

ROTARY BEACON



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Captain Mark Czanderna Provides Statistics For Bell Ringer Project

Our guest speaker last week was Mark Czanderna. Mark is currently the Pastor/Director of the Carteret County Salvation Army. Mark provided these statistics for the bell ringer project. The Salvation enlisted the help of 468 bell ringers in 2008 who raised \$65,754 during the month of December. More than 675 families were served and gifts were given to 300 prisoners in Newport. Nursing homes received 498 gifts. Although the Morehead City Rotary Club did not participate as a group, many Rotarians supported the bell ringing project on an individual basis or through their workplace.

The history of the Red Kettle is interesting. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee in San Francisco had resolved, in December of 1891, to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor persons. But how would he pay for the food? As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind. Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. On the Stage Landing he saw a large pot, called "Simpson's pot" into which charitable donations were thrown by passers-by.

On the next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry landing, at the foot of Market Street. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous spot, so that it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room.

Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but also around the world.

Kettles have changed since the first utilitarian cauldron set up in San Francisco. Some of the new kettles have such devices as a self-ringing bell and a booth complete with public address system over which traditional Christmas carols are broadcast.

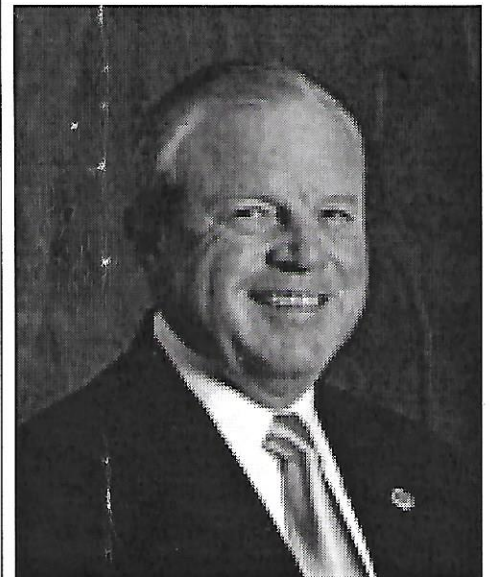
Behind it all, though, is the same Salvation Army message, "Sharing Is Caring" and that "Need Knows No Season."

Tonight's Guest Speaker

David Bradley has the program tonight. His guest speaker is John Langdon, county manager. The County Manager is the chief administrative official of county government, serving at the pleasure at the Board of County Commissioners.

The County Manager is responsible for the overall management of county departments under the Board's control and coordinates with other county departments not under the Board's direct control to maintain a cohesive county government organization. The County Manager's duties include preparing the recommended budget for all county departments, recommending new and revised policies and programs to the Board of County Commissioners, and implementing county programs and services in an efficient and effective manner.

John Langdon began serving in that position in April 2004. Tonight John will provide us with an update on the county's plans for the future.



John Langdon
County Manager

Program Schedule for January/March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
January 29	Paul Ehrler	Club Service
February 5	Darden Eure, Jr.	Voc. Service
February 12	Shelby Freeman	Voc. Service
February 19	Stanley Harrell	Voc. Service
February 26	Jim Garner	Voc. Service
March 5	Sonny Geer	Comm. Service
March 12	Jim Gregson	Comm. Service
March 19	Rick Johnson	Comm. Service
March 26	Earl Lewis	Comm. Service

January Birthdays

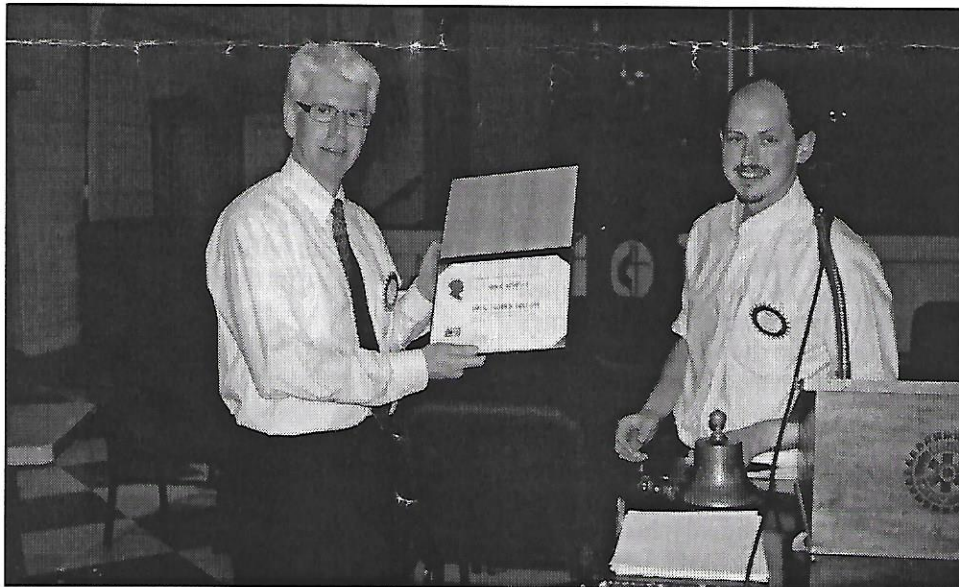
David Hall
David Bradley

January 25
January 28

Happy Anniversary

Dave & Marge Lindsay

January 25



Neil Whitford accepts Paul Harris certificate from Andy Couch

Make-up Locations

<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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Paul Ehrler has the program and silent auction next week.
- * Time to begin contributing to Christmas Cheer. The current balance is \$15.94
- * Albert Gaskill's health has taken a turn for the worse. His nephew Al said Albert has been moved from the Carolina House to a nursing home. Will keep you posted of any new developments.

* **Ace of Spades
Drawing
Tonight's Jackpot**



\$844.00

(27 cards remain in the Deck)