



Wayne led us in the morning invocation and Roger, in the Pledge. Ron chose to recite the Four Way Test and not

the song! Carl was chosen to lead us in song! Typical football chatter proceeded. Jay has donated 8,000 Paul Harris points for members to be awarded later this month. Almost 60 Paul Harris fellows have been given out this year. Gerry Myers (plus 7), Dick Fredrickson and Tom Burgess (plus 3) as well as GT & Eileen Tasso, Drew & Kanema Clark, and Peter O'Flinn who were awarded their first Paul Harris fellows. Bob Lombardo reminded everyone that the **Lovers' Key Nautical Market** is around the corner and asked that members take a poster and cards to hand out and for everyone to consider advertising to promote the event! Other reminders included the **District Conference**, May 17—19, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. President Jon declared there would be no meeting that week!



This Morning's Invocation

Loving and Gracious God, whose existence we humbly and gratefully acknowledge, within whose Providence we have been held since last we gathered here, and from whose beneficent Hand we have received bounties unnumbered, bless now this gathering with Your presence. Be with us at these tables that our fellowship will be wholesome and meaningful, and that the noble purposes of our club will receive our renewed commitment. To that end, bless the food prepared for us that strength will be sustained for tasks awaiting us. As we return to our places of labor and leadership, or to moments of leisure, help us discern the difference between right and wrong, to have the will to follow the right. Amen.

Carl Schwing introduced our speaker by first saying what a great job they did in our area, Dr. Kristina Long, Branch Director, FEMA, started as a nurse and worked for the fire department.



She was a first responder during 911. Dr. Long started by thanking the Club for their service during Irma. In 1974 the Disaster Relief Act was signed so that the Federal Government could act in emergencies. It was Jimmy Carter who brought FEMA into existence. Dr. Long went down the long list of disasters they respond to from floods, fires, oil spills. FEMA is not a first responder but they do bring all the first responders to the field, including the Department of Defense and the National Guard. FEMA does the data collection and the states manage the funds. FEMA assesses the damage and then brings people with the expertise to help with long term recovery. We are part of FEMA Region 4 based out of Atlanta and they will stay with us however long it takes to recover.

This week's program:

Jan 10th. Lee Mayfield. Acting Director Emergency Management, Lee County.



Song: Down by the Old Mill Stream

Down by the old mill stream
where I first met you,
With your eyes of blue,
dressed in gingham too,
It was there I knew
that you loved me true,
You were sixteen,
my village queen,
down by the old mill stream.



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Notable Notes

5 Years ago

Bobbi Bird reported that the Bonita-Springs Fire-Rescue is collecting sweatshirts to distribute through its “Bundle Up Bonita” Program. The program seeks to provide necessary clothing to children in the community to stay warm this winter.

10 Years ago

A special “thank-you” is in order for out-going Spoke editor **Bob Pagel**. Your rookie editor [Greg Holtz] has quickly learned of the importance of The Spoke as a Club resource. Thanks to Bob for his devotion and hard work

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Upcoming Programs

Jan. 17th. Dr. Margaret Banyan, Associate Professor, FGCU.

Jan 24th. Club Assembly.

Jan 31st. Captain Blake Lee. Lee County Sheriff’s Office.

Feb 3rd. Jeff Estes. Principal of Bonita Springs High School.

Birthdays

Ron Anderson Jan 8

Don Manley Jan 12



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