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Over Crowded Prisons Are a Problem

## Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck Relates Problems Prisons Face in Times of Austerity

Council Renfrow had the program last week. His guest speaker was Carteret County Sheriff Asa Buck. Sheriff Buck discussed the latest legislative updates and the problems prisons face trying to house more prisoners than jails were designed to hold.

"The prisons have become so crowded lately that prisoners are being released on probation to make room for more serious offenders. And of the many prisoners released, about 85 percent return to the community unsupervised," said Asa. In order to alleviate the problem, North Carolina now has a policy that allows prisoners to be incarcerated anywhere in the state if other county prisons have cells that are not occupied. However counties shipping inmates to other prison systems within the state must pay the receiving prison system \$50.00 per day to feed, clothe and house the prisoner. The arrangement may sound a bit strange, but it does save the state the cost of building more prisons...and the accepting prisons can make money on the deal. It generally costs less than \$50 a day to care for prisoners. Seen from this perspective, county jails that are under utilized can turn a profit by keeping their cells 100 percent occupied. So the system works to everyone's advantage.

### Tonight's Speaker

Tonight's guest speaker is Brett Parkhurst, Stroke Coordinator at Carteret General Hospital. Tonight Britt will tell us about the signs and symptoms of a stroke, how to tell if you have had a stroke, how to care for yourself after you have had a stroke and how to prevent future strokes

Brett will describe what Carteret General Hospital is doing to help patients through post recovery process.



Gerald Renfrow Has The Program Tonight

## The 4-WAY Test

of the things we think, say or do 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?

## Program Schedule for January-February

Date	Rotarian	Ave. of Service
Jan 12	Gerald Renfrow	Club Service
Jan 19	Demus Thompson	Club Service
Jan 26	Milton Tripp	Club Service
Feb 2	Neil Whitford	Voc. Service
Feb 9	Brian Boyette	Voc. Service
Feb 16	David Bradley	Voc. Service

## **Introducing Gerald Godette**

Gerald Godette is a Senior Research Scientist at Alderon Biosciences, Inc. in Beaufort. The company manufactures electrochemical meters that detect mutant genes, bioterrorism agents, and poisonous metals. His job entails the development and assurance hthat the electrochemical sensors operate as they should.



Gerald is a 30 year retiree of Duke Univer-Gerald Godette sity Marine Laboratory. While at Duke, Gerald received the Presidential Citation and is co-author of 15 scientific papers. He is also an accomplished playwrite, singer, songwriter and historian. He is a 1968 graduate of Queen Street High School and a graduate of NC A&T State University where he received his degree in professional biology.

Gerald is married to Minister Lynn Godette, They have three children: Scott, Geralyn and Alex.



Earl Lewis collects a Happy Dollar from David Bradley

## January Birthdays

Demus Thompson	lanuary	5
David HallJ	lanuary	25
David BradleyJ	anuary	28

# January Anniversary

David Lindsay.....January 25

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# Ace of Spades Drawing

31 Remain is Deck



Tonight's Jackpot \$672.00

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND \$71.00

Let's get an early start for Christmas Cheer 2012. Give NOW!!

## Yard Sale Anyone?



Is anyone up for another yard sale in early Spring?