



The Spoke



The Storm Surge Will Getcha'



Our speaker last week was **Gerald Campbell**, Director of Emergency Management for Lee County. He came to Lee County from the South Carolina Low Country and now oversees the newest Emergency Operations Center in the state. That's where up to 180 people from public and private agencies come

together in an emergency. It becomes the seat of county government when an emergency is declared.

Often the skill, know-how, and contacts of the Emergency Management staff are used to help in planning non emergency events. For instance, a presidential visit requires a lot of coordination and cooperation in getting the president around safely. The Secret Service arrives with "five guys and a truck". It's the local people who have to make the plans and get the manpower in place.

Gerald described the effort required when the County decided to vaccinate 250,000 people for the H1/N1 flu virus. The County Health Department had been giving about 100 vaccinations per **day**. The Emergency Management Staff developed and executed a plan to give 1,000 vaccinations per **hour**.

He described storm surge as the biggest potential problem from a hurricane. The storm surge in a 100 mph hurricane could bring salt water over US 41 and parts of I 75. It could happen any year. Gerald described the storm that wiped out his house, boat, and two cars when he was in South Carolina living on land that had been lived on by his family for 8 generations. The only solution when a storm surge is expected is to "run away" to a safer area.

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Bobbi Bird** presided. She read a letter from **Lynn Blake**, widow of Jack Blake as an invocation. Visiting Rotarian **Steve Popper** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **Tom Briers** recited the 4-Way Test perfectly.

Dave Shellenbarger reported he will be having knee surgery.

Songleader **Ron Anderson** marshalled the famous Rotary Chorale for a stirring rendition of Alouette.



Past President **Stephanie Kissinger** announced that the nominating committee was accepting nominations for election to the club's Board of Directors. Contact Stephanie if you are interested or have a nominee.

Jon McLeod announced that **George Cohan** was the winner of the "alternative fund raiser" prize for the week 11. Since George wasn't present, it was decided by consensus to donate his winnings to the Relay for Life.

Bobbi announced the Foundation had sent \$1,000 to Shelter Box to be used in the Philippine disaster recovery. These funds should be leveraged by matching funds from the district and RI.

Adam Botana spoke about the upcoming 28th Annual Bonita Springs Boat Parade, December 14th. **Gary Murphy** has

donated use of a boat and generator for a club entry in the parade. The boat will be available to decorate the week before the parade.



Peter Zahner and Bobbi presented **Donna Marcotte** her blue badge signifying completion of all of the club's introductory requirements for new members.

Nancy Ross, president of the Foundation, along with members of the Foundation, presented **Kae Moore** a \$5,000 check to the YMCA for repairs to the swimming pool.



Susan Schmitt announced that poinsettias will be delivered to the Christmas Tree Tent and available for pick up the day before Thanksgiving. Deliveries of large orders will be on Friday after Thanksgiving. **Roger Brunswick** has agreed to store plants that can't be delivered immediately.

O Christmas Tree



Noble Fir. A west coast tree. The needles turn upward, exposing the lower branches. Long considered an excellent Christmas tree because of its beauty, stiff branches and long keepability, the species is growing in popularity. It is also widely used in the greenery business to make wreaths, door swags, garland and other Christmas products.

The R.A.F. Mosquito planes of World War II were built with noble fir frames.

Nobles are the most difficult trees for tree toters.



Fraser Fir. The Fraser fir was named for John Fraser, a Scottish botanist who explored the southern Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina in the late 1700s. It is a pyramid-shaped tree that reaches a maximum height of 80 feet and a trunk diameter of 1-1/2 feet. The Fraser fir grows naturally only in the southern Appalachians, above 3,000 feet.

The combination of form, needle retention, dark blue-green color, pleasant scent and excellent shipping characteristics has led to Fraser fir being a most popular Christmas tree species. Over 50 million Fraser firs are grown in North Carolina on 25,000 acres for use as Christmas trees, and the Fraser fir represents over 90% of all the trees grown in North Carolina as Christmas trees.



Grand Fir It is easily distinguished from other Pacific Northwest firs by its sprays of lustrous needles in two distinct rows. They are usually horizontally spread so that both the upper and lower sides of the branches are clearly visible. It produces a beautiful, thick foliated tree when sheared and is known for its strong fragrance.

With their dark green color and shiny appearance, Grand Fir is a very beautiful Christmas tree. The needles have a silvery underside with two lines of stomatal bloom that reflect the Christmas tree lights for a beautiful effect. Grand Fir needles are arranged in a flat array on the twigs in a way that gives a very graceful appearance to the tree and have very good needle retention.

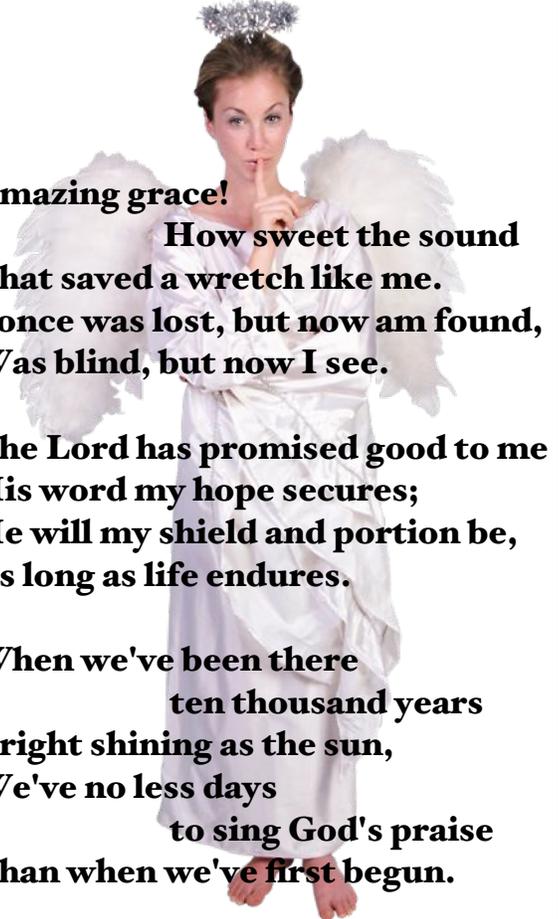


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"The Fifty-Fifty"
NOW \$1,500±
An exultant Richard Garner drew the A♣
to win \$100
As always..we're all winners as the "Fifty-Fifty" helps keep our club strong and ready to serve.

Rotary Sings
Amazing Grace!



Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
When we've been there
ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.



It's A Birthday Celebration!

None to Report

Upcoming Speakers
Today:
Nancy Ross
Sandy Scoggins

The Rotary Foundation

The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL**
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to
all concerned?

This Morning's Invocation

I thank you for these gifts, dear God,
Upon Thanksgiving Day --
For love and laughter and the faith
That makes me kneel to pray.

For life that lends me happiness,
And sleep that gives me rest,
These are the gifts that keep my heart
Serene within my breast.

Love, laughter; faith and life and sleep,
We own them, every one -
They carry us along the road
That leads from sun to sun.

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