



ROTARY BEACON



The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

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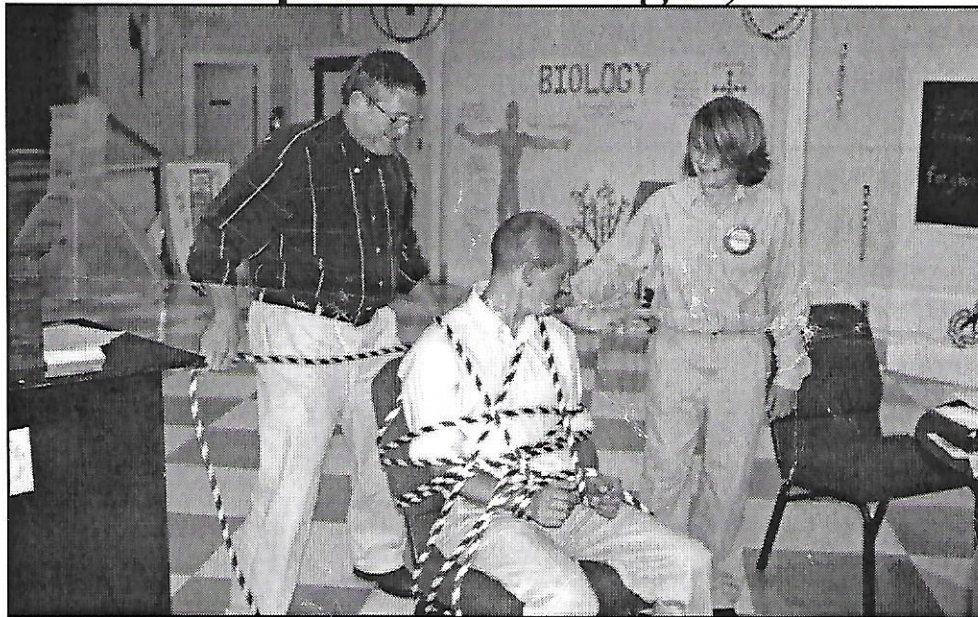


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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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"Tie Me Up Good and Tight, Fellows"



It's An Illusion

Andy Couch, Rotary's Houdini, Performs Feats of Magic that Amaze Club Members

It has often been said that some of our best programs come from our own members, and it is true. Last week Andy Couch had the program. Andy is an amateur magician. He knows that everyone loves to see magic performed. And although most magic tricks are illusions, they still astonish the uninitiated. So for his program, Andy performed two magic tricks. One called the ring trick in which he made a ring appear to magically insert itself onto a rod held by two participants.

For his second trick, Andy had a 100' rope which he gave to David Hall and Zack Phillips and challenged them to tie him up so the he could not escape. He timed them and said he could escape quicker that it took them to tie him up. A 100' rope is more than enough to bind one person. After nearly

four minutes, David and Zack had Andy tied up tighter than Houdini in his most famous escape trick. But in less than two minutes...voila! The rope seemed to fall off as if by magic.

It is strange that most magic tricks have been around since time immemorial. And we have all wondered how magicians saw a woman in half, make an elephant disappear, shoot an arrow through a human body, escape from a padlocked water tank; but yet most of the general public has no idea how they are performed.

True to the magicians code (which is a promise by working magicians not reveal the basis of their tricks, or else risk getting blackballed by fellow magicians) Andy did not reveal how his trick was done.

The Four-Way Test

A 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?"

Tonight's Program

David Bradley has the program tonight. Since this is club service month and we are beginning a new Rotary year, David, with assistance from the president and the directors of the four avenues of service, will call on each director to discuss plans for this year. He will also ask for input from the membership. The board will use this information at Friday's meeting to finalize plans for the coming year. Once a course of action has been agreed on, the plan will be shared with club members at the July 31 meeting.



The Ring Trick

Watch closely as I move this ring from the rope to the rod

Program Schedule for July-August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
Aug 7	Bill Ward	Voc. Service
Aug 14	Bet Dowty	Voc. Service
Aug 21	Darden Eure, Jr.	Voc. Service
Aug 28	Shelby Freeman	Voc. Service
Sept 3	Jim Garner	Comm. Service
Sept 10	Sonny Geer	Comm. Service



July Anniversaries

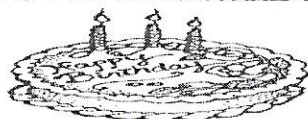
Bill & Margie Ward
Demus & Ellen Thompson

July 28
July 30



JULY BIRTHDAYS

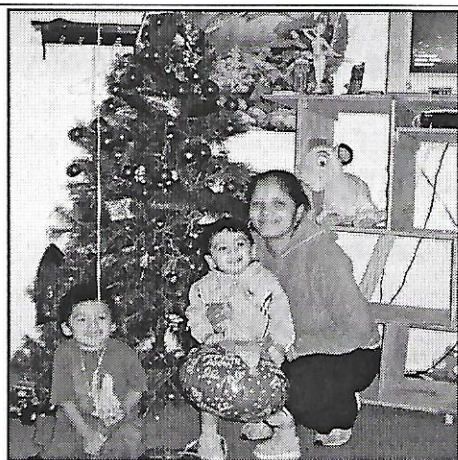
Darden Eure
Earl Lewis
Sonny Geer



July 16
July 17
July 22

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



Christmas Cheer Family Year 2007

Remember the Ocanas, our Christmas Cheer family from last year and the happiness our club brought to them in their time of need. Well, the calendar year is half over but we are far from reaching this year's goal of \$700. So far we have collected \$278.81. Time to dig deep. A needy family is depending on our generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Jim Chalk has the program next week.
- * The board of directors will meet Friday, July 25 at 7:30 am at the Captain's Table to complete plans for the new Rotary year.
- * The Rotary Magazine is out. Lots of good articles to read.

Ace of Spades Drawing Tonight's Jackpot



\$326.00

(46 cards left in Deck)

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.