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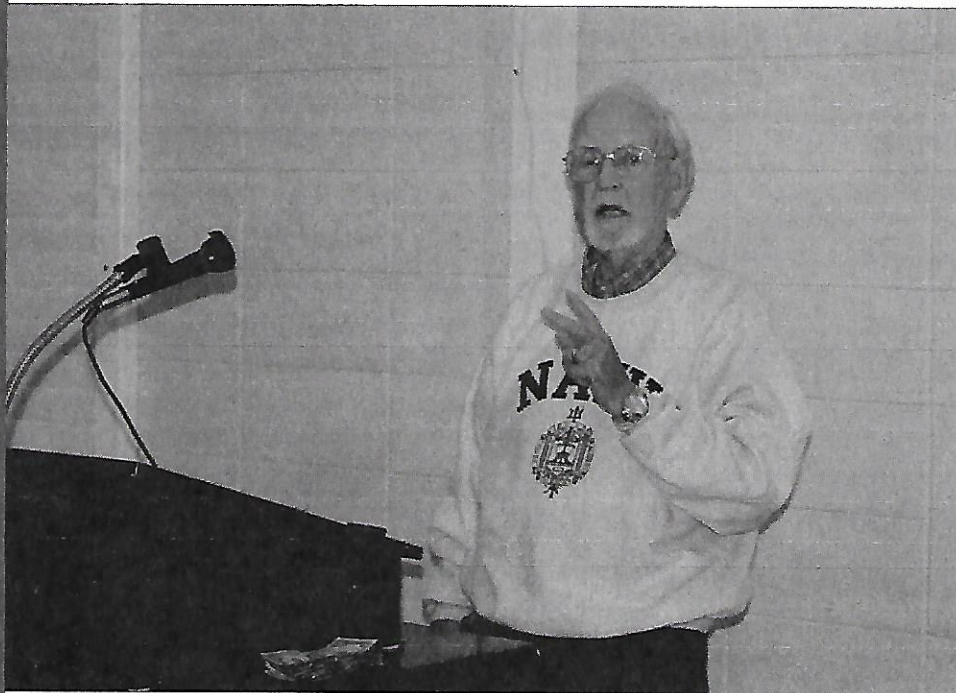
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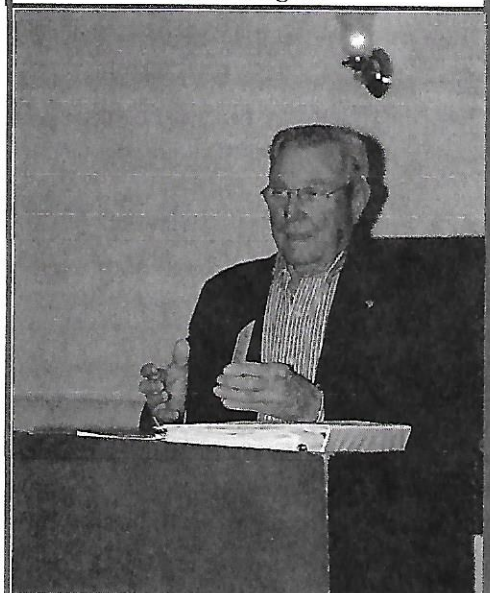
Is Same Sex Marriage Legal?

The Supreme Court Will Soon Decide.

Interpreting the Constitution Is Tricky Business That Is Why We Have a Supreme Court

Stanley Harrell had the program last week. His guest speaker was Herb Phillips, retired superior court judge. Judge Phillips' talk centered around two Constitutional Amendments—the First Amendment that guarantees freedom of religion, speech, free press, and the right of assembly and petition; and the Second Amendment that gives citizens the right to keep and bear arms. Much to everyone's chagrin, few Rotarians knew what was included in the amendments. Judge Phillips explained that the constitution is a living document and can be changed as circumstances warrant. However, it must be interpreted as it is written until such time as changes are initiated and passed by congress... which is oftentimes difficult.

Judge Phillips gave several examples of court cases that illustrated how difficult it is sometimes to apply the constitution to specific cases. Take for example a student who wears a black ISIS armband to school. Can the student be made to remove the band or is he protected under the freedom of speech amendment? Or take the case of same sex marriage. Do couples have a right to marry anyone they please under the Fourteenth Amendment? It gets complicated, doesn't it?



John Nelson
Has the Program Tonight

Program Schedule for Feb/Mar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
Feb 05	John Nelson	Voc. Service
Feb 12	Herb Phillips	Voc. Service
Feb 19	Gerald Renfrow	Voc. Service
Feb 26	Dick Rogers	Comm. Service
Mar 05	Demus Thompson	Comm. Service
Mar 12	James Walker	Comm. Service
Mar 19	Neil Whitford	Comm. Service

In Memoriam



Council Renfrow 1924-2015

Council Renfrow spent the last months of his life at Crystal Bluffs Rehab and Health Care Center. During his stay there, he was always cheerful, optimistic and confident that whatever the outcome, he would be able to face it with perfect equanimity. He was at peace with himself and all those around him. On gazing at his beatific countenance, one was reminded of William Cullen Bryant's poem "Thanatopsis."

Thanatopsis

So live that when thy summons comes to join
 The innumerable caravan, which moves
 To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
 His chamber in the silent halls of death,
 Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,
 Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
 By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
 Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
 About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

BOARD MEETING

The Rotary Board of Directors meets the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month at 7:00 am at the Captain's Table. The Next Meeting Is Tuesday, February 16. Mark your calendar.

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?

Ace of Spades Drawing Tonight's Jackpot

\$905.00



25 Cards
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