

## **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



<u>Timothy Allan</u> <u>Necaise</u> President



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



<u>Gary Lazorick</u> President-Nominee



Diane Carolyn Warrender Secretary



John B. Aldredge II Treasurer



<u>Harold A. Ambrose</u> Sergeant-at-Arms



Christopher W. Mashburn Club Rotary Foundation Chair



Tom Hussmann iPast President



John R. Scibal Club Membership Co-Chair



Jill Droze Club Director Club Public Image Chair

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President Tim Necaise opened the meeting at 12:06 pm.



### Club Duties:

Greeter - Roger Latham Prayer - Dee Hellersperk Pledge - Tony Landi 4-Way Test - Doug Wolfe Happy Dollars - Lee Dixon



#### **Events**

No Events found

## **Birthdays**

Lisa Weisenburg March 31st Paul Gillikin April 3rd Tom Hussmann April 17th Sharon Garner April 23rd Glenda Killion April 24th John R. Scibal April 28th



President Tim asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. She welcomed all to the Tuesday meeting. Diane said we have several guests today. Paula Smith, guest of Glenda Dixon, Stephanie Wallace and Rotarian Bob Gragson visiting from Brainero, Minnesota. Also, our speaker for today Sandy Hewitt from Family Promise. Welcome to all. There is only one Birthday this week and that is Rotarian John Smith, recently deceased. I wanted to announce his birthday, as we miss him very much. We have one member celebrating his Club Anniversary, Brian Kramer March of 2013, Our attendance today are 38 Rotarians.



Rotarian Hap Ambrose gave the club members his Words of Wisdom. Hap said as a young boy he was a bit rambunctious and his mother would put her finger on his mouth and caution him to think before he acted or what he said. His father was a bit more direct as he used the belt to try to teach him his lessons about his actions and what he might have said. Always, the same words were said, "Think before you speak or act!" There are things you might say that you cannot take back, but wish you could. His brother is an evangelist in Tennessee. He also has tried to stress that words can be said in anger or hurtful ways that you would want to take back. Your delivery of words can make a big difference. His words were "Think before you speak!" Wise words!



Membership Co-chair John Scibal reminded the members of the Discovery Rotary event on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dunes Club in Atlantic Beach. John said they had about 6 potential members who have signed up for the event, and hopes to add a few more.



Robert Cox, member of the Fundraising Committee reported they have gained several new sponsors for the Golf Cart raffle. He encouraged Rotarians to continue recruiting new sponsors.









Service Project chair Pam Hilbert reminded the members to bring in Easter Cards and candy for the micro project planned for Tuesday April 8 meeting. She also reported on the Salvation Army volunteer dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. They recognized those organizations who had participated in the Kettle Bell Ringing in December. The total amount raised was \$87,457, and the Noon Rotary came in second with \$12,000, and the most volunteer hours of 208. Lt. Susan Garland thanked the club for their participation and said that \$.87 cents of each dollar raised stays here in Carteret County to provide food, clothing, electric and rent bills, to name a few.



President Tim introduced our speaker Sandy Hewitt, Director of the Family Promise program. Family Promise was started in 2011 by 14 local churches participating, and now there are 21 churches supporting the program. One of the biggest problems for needy families in Carteret County is the lack of low income housing. To try to place families in safe, affordable housing, Family Promise works with Eastern Carolina Housing in Beaufort. Presently ECH is in the process of constructing 168 new housing units on Bridges Street in MHC. This is called Elijah's Landing, and homeless families will have first choices for new housing through ECH. Each January, homeless people are counted in the county and the last count was 177. There are several groups of homeless "camps" in the county, one tent group is located behind the Walmart Store in Newport, and another behind the shopping center on Hwy 70W. Families who come to

Family Promise are interviewed by Sandy. Based on their situation, they may be referred to other organizations for help. The main purpose for Family promise when take in a family is to get the children into school, have them checked medically and supply their needs with clothing and school supplies. Parents must be working to stay in their program, so they help find employment and transportation for them. They also work with the Community College to get additional education in a vocation using the PELL Grants offered by the Federal government. The hospital will help with costs for certain nursing courses for them. Family Promise has access to a storage area at the closed K-Mart building where donated items are stored to give to families once they get housing. Sandy asked anyone wanting to donate household items they can store, to please give her a call and she will arrange to get them to the K-Mart building. There were several questions from club members. Very good information about a community outreach program.



Happy Dollars were generated with ENTHUSIASM!! by Lee Dixon. Many dollars were collected for our program and other Happy reasons!



50/50 Ticket draw was won by no less than JIM KRAFT, JR!!!! How can it happen again? But, the Joker remains in the pack!

President Tim adjourned the meeting and we will meet again next Tuesday, April 1 at noon.

Secretary Diane Warrender