



ROTARY BEACON



The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club



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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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Could you survive on less than \$1,000 per month?

County's Homeless Population Growing Faster Than County Can Address Problem

Jim Gregson had the program last week. His guest speaker was Joan Cantor, chairperson of the Interfaith Community of Churches for the Homeless. Joan said the Task Force has invited pastors and church leaders in hopes of creating a network of county churches that will temporarily house up to 14 homeless individuals, mainly women, children and families, on a rotating basis.

Joan Cantor hopes to have at least 13 churches, the number needed to start the program, committed by the end of March. "We need 13 churches" she said, "to step forward as host churches, and other churches willing to support the effort with volunteers."

Two churches, First Presbyterian in MHC and Grace Presbyterian in Beaufort, have made verbal commitments to serve as host churches so far, with several others saying they would be willing to provide support through volunteers and other ways.

Ms. Cantor said most churches are equipped to house the homeless; and most have vans to transport the homeless to and from the shelters.

"Homeless is partially caused by lack of employment or low wages that are not sufficient for part-time employees to meet their living expenses," said Ms. Cantor. The Salvation Army is helping some by providing funds to help families pay delinquent power bills. Ms. Cantor emphasized the majority of those she is seeing are single women between the ages of 55 and 75 or single parents with children. The majority of single parents are women. She is also seeing a growing number of entire

Anyone needing assistance or interested in helping can write his/her name and phone number on a piece of paper and place it in one of the drop boxes placed strategically about town. They will be contacted within the week.

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?

TONIGHT'S SPEAKER

John Nelson has the program tonight. His speaker is Randy Martin, Morehead City Town Manager. Randy will give us an update on property evaluations and the affect the average homeowner.



Jim Gregson Introduces Speaker Joan Cantor

Program Schedule for March-April

Date	Rotarian	Ave. of Service
Mar 17	John Nelson	Comm. Service
Mar 24	Tommy Noe	Comm. Service
Mar 31	Herb Phillips	Comm. Service
April 7	Jim Phillips	Inter. Service
April 14	Council Renfrow	Inter. Service
April 21	Dick Rogers	Inter. Service
April 28	Demus Thompson	Inter. Service



Joan Cantor, speaker for the evening, lends her soprano voice to the Rotary chorus. Sopranos add the range than men lack.

March Anniversaries

Brian Boyette.....March 20

O, my love is like a red, red rose,
That is newly sprung in June .
O, my love is like the melody,
That is sweetly played in tune.

As fair are you, my lovely lass,
So deep in love am I,
And I will love you still, my Dear,
Till all the seas go dry.

March Birthdays

John Nelson

March 28

ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
James Walker

PRESIDENT-ELECT
Dave Lindsay

SECRETARY
Jim Gregson

TREASURER
David Hall

PAST PRESIDENT
David Bradley

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

<i>Brian Boyette</i>	<i>John Nelson</i>
<i>Win Chalk</i>	<i>Tom Noe</i>
<i>Darden Eure, Jr.</i>	<i>Herb Phillips</i>
<i>Shelby Freeman</i>	<i>Jim Phillips</i>
<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Council Renfrow</i>
<i>Albert Gaskill</i>	<i>Demus Thompson</i>
<i>Sonny Geer</i>	<i>Milton Tripp</i>
<i>Jim Gregson</i>	<i>Neil Whitford</i>
<i>Earl Lewis</i>	

To Submit Articles to the Rotary Beacon

Call: 726-7460 (or)
Email: dickrogers28@yahoo.com
Deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday
prior to the Thursday meeting.

The Secret of Happiness

Man, unlike the animals, has never learned that the sole purpose of life is to enjoy it.

--Samual Butler

Ace of Spades Drawing

45 Cards Remain in Deck



Tonight's Jackpot

\$290.00

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

\$9.00