



## Kiwaniis Plant Sale Celebrates 20 Years!



On April 9, 2022, the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club hosted the 20th year of it's Kiwanis Plant Sales!

What started 20 years ago in Tom Pezanowski's driveway (and to his credit, he wasn't even a Kiwanian then), has progressed to our sale now

being held on the St. James Community Center parking lot. This main plant sale is now open to everyone up and down the route 211 corridor to include people from Oak Island who also come to look for the Encore azaleas that are so popular. In addition, this year we were back at the Southport Spring Festival after a two-year hiatus. So, a process that began on November 15, 2021, when we submitted our preliminary order to Flowerwood Nursery, culminated on Saturday, April 9, 2022, as we set up all of our shrubs, flowers, and herbs for sale on St. James parking lot.

In order to get to the day of the sale, there were many things that had to happen. First, in early March, Tom Pezanowski, Larry Trainor and John Ertlschweiger had to go to Tinga Nursery and Carolina Greenery to look at what was available and make selections. Larry is often asked, "How do you decide what to buy?" A lot of the decision process works off of what was bought and sold in the prior year, and yes, there are excel spreadsheets to keep track of that information! Sometimes we decide to go with a plant based on seeing something interesting at the nurseries and we give it a try. This year blueberry bushes were an experiment and all 5 were sold! But since the members who help out are not nursery experts, not everything is a success. This year, for example, we bought 3 shrubs of 3 different varieties of holly and went 0 for 9 at our two sales. 🙄

And while the effort is a lot of work, it most definitely has its rewards. First off, the committee members get to work with a lot of Kiwanians, and with Covid and so many new members in our Club, it was a great way to get to know or get reacquainted with so many of our members. Secondly, through the pre-order process and the actual sales, we get to meet so many nice people from around the community who genuinely appreciate what Kiwanis is doing for

### May 2022

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### Membership Meetings

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### May 5th-NO MEETING

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### May 19th@ 8 AM

**Katie Livers**  
**Porch**  
**Hunger Relief Organization**

### May 12th Board Meeting @ 8:00 AM

the kids of Brunswick County. In fact, in delivering pre-orders, we had two gentlemen express interest in joining Kiwanis.

And now drum roll please....

This year our sales for the three days totaled \$20,331.00, which set a new all-time record for our Club. And most importantly, our profit on the sales was \$9,166.00, again a new all-time record!!!

So again, thanks so much to everyone who helped in any way with our plant sales. You made a difference! And the Children of Brunswick County thank you!

Larry Trainor

P.S. We still have shrubs left to sell that total \$404.00! Give me a call!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Thursday, May 5th**

**NO MEETING**

**Thursday, April 12th @ 8:00 AM**

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

**Thursday, May 19th @ 8:00 AM**

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## Recipient of Kiwanis Award for Excellence in Community Service



### Howie Franklin

On April 4, 2022, Howie Franklin, Director of the Cape Fear Jetport, was awarded the prestigious *Kiwanis Award for Excellence in Community Service* by the Awards and Recognition Committee Chair, Jack Addicks. Also attending was Greg McDonald, past Kiwanis President and Big Toy Day Lead, along with John Ertlschweiger, Kiwanis Secretary and Awards and Recognition Committee member. Several of Howie's support staff were also on hand for the ceremony.

Howie was recognized for his exceptional leadership, vision and selfless service as the Cape Fear Jetport "face to the community" for the cities of Southport and Oak Island.

A tireless advocate for non-profit organizations, like Kiwanis, Howie expressed his appreciation for all that the Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island is doing for the kids in our communities.

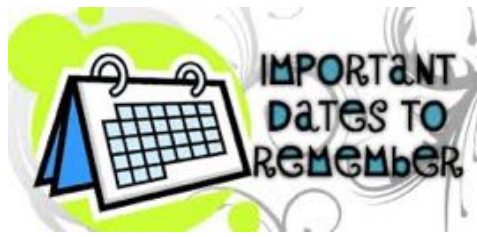
During his 28 year tenure, Howie has developed the Cape Fear Jetport into one of North Carolina's top community jetports and a public service economic engine producing large volume fuel sales which generate significant tax revenue to the state.

Howie Franklin clearly epitomizes the Kiwanis award criteria by routinely demonstrating *Character – Citizenship – Service - Accomplishments* in the served community.



The first photo shows Howie Franklin receiving the award from (left to right): Greg McDonald, Jack Addicks, Howie Franklin, John Ertlschweiger and 2 of Howie's colleagues. The second photo shows (left to right): Greg McDonald, Jack Addicks, Howie Franklin and John Ertlschweiger.





- 3 May** Charter Picnic; 5pm at Woodland Park Pavilion in St. James
- 10 May** 3rd Speaker in the Speaker Series; Ms. Liz Fuller, PhD. and Vice President of the Southport Historical Society
- 21 May** In-person Golf Tournament at Lockwood Folly Country Club

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**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](mailto:heleneagrace18@gmail.com) 910-599-6902**

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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.

### **May Birthdays:**



**Jack Addicks, Joe Bonczkowski, Steve Corbett, Diane Hennessey, Diana Hong, Jeff Johnston, Teresa Magrann, Byron Price, Tom Schultz**

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Donna Healy-Dean

Donna Healy-Dean is May's Spotlight Member. Donna joined Kiwanis in November of 2019. She was just getting started with community service when the COVID pandemic hit. Read on, because you will see that it did not stop her from becoming a contributing member of Kiwanis! One of her responses is a fun remembrance of a past Mother's Day!

**What do you enjoy most about Kiwanis?**

Since retiring from the National Education Association, my primary goal has been to give back to the community, especially as it relates to the children, our future leaders. When we moved to the Southport area, I realized Kiwanis offered wonderful opportunities to accomplish my goals that are near and dear to my heart.

**If you were recruiting a new member to Kiwanis, what would you say to them to persuade them to join?**

I often tell friends if you want to do something and feel a sense of accomplishment consider joining Kiwanis! The schools/students you partner with will provide immense rewards. The minute I enter a school, I'm overcome with energy and eagerness to touch a student's life. I also believe we impact our teachers in a very positive way. Most importantly, you are sharing these experiences with folks that have the same beliefs as you. The Kiwanis members are a great group to hang with!

**What is your greatest accomplishment?**

I do believe in family and perhaps my proudest moments were becoming mom and nana! Every year at Thanksgiving my kids, and now my grandchildren, gather in the kitchen where everyone plays a role in preparing our Thanksgiving feast. When we gather at the dining table, we each take a turn with stating what we are most thankful for. I love and appreciate the special bond I have with my children and grandchildren.

**What is one thing most people do not know about you?**

One year when my three kids were at college they asked me to visit on Mother's Day, knowing I would never reject an opportunity to spend time with them. Well, they presented me with a gift certificate for a tattoo, which they thought one of them would happily use. To their surprise, and mine, I said, "This was great and could I get one today?" And so I did! It's the size of a quarter and it is stick figures of one girl and two boy representing my children.

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



On April 7, 2022, the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club inducted two new members into the club. Diane Hennessey (center left) and Monica Carra (center right) were sponsored by George Bayless and Darryl DeSerio. Diane is already active helping to teach gardening at South Brunswick Middle School, while Monica brings an exceptional resume that will greatly benefit the children of Brunswick County. Monica was already a big help at the Spring Festival!

Congratulations to Diane and Monica! Please take a moment to welcome these two women into the club and share with them your Kiwanis experiences and volunteer opportunities.

**KIWANIANS ARE LEADERS, DOERS, AND ADVOCATES**

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### **Kiwanis Listening Post**



Listening Post is a middle school program that enables students, who may not have another adult to confide in, to voluntarily speak one-on-one with a Kiwanis volunteer about any issue or concern he or she may have. Timely topics are introduced into conversations to provide an avenue for growth and thinking outside the box. From time to time, outside professional guests are invited to participate in student conversations.

Pictured are Mike Horgan, Jack Addicks, Jeff Mount at South Brunswick Middle School Listening Post on April 14, 2022.

# KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

## SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

**GET YOUR FOURSOMES TOGETHER AND SIGN UP TODAY!!**

**We are holding a LIVE TOURNAMENT AGAIN!**

Our 2022 Annual Kiwanis Golf Outing has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at Lockwood Folly Golf Course in Shallotte. The last live tournament we held was in 2019! We will be back in the upstairs Banquet Hall for lunch, and will have both a Silent Auction and an Awards presentation. Please spread the word to other potential golfers, arrange your foursome and get this date on your calendar. We are limited to 128 golfers this year, so if you want to guarantee your spot, sign up early! **Detailed Information and Registration is ONLINE.**

Go to The Kiwanis website: [CLICK HERE](#) (then click on golf tournament registration) or go directly to: <http://www.so-kiwanisgolf.com>



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### **Silent Auction Items Needed!**

The Golf Tournament Committee is looking for donations for the Silent Auction and Raffle to be held at the upcoming Golf Tournament on May 21, 2022 at Lockwood Folly.

Please consider what you might donate to the Silent Auction - it should be something that others would be interested in bidding on, with a reasonable value (\$50 or so). This might be artwork, crafts, gift certificates or other auctionable items. Send an email to Don Halbert at [dnhalbert@gmail.com](mailto:dnhalbert@gmail.com) or call at 224-475-5744. Don will be happy to come and pick up the items at your convenience.

We are also going to create gift basket(s) or a barrel of both wine and hard liquor that will be raffled off. Please consider donating a bottle of wine or liquor to the cause. Remember this is our major fundraiser during the year. You can bring the wine or liquor to a general meeting, or email/call Don (see above) and he will come and pick it up. Thanks for your help!





## THE GIVING GARDEN

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, members of the Early College High School (ECHS) Key Club visited to help at the Kiwanis Giving Garden located at Horseplay Farms in Bolivia. The students set up a new cable system to grow tomatoes vertically, which will help provide increased yield to donate to various food pantries and Hope Harbor Home. Various growing techniques in planting tomatoes and other vegetables were demonstrated. The students also helped place wheat straw to reduce water evaporation and weeds in the pepper bed. Additionally, the students got to interact with a couple of horses at the end of the day.

Pictured below is Kathrine Weeks, the Key Club faculty advisor at ECHS, the students, and Steve Corbett, past President and Food and Nutrition Chair for the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club.

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**As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.**

**— Audrey Hepburn**





## 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. A Subscription will cover **5 national holidays** (Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, and Presidents 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 [peggreg48@gmail.com](mailto:peggreg48@gmail.com).

**This Subscription will begin on MEMORIAL DAY, May 30, 2022.**

**(PLEASE NOTE: A RENEWAL NOTICE WILL BE SENT AFTER THE LAST HOLIDAY IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTION)**



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# April Meeting Notes

By Anne Hager

**April 7, 2022**

## New Member Inductions

**Steve Corbett** was excited yet again to induct two new members.

- **Diane Hennessey**, sponsored by **George Bayless**
- **Monica Carra**, sponsored by **Darryl DeSerio**.

The club is pleased to include these two new members.

## Guest Speaker

**Lori Sanderlin**, from the NC Maritime Museum of Southport, gave an overview of the many wonderful opportunities there. The museum's mission is to preserve, collect, and interpret the natural and cultural history of the lower Cape Fear. They accomplish this with activities for all ages and abilities. Just a few highlights; they have a third Tuesday speaker series at 7 pm in the Southport Community Building and they also have Salty Dog, BYOB, and cooking classes throughout the year. If you haven't been there in a while, stop by to check out their updated exhibits. It is also a wonderful place to take grandchildren. They have various scavenger hunts throughout the museum ending with a trip to the treasure chest. I encourage you to go to <https://www.ncmaritimemuseumssouthport.com> to check out their upcoming events under their programs tab.

**April 7, 2022**

## Guest Speaker

**Todd Coring**, Chief of Police, from the Southport Police Department, shared the challenges of being a police force in a small community with an influx of visitors. Todd is a lifelong resident of Southport and a third-generation police chief. Currently, the force has 13 full time employees, 5 part time, and 2 civilian clerks. The department covers the 3.7 miles of downtown Southport. Last year, they responded to 12,000 calls with an average 6 to 8 minute response time.

Their community policing takes place with foot patrols downtown, a bike program, weekly calling program for shut-ins, a safe sanctuary where they meet quarterly with area churches, car seat safety checks, golf cart checks, and their annual Shop-with-a-Cop Program at Christmas.

It takes a lot of strategic planning and cooperation from surrounding departments to cover Southport's needs due to large influx of visitors. Currently the force is preparing for the 60,000 plus visitors expected during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Our club shared our appreciation for all they did to help with last week's Spring Festival.