


# Rotary

## Club of Morehead City-Noon



### Club Meeting

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

### Club Leaders



Tom Hussmann  
President



Timothy Allan  
Necaïse  
President-Elect  
Service Projects  
Chair



Pamela T. Hilbert  
President-Nominee  
Club Director  
Fund Raising Chair



Dee Marie  
Hellersperk  
Secretary



John Benjamin  
Aldredge II  
Treasurer



Steve Joseph  
Hellersperk  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Dale L. Elks  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair



Ryan Morris  
iPast President



John R. Scibal  
Club Membership  
Co-Chair



John M. Smith  
Club Membership  
Co-Chair



Diane Carolyn  
Warrender  
Club Public Image  
Chair



Teresa Brady  
Club Director



Jill Droze  
Club Director



Stephen K Sullivan  
Club Director

### Events

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### Minutes Morehead Noon Rotary May 28, 2024



**President Tom Hussman called the meeting to order at 12:08.**

**Prayer - Jake Young**  
**Pledge - Teresa Brady**  
**4 Way Test â€” Bill Walker**  
**Happy Dollars â€” Randall Parker**



Tom asked Secretary Diane Warrender to give her report. She reported our program for today was presented by Jill Droze and she was interviewing Rotarian Dan McMahon. Guests for the day were Pat McMahon, Hal Gray and Mattie Seaton. There were no birthdays or club anniversaries for this week. She welcomed Brooks Barrett and Aaron Goldfarb who had not attended in several weeks. She announced that Pam Hilbert, Steve Hellersperk and Diane had served the lunch meal at Hope Mission on Monday, Memorial Day.



Aaron Goldfarb announced there would be a farewell gathering for he and Capt. Jamie on Wednesday, June 12 from 4 to 6 pm at the Salvation Army. He passed out special invitations for those who would like to attend. They will be moving to Fayetteville, NC for their next duty station.

June 4th  
Morehead City Noon  
Weekly Club Meeting

June 11th  
Morehead City Noon  
Weekly Club Meeting

June 18th  
Morehead City Noon  
Weekly Club Meeting

June 25th  
Morehead City Noon  
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## Birthdays

Charlton S. Burns  
June 5th  
Charlie B Hoover Jr.  
June 10th  
Todd Saunders  
June 24th  
Mary Lee Kurek  
June 26th  
Pamela T. Hilbert  
July 1st

President Tom reminded us about the Installation Banquet on June 25, and that those who had not yet signed up to put their names on the list. He also reminded all about the raffle tickets he had for the Foundation cruise for \$20.00 each.



There were no reports from the committees, except for the Foundation Committee. Dale Elks, Chairman, asked Robert Cox to come forward. He presented him with his Paul Harris Fellowship pin Plus 5! Great dedication Robert!



Rotarian Pete Benton advised the club about a family down east who had lost their home and all their belongings to a tragic fire. He has been trying to raise funds for the Russell family through several organizations. He asked if the club might make special donations that could be matched for this family. The amount collected will be added to from the Happy Dollar fund, which is a \$250.00 max match.



Rotarian Jill Droze asked fellow Rotarian Dan McMahon to come forward for their "interview" program. Most of our Rotarian Club members are not aware of the background of Dan, as he is a Vietnam veteran who received 2 Silver Stars for actions in which he was cited by the President of the United States "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity (fearlessness) in action" in March and September, 1966. Dan has been a member of the Noon Rotary Club since August, 2004. He was born in Jamaica, NY and graduated from Oceanside High School in 1959 and went onto Springfield College in Springfield, MA, where he majored in Physical Ed. While there he entered the USMC Platoon Leader class for 2 - six week sessions. He also played on the soccer team that went to playoffs in St. Louis, and was the quarterback for their football team. At graduation he was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. He then attended the USMC Basic School in Quantico, VA. After graduation from there, he was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Also, while stationed there he played on a semi-pro Marine baseball team in Hawaii. He met Pat, his wife, and they were married in early 1965. In July, 1965 his battalion shipped out to Vietnam, and he served in DaNang, Chulai and then to Phu Bai. In March, 1966 "Company" participated in Operation Oregon. While advancing across a rice paddy they came under heavy fire. For his actions in this battle, Lt. McMahon was awarded a Silver Star and promoted and assigned as Company Commander. There were many details regarding this battle that showed the bravery and control that was exhibited by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. McMahon. Again, in September 1966, during Operation Prairie, they fought a numerically superior NVA Force and held their position until relief forces arrived. During this battle, 13 of his fellow Marines were killed. This battle was when he received his second Silver Star. These two awards were only 2 of many

was when he received his second Silver Star. These two awards were only 2 of many others Dan received for his inspiration and motivation for the men he led. Jill read the names of those Marines killed to honor them due to the recent Memorial Day. When his tour in Vietnam ended, Dan was sent to Quantico, Va USMC school, where he was assigned as an instructor at the Basic School. Dan was in the Marine Corps for 7 years. Dan & Pat have two sons, and after going back to civilian life in California, he worked for distribution companies for various liquor brands and wine. He eventually started his own company M & M Distributors. At this time he also started one of the first water bottling companies for Crystal Guizer water. Retiring from this business after 25 years, his family moved to Carteret County. (Lots of retired Marines in Carteret County!) Semper Fi Dan McMahan!!



Randall Parker was our Happy Dollars leader. He expressed that "Happy Dollars" stay Happy as they are in many ways given back to our community. This proved very true as Rotarians contributed \$400 to the cause Pete Benton had talked about regarding a family fire tragedy. Also, many Happy Dollars to honor Dan McMahan.



The 50/50 winning card is still in the deck!!

Our meeting was adjourned and we will meet again Tuesday, June 4 at noon.

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