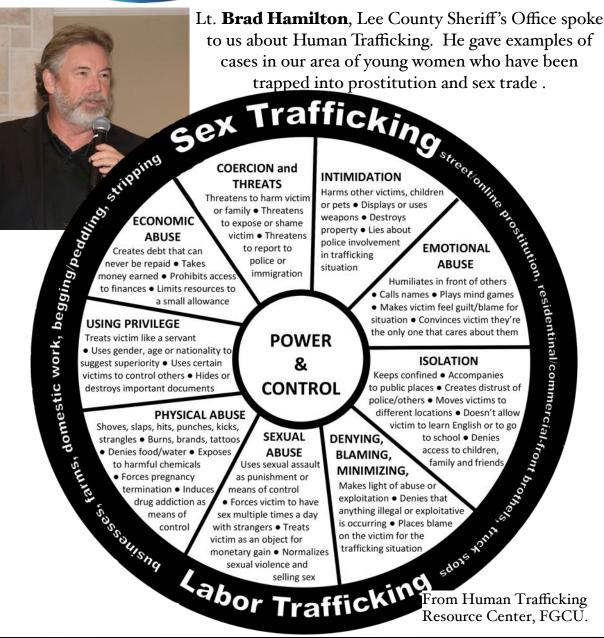
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The Spoke



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Sandy Hemstead** presided. **Chris Riesen** presented the invocation;



Rotaract President Jacob Hyre led the Pledge of Allegiance; and volunteer Dave Shellenbarger recited the 4 Way Test perfectly. Ron Anderson herded the attendees back to their seats and led a very nice rendition of God

Bless America.

Sandy expressed concern for people in Katmandu, Nepal because of the earthquakes there. She has only heard from 11 of her 23 Facebook friends there. One of her friends reported, "In four days there have been 101 earthquakes. First was 11+ on Richter scale and the second 7.9. There have been 600 aftershocks. People are too frightened to stay in their homes. Still finding survivors." The Foundation board has voted to make a donation of \$2,000 to Shelter Box International.

Bobbi Bird reported she was officially voted to be District Governor, 2017-18 and she is celebrating 7 years cancer free.

Jim Friedgen is home from the hospital after having surgery for lung cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tom Briers who was "jailed" at the Naples Rotaract party was bailed out by contributions of \$761. The event raised

\$5,000.

Dave Shellenbarger reported the New Horizons golf tournament was 'oversold". Thanks to the contributions of many of the club members and the foundation, New Horizons has expanded its reach and is serving 421 kids now compared to 232 two years ago.

Gary Murphy told us that on a 5 day fishing trip to Guatemala, "we hooked 78 sailfish, but only landed 45."

Sandy and **Peter Zahner** inducted new member **Bradley Piotrowski**. His classification is Dentistry-Periodontics. Brad was sponsored by **Steve Slachta**.



Mark McCaw announced a new plan for summer golf. Golf will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. This year there it will be possible to play 9 or 18 holes. On Thursdays, 11am team lesson, 12 noon lunch, 1 pm golf, 9 or 18 holes. The lunch will be a social for golfers and non-golfers. Members and friends are welcome. Email Mark to be on the mailing list for golf events.



A Rotary Social

Thursday, May 7th, 6 PM C Level Bistro & Wine Bar 4450 Bonita Beach Rd

A chance to get acquainted with new members in a great setting.

RSVP to: teodorojuan@hotmail.com



George Cohan was Sergeant-at-arms. He welcomed visitors and introduced visiting Rotaractors Jacob Hyre, Natalie Ingham, and Tyler Panaciello. It was Adam Botana's

birthday week. George noted that Adam was not having a big party this year since he was now 31 and then organized a shout out "Happy Birthday, Adam, You Baby You."

Sandy announced that **Jasmin Williams**, past Rotaract president, has received a Civic Engagement Award at FGCU. The award honors seniors who have been active in community service.

Tom Briers reminded members about the **club survey** being conducted. The

survey results will help make the club more responsive to members' needs and wants. The link to the survey is:

https://www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/ BonitaRotarySurvey2015

The annual District Conference will be held at South Seas Island Resort, Captiva, May 14-17. We will be hosting Saturday lunch. Nancy Ross will have a booth for "Josh the Otter".

Sandy mentioned that there had been a lot of table talk during speaking programs. She pointed out that this was extremely discourteous to the speaker, and also created a "buzz" that makes hearing difficult for hearing aid group. She asked George to fine people who are talking during the speaker's time.



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Last Week: Clara Anne drew J♥ to win \$5.



The 50/50 is:

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

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Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

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

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Rotary Sings: I'm Looking over a Four Leaf Clover

I'm looking over a four leaf clover
I overlooked before
One leaf is sunshine, the second is rain
Third is the roses that grow in the lane

No need explaining
The one remaining is somebody I adore
I'm looking over a four leaf clover
I overlooked before

This Week:

Hope Foundation

Use and Abuse of Pain Prescription Drugs

Birthdays

Steve Hiatt Apr 30 Gerry Myers May 2 Mark McCaw May 3 Frank Kinzie (rr) May 3 Ken Beel (rr) May 3

This Morning's Invocation

Dear God, we ask for wisdom and strength not our own in order to make our citizenship and our professional endeavors worthy examples of life lived with integrity and compassion."

We intercede for members of this and other clubs who are experiencing adversity of any kind. Sustain them by Your grace and power. May they be uplifted and encouraged by the support of their colleagues and friends."

We offer thanks for food awaiting our enjoyment in the context of purposeful friendship. For the happy privilege of just being here, we are grateful."

In the spirit, as well as with words of gratitude, we offer this prayer. Amen. "