



# ROTARY BEACON

The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club

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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self  
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"Great is the reward to those who honor God's word."

## Private School Performs Better Than Public Schools on Tests

Stanley Harrell had the program last week. His guest speaker was Jim Chalk who spoke about Gramercy Christain School--a school rooted in the belief that the basis of knowledge is faith in the Word of God.

"I have been involved with Gramercy since 1980," Jim said. "The school has the support of 40 local churches. We have an enrollment of 200 students in grades K-12. Our students come from all over the county. We graduate about 15 students each year. Our current budget is \$800,000 annually. The tuition ranges from \$3,000 for a kindergarten student to about \$4,500 for a high school student."

"Teaching at Gramercy is considered a mission or a calling by many of our staff. The turnover rate is low although we pay less than the public schools. As a matter of fact, some of our teachers are retired from the public school system. Sometimes you hear that the quality of education in a

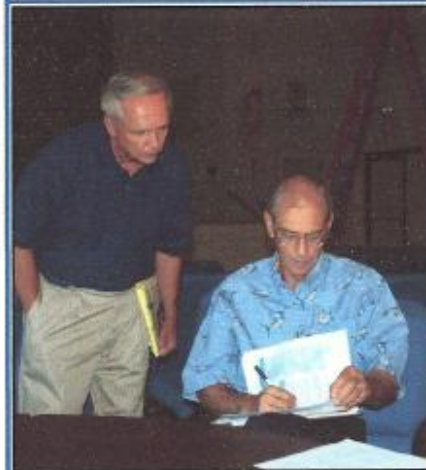
### Read Bulletin On-Line

--Thanks to Jim Gregson the bulletin can now be read online. If you miss a meeting you can access the bulletin by going to this website:<http://mhicrotary.99k.org>

private school is not as good as in the public schools. That is not true. Our students score higher on SAT tests and other performance measures than public school children. In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

John Nelson has the program tonight. His guest speaker is Gordy Patrick, former principal at West Carteret High School. Although retired, Gordy still has a strong interest in the school system and is currently working with a group of concerned citizens who are striving to ensure that the education budget is fully funded as it was originally submitted.



## Membership Drive

### Off To A Roaring Start

Jim Chalk looks on as Jim Gregson goes over the list of proposed new members that was submitted by the five membership teams last week. Twenty names were submitted. If only half that number join the club, the membership drive will have been a success.

### 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?

## Program Schedule for July-September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
July 28	John Nelson	Club. Service
Aug 4	Tom Noe	Com. Service
Aug 11	Herb Phillips	Com Service
Aug 18	Council Renfrow	Com. Service
Aug 25	Buddy Renfrow	Com. Service
Sept. 1	Dick Rogers	Voc. Service
Sept 8	Demus Thompson	Voc. Service



**Membership Drive Underway:** Jim Gregson meets with the board to discuss the list of names suggested for membership. Twenty names were proposed. All were approved for membership and will be asked to join the club. Thanks, Jim, for getting the membership drive off to a great start! We appreciate all your hard work!

## July/Aug Anniversaries

Demus & Ellen Thompson	July 30
David & Myra Bradley	Aug 5
James & Pauline Walker	Aug 15
Council & Emily Renfrow	Aug 17
Jim & Brenda Gregson	Aug 21
Milton & Cherry Tripp	Aug 31



## August Birthdays

Tom Noe	Aug 24
Dick Rogers	Aug 28

## Yard Sale Items

The fund raising committee suggested a yard sale as a possible way to raise money for the club. Please list any items you are willing to donate on the sheet Dick Rogers has passed out tonight. This will help the committee determine if the project is feasible.

## ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**  
Dave Lindsay

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
Darden Eure, Jr.

**SECRETARY**  
Jim Gregson

**TREASURER**  
David Hall

**PAST PRESIDENT**  
James Walker

**Avenues of Service Directors**  
Dick Rogers, Voc. Service  
Jim Chalk, Com. Service  
David Bradley, Inter. Service  
Stanley Harrell, Club Service

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Bet Dowty

### Members

Brian Boyette	John Nelson
Win Chalk	Tom Noe
Shelby Freeman	Herb Phillips
Jim Garner	Council Renfrow
Albert Gaskill	Gerald (Buddy Renfrow)
Sonny Geer	Demus Thompson
Jim Gregson	Milton Tripp
Earl Lewis	Neil Whitford

## Christmas Cheer Needs Cash Tranfusion NOW!

The year is half over and the Christmas Cheer fund has a total of \$21.86. If we are to meet our goal of \$1000, each member needs to contribute \$40 NOW!!! Tonight would be a good time to contribute something to the fund. Bet Dowty will accept your contribution.

Imagine how happy you will make some kids this Christmas.



## Ace of Spades Drawing

31 Cards Remain in Deck



**Tonight's Jackpot**  
**\$607.00**

**CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND**  
**\$21.86**