. If selected, the candidate must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher and a full course load to continue to receive the scholarship yearly.

The committee works hard to select the best qualified candidates. We appreciate the hard work of this committee which includes; Paul Chopko (who began this program 20 years ago), Joe Day, Jeff Johnston, Jack Addicks and Mandy Bayless.

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

# LEARNING & LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

**Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.**

Kiwanis Amplify is a program for emerging leaders who want to amplify their ability to lead a team. Participation is encouraged for, but not limited to, young leaders, new members and graduating members of Circle K International.

## **Participants will:**

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

## **Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:**

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may nominate themselves for Kiwanis Amplify — or a club, division or district may sponsor participants. The participation fee is considered an educational expense, so clubs have the option of paying it from their service accounts.

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit [\*\*kiwanis.org/amplify\*\*](https://kiwanis.org/amplify).

# **Kiwanis<sup>®</sup> Amplify**





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 Elaine O'Donnell. It is safe to open the link.

## January Birthdays:

**Kimberly Baxter**

**Frankie Beacham**

**Mike Clune**

**Don Halbert**

**Ken Huber**

**Rick Mayberry**

## February Birthdays:

**George Bayless**

**Joe Crostic**

**Dick Erickson**

**Anne Hager**

**Chuck Lusk**

**Rick Sessa**