

## **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

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Treasurer



Harold A. Ambrose Sergeant-at-Arms



Christopher W. Mashburn



Club Rotary Foundation Chair John M. Smith



Club Membership Chair <u>Tom Hussmann</u>



John R. Scibal Club Membership Co-Chair

Jill Droze **Club Director** 

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



Club Duties: Greeter - Roger Latham Prayer - Jake Young Pledge - Hap Ambrose Happy Dollars - David Walker



President Tim asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. She welcomed all to the Tuesday meeting including our speaker, Stephen Rea, Emergency Services Director for the county. She announced we had three Birthdays to celebrate today after a few weeks of none. Monica Blocker 2/24, Roger Latham 2/27 and Dan McMahon 2/27.

The club gave them a rousing Birthday song. Also, Pam Hilbert is celebrating her club anniversary with our club on March 01, 2022. Diane updated the club on the health of



Club Public Image Chair

### **Events**

No Events found

### **Birthdays**

Lisa Weisenburg Ms. March 3rd Dale L Elks March 6th Randall Parker March 7th Diane Carolyn Warrender March 8th William R. Rogerson March 12th John M. Smith March 24th Jane McClughan. She is progressing well with her speaking and is looking forward to getting back to our meetings. Also, Diane mentioned an article she had seen in the News Times about the success of the Croatan Baseball team due to the new coach Ryan Morris, a fellow Noon Rotarian. The first line of the article was, "The Croatan baseball team reached new height's in Ryan Morris' first year as coach," Congratulations to Ryan and his team, and hope he has been able to build this year's team as well! Our Rotarian attendance today is 39.



Rotarian Brian Kramer talked about his Words of Wisdom for the members. He quoted Ryan Morris, who's motto was "Have fun, Listen and Play Hard!" Brian said things he's learned from people he admires are many. He feels Blessed by his parents, his wife and children and friends who have been great influences in his life. He remembers a Marine Corps General, who after leading his group in a run, gathered all the young Marines around and said he wanted to tell all of you the secret of a good life. Be strong in health, body, mind and spirit. These words he has remembered and has tried to make them a part of his life. Good health allows him to hopefully, see his grandchildren grow and succeed in life. Strong in mind and spirit is harder. He is an avid sports fan, watching games on TV, and he feels he does not read enough, and he sees lots of retirees in PKS, who seem to stop engaging. However, he feels we all want to trust each other and help people in any way we can in this life! Good philosophy!

President Tim made several announcements. He mentioned the video that was shown at the Carteret Theater in Atlantic Beach on Sunday. The premier was great and several of our club members participated in the video. RYLA has been canceled this year due to weather related problems at the Trinity Center. Plan for next year.



Tom Hussman reminded all of the **Oyster Roast next Tuesday** at Camp Albemarle in the Pines. This is the same location as our Installation Banquet last year. (145 Eckerd Road, Newport) We will have our regular meeting on Tuesday at the Sanitary, and will meet at the Camp at 5:30 pm. Tom passed around a sign-up list, so if you were not at this meeting and plan to attend, give Tom a call at 252-422-4281. Please bring a

dessert, salad and/or side dish. Iced tea and water will be provided, (other special beverages for yourself, you provide).



President Tim said that Rotarian Dale Elks had received a special award at the Foundation Dinner in Clinton, last weekend. He asked Dale to come forward and tell the club about his award, the *Citation for Meritorious Service* from the Foundation. Dale explained how he initially became involved with the Foundation, and his work with an International Project in Mexico, and his dedication to the Foundation since, He is only the second person in our club to receive this special award, John T. Capps was the other. Congratulations Dale!



Rotarian Mary Kurek introduced our speaker for today, Stephen Rea, Emergency Services Director for Carteret County. Mary met Stephen during the Hurricane Florence cleanup period. Stephen had worked with the County Emergency Department ten years, when he was promoted to Director in 2017, right before Florence hit the area. Stephen said he has also traveled to western N.C., to assist with their hurricane disaster. In his role, the department consists of the 911 call center, the Fire and EMS departments. They plan and assist in all county hazards. There are 12 EMS agencies in the county they assist, and the county Fire Marshall provides inspections to county businesses and schools. He said the agencies learned a lot during Florence and the most important was a lack of good communications throughout the county. Since then, they have set up communication centers in each of the town Fire Departments. During Florence, the county relied on the state influences and assistance. Now the county has set up a supply center at the National Guard Armory so they are better prepared with various equipment needed in an emergency. They have also purchased drones to be able to view the areas when needed. Another attempt to improve hurricane awareness is to hold Hurricane Expos for the county, one is planned in May at the the Civic Center. Some other needed upgrades that have been done is renovations of the 911 Center, and the installation of a new radio system for the county that will be completed in spring of 2026. Stephen answered several questions from the club members, Very good information about our Emergency system.



Happy Dollars were conducted by David Walker and many dollars were collected for our program and for Dale's award.

50/50 Ticket Draw was again won by the ever lucky Jim Kraft, but not lucky enough to pull the Joker!

Secretary – Diane Warrender Next meeting March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Sanitary at noon.