



# ROTARY BEACON



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Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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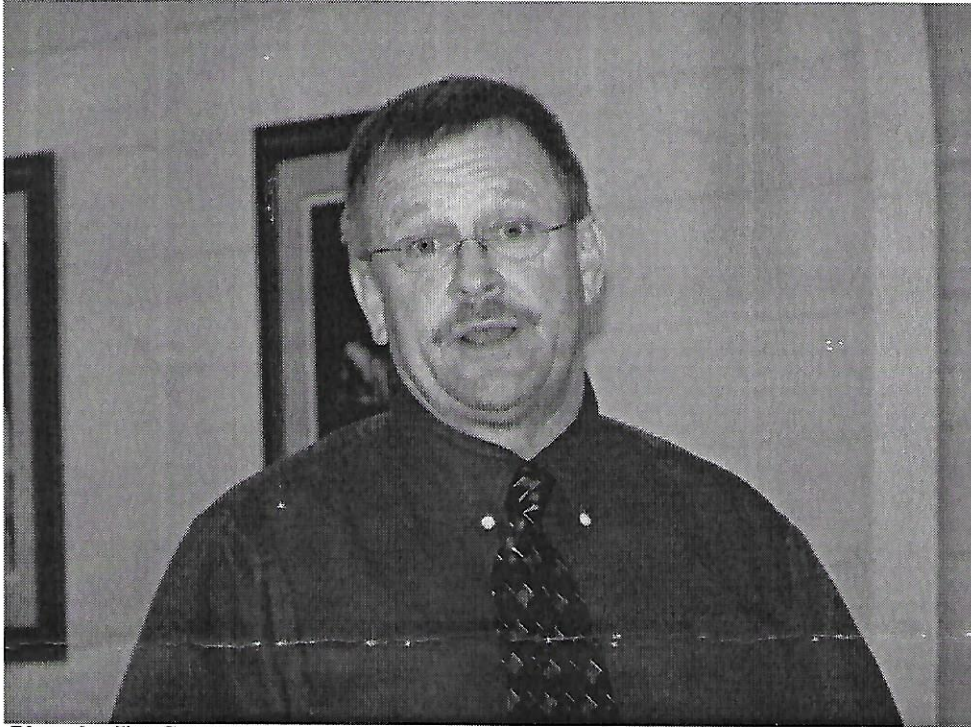


Photo by Jim Gregson

## Identity Theft a Growing Problem; But You Can Take Steps to Protect Yourself or Minimize Risks

Tom Noe had the program last week. His guest speaker was Sgt. Don Miller of the Morehead City Police Department. Sgt. Miller discussed identity theft and the various ways con artists take advantage of gullible and unsuspecting people.

Sgt. Miller said identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years-and thousands of dollars-cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of a good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused loans for education, housing, cars, or even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit. Humiliation, anger, and frustration are among the feelings victims experience as they navigate the process of rescuing their identity. Identity thieves may get personal information by stealing your mail, credit card statements, tax information, or hacking into your computer. They may even rummage through your trash and obtain information for old magazines, cancelled checks, or other discarded personal information.

If you are a victim of identity theft, take the following four steps as soon as possible: place a fraud alert on your credit reports; close accounts that have been tampered with; file a report with your local police; and file a complaint with the federal trade commission.

## TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

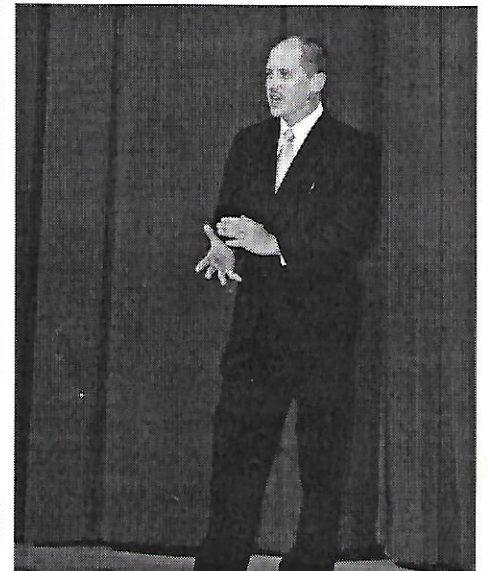
Herb Phillips has the program tonight. His guest speaker is Christine Williams, a naval doctor from Cherry Point who just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Dr. Williams will share some of her experiences in Iraq with the Rotary Club tonight.

## Magic Show a Hit

If you did not attend the Bill Frost Magic Show Saturday evening you missed a rare treat. The show competed favorably with big name magic shows held in large cities and gambling casinos.

Andy Couch, who organized the show, took responsibility for managing ticket sales as well as assisting the magician in performing tricks and acting as MC for the evening.

At the beginning of the show, Andy said \$2,500 worth of tickets were sold. The count may be higher tonight when all tickets are accounted for.



Andy Couch, Master of Ceremonies



## Program Schedule for October-November

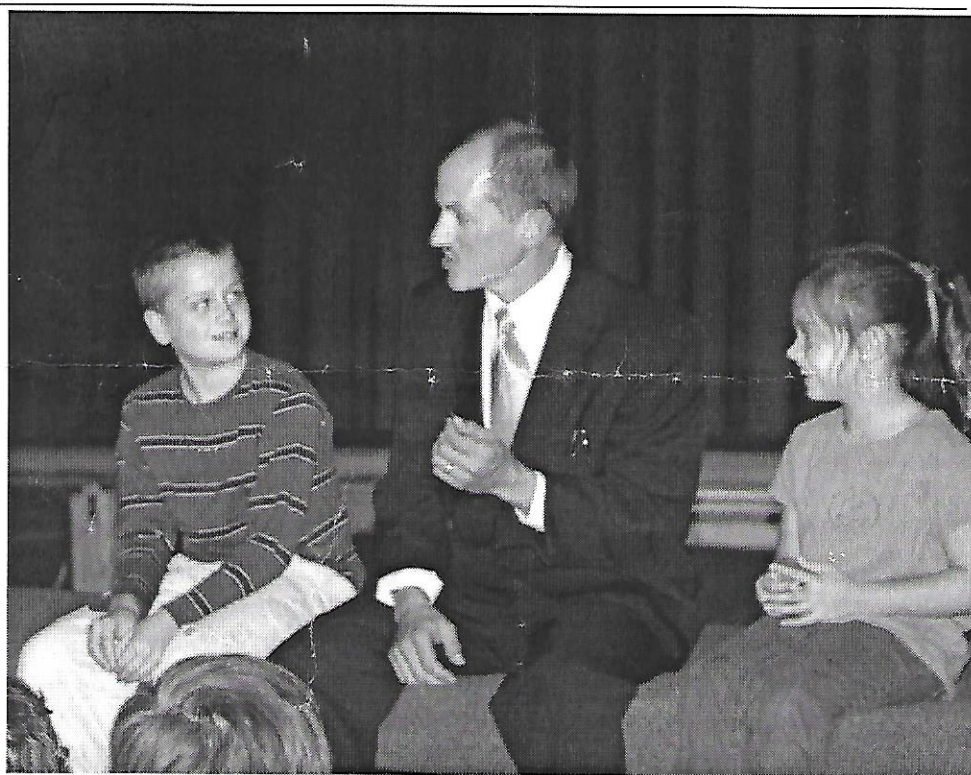
<u>Date</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Ave. of Service</u>
Nov. 6	Jim Phillips	Comm. Service
Nov 13	Zack Phillips	Comm. Service
Nov 20	Dick Rogers	Comm. Service
Nov 27	Thanksgiving	(No meeting)
Dec 4	Demus Thompson	Inter. Service
Dec 11	James Walker	Inter. Service

## October/November Birthdays

**Stanley Harrell**  
**Jim Chalk**  
**Shelby Freeman**



**Oct 27**  
**Nov 13**  
**Nov. 20**



**Andy Couch explains to volunteers from the audience how to change a penny into a one dollar bill:** "First you rub it between your fingers until it is bright and shinny. Then tonight put it under your pillow. Sometime during the night, it will change into a dollar bill. I do not know how it works, but I promise you it will work."

## 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

- \* Jim Phillips has the program and silent auction next week.
- \* Christmas is just around the corner and we are still short of our Cheer goal of \$700. Between now and December, we need to raise another \$400. Tonight would be a good time to raise \$100. We could all throw \$5 into the Christmas Cheer Buckets. Dig deep. Some needy family is depending on us.

## Ace of Spades Drawing

**Tonight's Jackpot**



**\$654.00**

**(36 cards remain in the Deck)**