

Nooner

Tuesday, January 31, 2023



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Club Meeting

Morehead City Noon
Meets at Sanitary Fish Market &
Restaurant
501 Evans St.
Morehead City, NC 28557
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Birthdays

Ed Fleishman
February 17th
Roger Latham
February 27th
Daniel K. McMahon
February 27th

Events

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Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon meeting 1/31/23

By William T. Walker Jr. on Tuesday, January 31, 2023

The Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon met Tuesday, 1/31/23, at the Salvation Army Building. President Ryan opened the meeting after arriving late with the sandwiches! 38 members were present, 62% of our membership. We were again honored to have our honorary member, Jane Capps in attendance. Pam had her brother-in-law, Fire Chief Courtney Wade, who was also our speaker. Spousal birthdays: Jolene Walker and Jane Wolfe.



Program: Pam introduced Fire Chief Courtney Wade who spoke about the Morehead City Fire Department. He has been with the Department for 25 years, starting as a volunteer. He gave us a history of the department since his arrival in '98 when there were 13 members and 20 volunteers. They had about 500 calls/year. Now they handle about 4800 calls/year, 78% of which are EMS. There are 51 paid members and one volunteer, the Chaplain. They work 48 hours on and 96 hours off. They man 3 ambulances. There are 3 shifts at 3 stations with 5 members at each station. Some of the problems MCFD faces are being a combined EMS and Firefighter station, being asked to provide non-emergent transports and staff burn-out. The department is proud to be getting a new ladder truck in 2024. They have a water rescue team. The Wildwood station will be relocated soon. Our ISO rating is Class 3 – up from Class 5. They also have a fire and rescue auxiliary to help with fundraisers and award ceremonies.

Thanks to the Service Committee for programs for the month of January. The administrative committee has programs for February and the 28th is the only open date for a speaker. The club will send any Rotarian who wishes to attend RLI in Jacksonville on March 18. District Grant training is 2/28 or 3/1 from 6-7 PM on Zoom. March 25 is Rotary Day at Boys and Girls Home in Lake Waccamaw. Rotarians are invited to see the Rotary Cottage there. Aaron was thanked again for allowing us to meet at the Salvation Army Building. The John Capps Golf Tournament will be held May 11 at the Morehead City Country Club. Ryan had set a goal for one team of golfers/week. Tim showed a list of 10 or 11 teams signed up so far. Sponsors will also be needed. Flyers are available with a QR code! The committee met after our meeting.

We will return to the Sanitary Restaurant next week for our regular meetings.

Bill Rogerson was the object of 3 truths and a lie and Tom did guess he was not a semi-pro baseball player.

The Veterans Coalition of the Crystal Coast met to plan for the 2023 Veterans Day Parade. Ed represented our club at the meeting.

Our club's project in Chacala, Mexico will be discussed next week.

Dale presented John Aldredge with a PHF plus 3 pin. Sandi was presented a PHF plus 7 pin. Will was presented with a PHF plus 6 pin.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program will be held Jan 27-29 at the Trinity Center and visitors are welcome. Phil Panzarella is in charge of this Rotary program for youth.

Barbara Johnson is gathering ideas for 2024-25 when Rotary in Carteret County will be 100 years old. Please let any Past District Governor know your ideas!

Tom has several grant requests to be reviewed after the meeting.

We will have a Discover Rotary get-together soon. Each of us is expected to invite 3 prospective members.

John collected Happy Dollars.

Diane left the Joker in the deck.

Remember to "Imagine Rotary".

Bill Walker, Secretary