

# Rotary

## Club of Morehead City Noon



### Club Meeting

Morehead City Noon  
Meets at Sanitary Fish  
Market & Restaurant  
501 Evans St.  
Morehead City, NC 28557  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

### Club Leaders



Timothy Allan  
Ncaise  
President



Pamela T. Hilbert  
President-Elect  
Club Director  
Club Service  
Projects Chair  
Club RYLA Chair



Gary Lazorick  
President-Nominee



Diane Carolyn  
Warrender  
Secretary



John B. Aldredge  
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Treasurer



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Sergeant-at-Arms



Christopher W.  
Mashburn  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair



John M. Smith  
Club Membership  
Chair



Tom Hussmann  
iPast President



John R. Scibal  
Club Membership  
Co-Chair

Jill Droze  
Club Director

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President Tim Ncaise opened the meeting at 12:10 pm.



#### Club Duties:

Greeter - Roger Latham  
Prayer - Susan Garland 4-Way Test – Bill Rogerson  
Pledge - Bill Taylor Happy Dollars - Lee Dixon

President Tim asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. Diane welcomed all to the meeting and introduced our guests for the day; our speaker, Pat McLaughlin and Rodney Graff, from the Surf City Rotary club. We welcomed Rodney back for another visit to our club. Also, since this was our first time back to the Sanitary for our meetings since December, we also welcomed our new servers, Brittney and P.J. There were no birthdays to celebrate this week, but we had one club anniversary Dee Hellersperk, for 2/21/2022. Diane reminded the Meals-on-Wheels participants that there would be no service on Thursday due to possible bad weather. There will be two meals delivered to the Beach route on Wednesday. Also, we need volunteers for serving lunch at Hope Mission on Monday, at 10:45 am, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We have 39 Rotarians attending today.



Club Public Image  
Chair

## Events

No Events found

## Birthdays

Monica L. Blocker  
February 24th

Roger Latham  
February 27th

Daniel K. McMahon  
February 27th

Lisa Weisenburg Ms.  
March 3rd

Dale L Elks  
March 6th

Randall Parker  
March 7th

Diane Carolyn Warrender  
March 8th

William R. Rogerson  
March 12th



President Tim asked Tom Hussman to give us his Words of Wisdom. Tom had a background working with various camps in high school and college. His first job after college was with Bradford Woods. He was hired to replace an employee, Don Brown, who had had his position with the company for many years, and knew everything about the facility and every problem that might be out there. First Words of Wisdom, "change always happens!" So, you can contribute your own talents in whatever situation you might find yourself in. Also, you can always seek the opportunity to make things better. His next Words of Wisdom came from an experience while still in college. He was working at a small camp in Indiana that his family had worked with in many ways, and at the end of the summer the group of employees decided to take a trip to St. Louis. The drinking age at that time was 21 in Illinois, which boarded Indiana, and they had to drive through, and the age in St. Louis was 19. So the group assembled in 3 cars, but they only had 2 coolers. So they stopped by Tom's house to pick up the needed cooler. As they drove away, Tom's mom said, "Now don't do anything stupid!!" Words of Wisdom for sure.

President Tim made several announcements. He reminded all not to forget about the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the temporary location of the Carteret Theater in Atlantic Beach Shopping Center, on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm. Also, the Rotary Foundation dinner was held in Clinton, NC this past weekend. Several Noon Rotarians attended, and our club was recognized in several areas. Dale Elks, our past Foundation Chair, was honored with a special award.



Fundraiser Chair Gary Lazorick announced there would be a short meeting of his committee after today's meeting to plan for the John T. Capps Golf Tournament in May.

Membership Co-Chair John Scibal said their committee is planning a "Discover Rotary" social event April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their goal is to recruit 6-7 new members. He asked each of us to think of a possible new member to invite.



Bill Hayes introduced our speaker Pat McLaughlin, owner of McLaughlin Chiropractic of Morehead City and New Bern. He and his wife were also one of the top franchisee owners of 50 **Great Clips Hair Salons** in 2018. He is also a guest lecturer at UNC Entrepreneurial Programs since 2022. He has been in the chiropractic business for 30 years. He was recruited here from the Charlotte area. He was given the choice of Sanford, Washington and Morehead City. He and his wife Maria, came to visit MHC on the first week-end in October, and was amazed at the many people in and around MHC. They decided this was the place to start their business, not realizing that this was the NC Seafood Festival weekend! Later, when they came back in December – there was no one around!! He met John Capps, who invited him to Rotary in 1996. His talk today was about the book he has just written about his wonderful dog Bear. What he has experienced in his life since the death of this dog, he has tried to put into this book. The journey includes Memory Lane, onto a road of Lost Lane and then to Present Avenue. His favorite dog, a big black Goldendoodle, Bear, was so unique as a friend. One of the favorite things Pat liked to do was sit on his dock and read or just enjoy the surroundings and meditate. Bear would sit at the edge of the dock and just stare out over the water. Pat would have loved to know what his dog was thinking as he sat there for long periods of time – just staring! One day in October, he realized Bear had left – maybe to go back to the house. This was so unusual, Pat walked up to the house

to check on the dog, but he was no where to be found. He walked back down to the dock, and saw Bear floating in the water, his mouth all foamy, motionless! They could only imagine Bear had had a seizure, as he had had several recently, and had then fallen into the water. Pat was not prepared to deal with the loss he felt from losing Bear. Bear was so much a part of his and the families life for so many years, he found he was slipping into depression. He wasn't just a pet, he was my good friend and he was part of my life. Pat went through stages of grief and learned so much along the way. The last solution was to get another dog! GOD and dog are the same spelled backwards. His new Goldendoodle, Bama, is a big white, loving pet filling my days with love and attention. Pat decided to write this book, "The Bear Facts of Life" as a way to put into print his stages of grief and love of his pet "Bear". Bama sits on the dock, staring out over the water. There is a new fence across the dock now! He gave each Rotarian a copy of his book.



Happy Dollars were collected by Lee Dixon with lots of Enthusiasm!!



50/50 Ticket Draw - John Scibal won, but left the Joker hiding in the cards.

Secretary Diane Warrender – Next meeting February 25 at the Sanitary Restaurant

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