

ROTARY BEACON



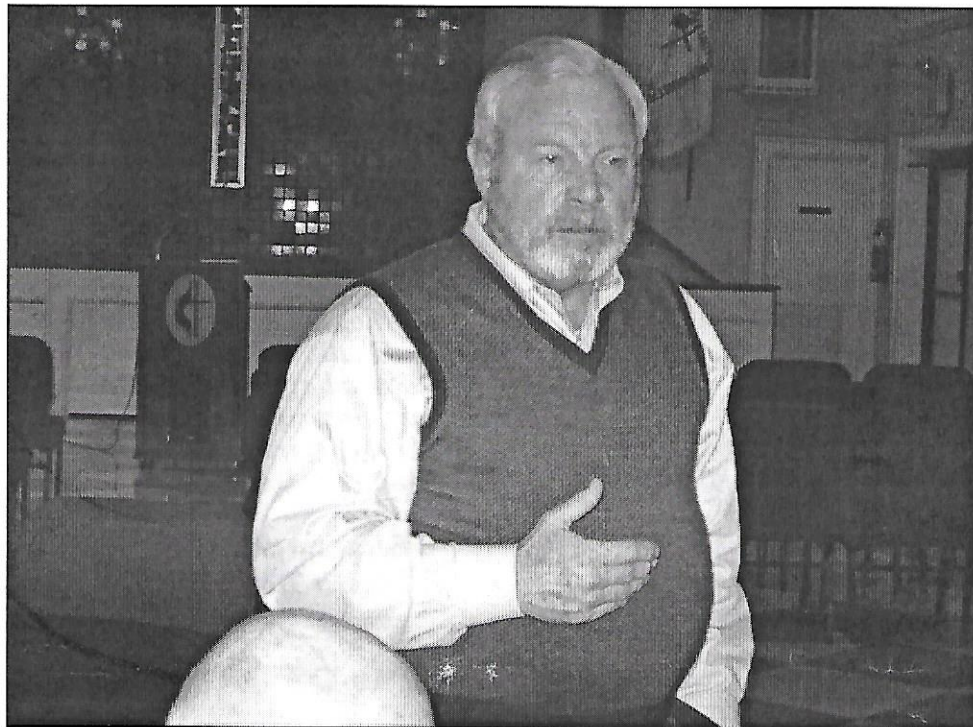
The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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John Landgon: "Don't Expect To Pay Less"

Lower Property Values Will not Translate into Lower Taxes for Most of Carteret County Property Owners

David Bradley had the program last week. His guest speaker was County Manager John Langdon. John said the county was in good shape. It is financially sound with a healthy fund balance and is poised to take advantage of any new state programs that open up in the future. His speech, however, focused primarily on the effect the new assessment will have on property taxes that goes into effect in 2011. "I am afraid," said John, "that the new assessment will upset just about everyone in the county. Even though property values will go down, taxes will probably do up for most people. The only property owners who will benefit are those with property values over \$500,000. They may see a decrease in their taxes. With property values decreasing by 30% or more, the tax rate will probably go from .23 per hundred to .33. But the good news is that much of the tax burden will be carried by absentee property owners."

John said it may take six years or longer for the economy to bounce back to where it was before the bottom fell out. "And even that prediction" he said, "may be optimistic."

John has been county manager for the past six years. During that time, he has appeared before Rotary every year to present an update of the county's policies and programs.

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Neil Whitford has the program tonight.

Quotes for the Week

If the soul has food for study and learning, nothing is more delightful than an old age of leisure. Leisure consists of all those virtuous activities by which a man grows morally, intellectually, and spiritually. It is that which makes a life worth living. ---Cicero

The second half of a man's life is made up of nothing but the habits he has acquired during the first half of his life.

---Dostoevski

Program Schedule for Mar/April

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
April 1	David Bradley	Club Service
April 8	Brian Boyette	Club Service
April 15	Matt Cleveland	Club Service
April 22	Darden Eure Jr.	Club Service
April 29	Shelby Freeman	Club Service
May 6	Jim Garner	Voc. Service

Yoga Berra Anecdotes

--- On one occasion when the the New York Yankees were not drawing well, Berra said: "If the people don't want to come out to the park, nobody's going to stop them."

--- Taken to a famous restaurant of which he had never heard, Yogi look around the packed place and observed, "No wonder nobody comes here, it's too crowded."

--- On Yoga Berra Day in St. Louis, his home town, Berra opened his acceptance speech by saying: "I want to thank all the people who made this night necessary."

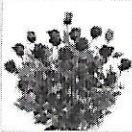
--- Having ordered a pizza, Berra was asked whether he would like it cut into four or eight pieces. "Better make it four," he said. "I don't think I can eat eight."

Psychiatry Wit and Humor

--- **Psychiatrist to Patient:** "Despite what you think, Mr. Jones, you don't have a complex. Actually you are inferior."

--A patient was informed by his psychiatrist that he could consider himself cured of his delusion that he was Napoleon. "Wonderful!" he cried. "Where's the phone? I must call Josephine and tell her the good news."

April Anniversaries

Dick & Mary Jane Rogers		April 3
Jim & Mirial Phillips		April 7
Jim & Barbara Chalk		April 11
Earl & Maxine Lewis		April 30

March/April Birthdays

John Nelson		March 28
James Walker		April 19

2010-2011 Slate of Officers

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Ace of Spades Drawing



\$412.00

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND
\$173.59

The 4-Way Test, found below, was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor and is one of the most widely quoted statements of business ethics.

The Four-Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?