

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
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 Ncaise called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.



Club Duties:

Greeter - Roger Latham

Prayer - Jake Young Pledge - Earle Droze

4-Way Test - John Aldredge Happy Dollars - Monica Blocker



President Tim asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. She welcomed all Rotarians and guests to the meeting. She recognized our guests for the day, Sophie Szymeczek, Brian Zopopoulos, (Brian expressed a desire to join our club), our speaker Mayor Jerry Jones and Anna Smith the Public Information Officer for the Town of Morehead City. Diane announced our Birthday celebration for the week, Jake Young on January 30th. We all serenaded Jake with Birthday wishes. There were no Club anniversaries this week. Diane thanked those who had volunteered to serve lunch at the Hope Mission this past Monday. She also reminded the group that volunteers will be needed on Monday, February 27th to serve. There were 34 Rotarians attending today.



Club Public Image
Chair

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

James M. Bond Jr.
February 8th

Harold A. Ambrose
February 9th

Monica L. Blocker
February 24th

Roger Latham
February 27th

Daniel K. McMahon
February 27th



Rotarian Gary Lazorick gave his Words of Wisdom to the club. An example he gave "When you're fishing and you loose a fish, it is accepted that those things you did either in the first 30 seconds you hooked it, or what you did the last 30 seconds fighting it and losing it, were wrong. Gary said he was into Eastern Religion and it's prophecies. He quoted another of the Greek philosophers, "He who wants nothing, has everything he wants." He referenced a parable about the owner of Heinze Lumber Company talking with an employee who was being considered for a promotion. Mr. Heinze asked him a question about a recent order of lumber received and the person said I'll get you that information each time he asked about the order. He had this person sit in another room while he discussed the same issue with a competing employee. After asking the same question, this person answered all of his questions on the spot, and even giving more info he had not requested. Therefore, be prepared to give a complete answer when the time demands it.

President Tim made several announcements. There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Monday, February 3rd at the Chamber office at 5:30 pm. The 100 year anniversary Rotary celebration will hold an event on Sunday, February 23rd at the temporary Community Theater in Atlantic Beach at 2:30 pm. He will give more information about it at the next meeting. Also, we have been advised by the Sanitary Restaurant they are running behind in their renovation, and will not open until later in February. We will definitely be at the Salvation Army building for the next two weeks and enjoy Dajah's good lunches.



Service Projects chair Pam Hilbert reported on her attendance at the RLI training in Wilmington this past Saturday. She encouraged others to consider attending the 3-part sessions. You experience 1)Strategic Planning, 2)Team Building and 3)Ethics Training. She reminded her committee to meet here after the end of the club meeting. Also, at 10 am on February 14th, you can volunteer to pass out Valentine goodies to seniors.



President Tim introduced our speaker for the day, Mayor Jerry Jones of Morehead City, on The State of the City. Mayor Jones has been the Mayor of MHC for 26 years and was a council member for 4 years prior to. The Mayor was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, a prestigious state award, at the last Council meeting. He said he was very surprised at the award. He said "the city is doing well." An indication of that is when things are doing well, you don't hear very much from the citizens. However, people need to know about what's going on in their town and neighborhood. He felt 2024 was a great year for the city. He feels the town Council and the town employees work as a team, with the same goal of making our city a desirable place to work and live. Last year the town received over \$30 million dollars in grants, which cover a variety of departments. The total town budget is \$32 million, so this is a tremendous amount of additional monies to make many improvements. Three new employees were added last year: a grants officer, an economic development director and an in-house Attorney, Derick Taylor, (Derick gave up his private practice to become the city attorney). Jerry said he remembers a local friend, Gib Arthur, commenting about the new value of his property in 1978, located on the sound in MHC. He had been told it was worth \$25,000, and he said to Jerry – people have lost their minds to pay that much money! Now we know that might be close to \$1 million!! COVID brought a lot of people to the coast to work remotely, and afterwards, they decided to stay, increasing our local population. The city is in the process of building a new Fire Station on Hwy. 70W with a completion date in 2026. Right now we have 42 Firemen plus volunteers. Grant money of \$2 million is going toward that new station, and the city is looking at adding another Fire Station along Hwy.24. There was a \$2 million grant to upgrade Puke O'Neil Field. New seating and a roof over a portion of the seating is planned. Carteret Community College and the city have planned to work together in developing a baseball program and girls soccer sponsored by the college to make more use of the baseball stadium. With the closing of K-Mart and now Big Lots, we are in need of more commercial development for the city's tax base. He said there had been a pay increase for the 144 employees of the city, in order to retain good valuable employees. At the conclusion of his presentation, the members were able to ask questions. Very good presentation and information.



Happy Dollars– Since time was short, Monica Blocker did a fast round of Happy Dollars



50/50 Ticket – Tom Hussman was the winner of the draw, but did not win the money.

Secretary Diane Warrender Next meeting at the Salvation Army Tuesday Feb. 3rd.
