



ROTARY BEACON

The Morehead City Evening Rotary Club



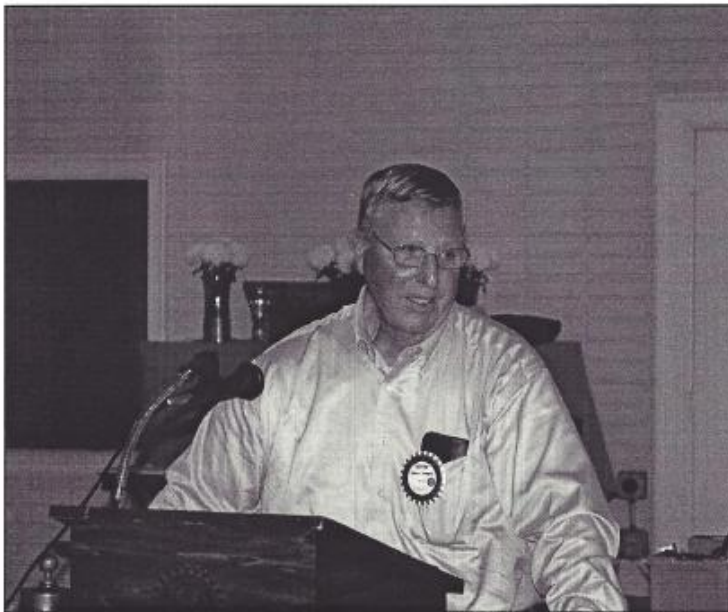
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"God Moves in Mysterious Ways"

We Never Know What Determines The Course Our Lives Will Take

Demus Thompson had the program last week. Instead of bringing in an outside speaker, Demus presented a moving talk about his early life and the struggles he faced growing up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Life was not easy for Demus. The United States was just coming out of the Great Depression. It was a hard scramble life; and like so many other families in America, the Thompsons had many hardships to face and many obstacles to overcome. "We do not always know," Demus said, "what determines our lives, but with God's help, we seem to make it through; although at the time, it seemed impossible. God moves in mysterious ways. As we get older we can look back and try to understand our parents better and the circumstances in which we were born. The intervening years give us a better perspective or vantage point to see what we could not see as a child and we become more forgiving of our parents and ourselves as well."

Demus' story resonated with many Rotarians who grew up during the depression years. "If there is a morale to this story," Demus said, "I guess you could say with time comes understanding; with understanding, comes forgiveness."

Fifth Avenue of Service Added: New Generation

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment April 28 to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service, as originally proposed, to New Generations, the Council narrowly supported the addition to Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Milton Tripp has the program tonight.

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 May-June

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
May 5	Milton Tripp	Club Service
May 12	Neil Whitford	Club Service
May 19	Brian Boyette	Club Service
May 26	David Bradley	Club Service
June 2	Jim Chalk	Voc. Service
June 9	Win Chalk	Voc. Service
June 16	Darden Eure Jr.	Voc. Service
June 23	Shelby Freeman	Voc. Service
June 30	Jim Garner	Voc. Service



The Rotary Brain Trust Hard at Work; At the last Rotary board meeting, the main topic discussed by the directors was fund raising. Dick Rogers volunteered to chair a fund raising committee for next year. Others on the committee include Brian Boyette, Dave Lindsay and Win Chalk. Next week's program will be devoted to this important issue. So come armed with ideas for replenishing our empty coffer. You know it takes money to operate any organization!!

May Birthdays

Jim Gregson	May 9
Jim Phillips	May 22
Dave Lindsay	May 27

Quotations: Ideas for Our Time

--"It is easier to find a score of men wise enough to discover the truth than to find one intrepid enough, in the face of opposition, to stand up for it."

--"He who asks a question is a fool for five minutes; he who does not ask a question remains a fool forever."

--"Committing a great truth to memory is admirable; committing it to life is wisdom."

-- "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these; it might have been."

ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

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James Walker

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Jim Gregson

TREASURER
David Hall

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Dick Rogers, Voc. Service
Jim Chalk, Com. Service
David Bradley, Inter. Service
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Sergeant-at-Arms
Bet Dowty

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<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>Gerald (Buddy) Renfrow</i>
<i>Sonny Geer</i>	<i>Demus Thompson</i>
<i>Jim Gregson</i>	<i>Milton Tripp</i>
<i>Earl Lewis</i>	<i>Neil Whitford</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

--Club Officers will be installed June 30th at the First Methodist Church. A special dinner menu is planned. Wives are invited.

--New Member Installation Night is scheduled for May 5

--Anyone interested in serving on the fund raising committee see Dick R.

Ace of Spades Drawing

41 Cards Remain in Deck



Tonight's Jackpot
\$420.00

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND
\$14.82