May 6, 2020 Week 45



The Spoke



President Chris rang the bell, Steve H. read the invocation, Lori led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom B. did The Four Way Test

The Rotarian of the Month Award was given to our own Roger Brunswick, who is still recuperating from recent health issues, but improving steadily.



Eileen gave us a very interesting Vocational presentation. Scott Gerrish also gave a fascinating look into his background and career in the Air Force!

Bob reminded us that there are many ways to volunteer for Meals of Hope. Check out the website for ways to contribute, when you can't be at the location in person. You can even check out Rob Cooper's YouTube video!

Natene Bwaya, Rotary Exchange Student, gave a polished, well presented, discussion on what her experience has been in the States, with her "mom and dad", Sandy and Wayne.

The **4-Way Test**of the 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

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.

This week's program:
Deanna Deppen, Shy Wolf Sanctuary

You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.

Ev'ry heart beats true 'Neath the Red, White and Blue, Where there's never a boast or brag. Should auld acquaintance be forgot, Keep your eye on the grand old flag.



Notable Notes

3 Years ago

Ding. Next President Jon McLeod was at the helm. Steve McIntosh led a silent meditation; Roger Brunswick led the Pledge of Allegiance then tried and failed to recite the Four Way Test; Jonathon Shaw finished the FWT nicely. Leader Wayne Hemstead led the singing of George M. Cohan's You're a Grand Old Flag. Jon decreed that Joys and Concerns would now be Happy and Sad \$ and administered by the Sergeant-at-Arms and a collector. Roger Brunswick volunteered a "happy 41st anniversary \$" to start the new regime. He also agreed to a \$5 fine for his egregious multiple week performance of the Four Way Test. Carrie Reynolds, attending her last meeting before moving to a Bahamian paradise, gave a succinct farewell speech, "Goodbye". Adam Botana forgot a birthday check and the teguila. His birthday celebration was rescheduled. Heber Paulin reported members had donated \$500 to help him purchase supplies for his visit to Cuba.



<u>Upcoming Programs</u>

May 13, Mary Berge, Staying Sane and in Control During Covid19 Pandemic May 20, Dr Amanda Garcia, Covid 19 Update

May 27, Paul Messina, Navigating Work from home technology, best practices and home security

Birthdays (May 3 - May 9)

Mark McCaw May 3 Frank Kinzie (rr) May 3 GT Tasso May 5

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Roger's Corner

Assistant Sgt. At Arms, Adam recognized the birthdays of Steve H., his own bday, and Gerry M!

We had one returning guest, Kim Kerns!

Mark led us in song,

President Chris told us all to keep our fingers crossed to return to Bonita Bay—in person—on June 3rd!

The Estero High School Interact Club created a video to thank all the Lee Health Care heroes who put their lives

on the line each day to keep us safe. You can find this on YouTube and our Facebook page.



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