



# ROTARY BEACON



The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club



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## Oil Topic Continues To Draw Interest from Club

Earl Lewis had the program last week. His guest speaker was Sonny Geer, one of our own. Sonny continued his discussion of the oil industry with a focus on alternative energy sources. Alternative energy refers to energy sources which are not based on the burning of fossil fuels or the splitting of atoms. The renewed interest in this field of study comes from the undesirable effects of pollution (as witnessed today) both from burning fossil fuels and from nuclear waste byproducts. Fortunately there are

many means of harnessing energy which have less damaging impacts on our environment. Here are some possible alternative energy sources: wind, solar, and hydroelectric, geothermal, and tides.

Sonny emphasized a number of things that society could do to reduce energy consumption. Starting with something as simple as replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs, here are two suggestions: drive a more efficient car such as a hybrid, use solar lights when possible.

Sonny's knowledge of the oil industry was impressive. Now if we can only put his suggestion into practice.

### Tonight's Program

Dave Lindsay has the program tonight. His guest speaker is Judy Spitsbergen. Judy will talk to us about Atlantic House, a facility for adults who are in the process of recovering from mental illness.

### Letter from Kazuko

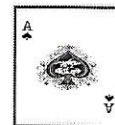
Dear Dick & Mary Jane,

How are you? Christmas and Mary Jane's birthday is just around the corner, isn't it? I feel that time passed particularly fast at this time of year. How do you spend your Christmas? My family isn't Christian but we enjoy Christmas with family.

In Japan we have the tradition of eating buckwheat noodles on New Year's Eve in the hope of living a long life. And Japanese temples ring a bell 108 times on New Year's Eve. This is called "Jyoja no kane". The number 108 is the number of human worldly desires. The bell is struck 108 time to eliminate all these desires. At the beginning of the New Year, we visit a shrine and pray for good luck. What do you do for the new year in your country? I would like to know about winter season of your county in NC. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,  
Kazuko Kishida

### Ace of Spades Drawing



Tonight's Jackpot  
**\$345.00**

## Program Schedule for May--June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
January 3	John Nelson	Comm. Service
January 10	Tom Noe	Comm. Service
January 17	Herb Phillips	Comm. Service
January 24	Jim Phillips	Comm. Service
January 31	Council Renfrow	Comm. Service
February 7	Dick Rogers	Club Service

### When You Miss a Meeting, Be Sure to Make Up

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beaufort Old Towne	Mon	12:00 noon	Clawson's
MHC.Lookout	Wed	7:00 am	Carteret Gen. Hospital
MHC. Navigators	Wed	12:00 noon	Bountiful Bagel
MHC. Noon	Tues	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
MHC. Soundview	Thur	12:00 noon	Golden Corral
Newport	Mon	6:30 pm	Rotary Building
Swansboro	Thur	1:00 pm	Rotary Civic Center
Online	Any Day	Any Time	rotaryclubone.org

### January Birthdays



**Demus Thompson**  
January 5

**David Hall**  
January 25

**David Bradley**  
January 28

### January Anniversaries



**Tommy & Sue Noe**  
January 8



**David Lindsay**  
January 25

"A happy man marries the girl he loves; a happier man loves the girl he marries."

- anonymous quote

### The Four-Way Test Guide to Live By

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



Social Services reports that our Christmas Cheer family is doing well and that the heat in their trailer was turned on before Christmas. Thanks Rotarians for making a difference in one family's life.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **January** is Club Service month. Club service promotes a knowledge of Rotary and provides opportunities for members to learn about Rotary in general. It involves the activities necessary to make the Club function successfully and achieve its goals.
- \* **The Rotary year** is half over. Time to think about a slate of officers for next year.
- \* **John Nelson** has the program next week.
- \* **Dave Lindsay** won the drawing last week. His prize was a bluebird house made by Earl Lewis