

The Spoke

December 20, 2017





Sandy announced that she got a very nice email regarding the 70K grant we are working on to provide equipment to a maternity ward. In rural Uganda. Equipment such as exam tables, autoclave, lights and other tools to deliver babies safely. We just finished a water

system in Peru with the remainder of that grant going for sanitation systems in homes. The third item Sandy had to announce is the engagement of her daughter which was a direct result of Hurricane Irma Disaster Relief. Reverend Wayne will marry the two.



Left: Ray announced they are beginning to clean out the Imperial River.

**Right:** Bobbi reaching for happy dollars since after she and Henry pack 600,000 meals for Meals of Hope they will head to Key West to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

This week's program: January 3—Dr. Kristina Long, Branch Director, FEMA

## This Morning's Invocation

Loving and Gracious God, as the new year stretches before us, help us not to have sighs of remorse for things undone. As the months unfold, we shall be grateful for every new hour brought to birth for our use. Inspire and strengthen us to make worthy use of the precious time entrusted to us. Help us to discharge our duties with diligence and to seize every opportunity with eagerness to serve. In this Rotary Awareness Month, help us to be constantly aware of the blessings You have bestowed upon the farflung enterprise in which we are privileged to be engaged. Be with us now as we enjoy the blessings of food and fellowship in the spirit of togetherness which binds us together in our common cause. Thank you for calling us to be servants. Amen.



Ed Houck introduced Dr. Alan Weiss, Pres and CEO, NCH Health Care Systems. Dr. Weiss talked

about two subjects, Blue Zones and Medicare/ Medicaid Star Rating results. As for Blue Zones, NCH has been involved for the last 2 years. Colller County is the healthiest and happiest for 3 years in a row. They have not raised the cost of health insurance and have cut down on hospital stays and ER visits, saving \$23 million alone! The Collier average life span has increased by 2/10ths of a year. As for the Star Rating, in 10 major areas and 57 categories, NCH recieved a 3 star rating to start and now has a 5 star rating! The overall goal of health care is to keep folks out of the hospital. The hospital of the future will be smaller and more technology based.



### Song: Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. (Chorus)

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

> I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps, They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
> I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps: His day is marching on.



Bobbi announced that at the Annual Taste of Bonita, run by The Noon Club., they recognized each of Club Presidents for their leadership during Irma Relief. Chris received the award on behalf of Jon. Bobbi said Jon went over and above with

a cheerful attitude. We gave people hope!



Left: Mark and Bob announced they are producing another insert that will go in the News Press and Daily News for the Nautical Market, coming up very quickly on Feb 9, 10, 11, 2018. They thanked all who are working on the event. The Spotlight is helping to promote the event as well!

Left: Tom gave happy and sad dollars—happy dollars because he is celebrating his 49th wedding anniversary sad dollars because he can't come to the Club Holiday Party, Some discussion followed on the best way to celebrate one's 49th anniversary.

**Left:** Jay announced that his wife, Jessica, was given the Pat Lord Humanitarian Award for her work on Irma Disaster Relief. He had on nice socks, too.



<u>Birthdays</u> Wendy Spivey Dec 27 Andy Frech (rr) Dec 28 Bob Langhans (rr) Dec 29 Vince Modarelli Dec 30 Hal Cooper Jan 3

# Upcoming Programs January 10 — Mr. Lee Mayfield, Acting Director, Emergency Mgmt, Lee County January 17— To be announced. January 24th— Club Assembly January 31— Captain Blake Lee, Lee Country Sheriff's Office

# Notable Notes

## 5 Years ago

Sandy Scoggins acknowledged all those who volunteered at this year's Christmas Tree tent. She also offered special thanks to Nancy Ross, Lance Albertson, Bob Gilette, Buddy Cliff and Kenny King who worked five and seven shifts respectively.

#### 10 Years ago

#### **Christmas Tree Sales**

**Ron Anderson** reports that the final numbers are not yet in, but we know that we **sold 752 trees**. We gave away upwards of 25 trees to families in need. We have \$65,000 in the bank, but we have to pay for the trees and pay taxes. We should have information soon on what we will donate to the Bonita Springs Rotary Foundation.



The 50/50 Sorry, Mary! Vince look on in amazement! The pot is now \$1,300±

