

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
Necaise
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
II
Treasurer



Harold A. Ambrose
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 Necaise called the meeting to order at the Salvation Army building at 12:10 pm.



Duties:

Greeter - Roger Latham
Prayer - Dee Hellersperk
Pledge - Teresa Brady
4-Way Test - David Walker



Club Public Image
Chair

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Jake Adam Young
January 30th

James M. Bond Jr.
February 8th

Harold A. Ambrose
February 9th



President Tim asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. Diane welcomed all to the Tuesday meeting. We have one visitor, our speaker Jake Joplin. We also had one birthday to celebrate, Vic Olsen, Jan. 16th. After persuading Vic to stand up, we gave him a rousing Birthday wish. There were no club anniversaries this week. She thanked our chef for the day, Dajah, for preparing our meal. We had 38 Rotarians attending the meeting today.



Rebecca Barbour was asked to pass on her Words of Wisdom to the club members. She quoted from Jimmy Dean who gave a metaphor related to sailing that can relate to each of our life's. "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." This applies to many life situations we experience, as we try to change the way we deal with life's issues. She feels God puts us in situations that we don't know why at the time, and gives us obstacles that only with Him can we overcome. Special Words of Wisdom!

President Tim gave several announcements. The annual Chocolate Festival will be February 1-2 at the Civic Center. Volunteers are needed to cover the check-in tables. Let Steve Hellersperk know if you would like to volunteer. The RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) will be held January 25th in Leland, NC for those who want to learn more about Rotary. Tim said he has sent out another Rotary survey form that might be easier for the members, via email. Please return to him.



Gary Lazorick, Fundraising Chair reminded the members of the next fundraiser, the Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 08th. He said he already had a team to sign up and reminded the members that our money is raised from the hole sponsors, Eagle sponsors and golf teams.



Service Projects chair Pam Hilbert read a Thank You note from Diane Poag for the club's donation of \$2,000 to the Christmas Angel Tree project. This grant enabled them to get Christmas presents for 16 teens who had not been adopted, to give them a very special Christmas. Also, Pam's committee is seeking ways to help in Western NC through Rotary Clubs there or thru the Salvation Army.



President Tim introduced our speaker for today, Jake Joplin, with Carteret-Craven Electric Co-op. Jake said the Co-op is member owned, not for profit, with 42,000

members in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Onslow Counties. He said in the 1930's about 10% of farms had electrical power due to the remoteness of most farms. In 1935 President Roosevelt issued a Presidential order to create the REA, Rural Electrification Act, which would provide federal loans for the installation of electrical distribution systems to serve isolated rural areas of the US. Communities built Co-ops to bring more power to more customers. This local Co-op serves 4,300 customers from Maysville to Cedar Island. He said different Co-ops in the state work together, and nuclear energy is still a very reliable source of power, as most plants were built in the 1980's. CCEC has seen increased demand which they have been able to handle. Right now they have 17 members per mile, with an average of 6 members per mile. They have 72 employees to cover these areas. They have sent linemen to Western NC to help with their electrical problems as they had over 2000 poles and many reformers down, and also many communities have sent their linemen to help. When we suffered from Hurricane Florence, over 500 linemen came to help our county replace poles and lines. CCEC has received a grant to replace lines in Newport and Atlantic Beach, which will be done in 2026. They also are using drones now to inspect lines and check out equipment. This is a great improvement for maintaining the equipment and eliminating down time. He encouraged a customer to contact their customer service immediately if there is an outage. They have a new communications tower and have also made extensive changes to their facility. They have built a new kitchen to accommodate groups of volunteers who come here to work with the CCEC. Feeding and bedding are the most difficult issues they have to deal with when bringing in volunteers. Very good information for our club members.



Happy Dollars were conducted by David Walker. He was able to bring in dollars for our program and lots of other Happy reasons to donate the dollars.



50/50 Ticket Draw – The ticket drawing was won by Hap Ambrose, however, the Joker is still hidden in the stack of cards for the next lucky winner.

The Noon Rotary Club will meet again at the Salvation Army building next Tuesday, January 21st.

Secretary – Diane Warrender
