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Last Week Meeting

President **Kae Moore** was in charge. **David Webb** presented an Invocation in his native Tuscarora language.



We had a special treat. **Dillon Clark**, 6 year old grandson of **Craig Stephens**, led us convincingly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Steve Krchniak led us in "sorting of chanting" the Four Way Test. After that we "mingled with restraint".

This week's Program
Uncertain at press time

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet not rendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.

Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.



Substitute Song Leader **Donna Marcotte** led singing/reciting of the *Camp Granada Song*, Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh.

Chris Riesen reported that early returns for the EZ Cash ticket sales were going well. "Just keep it up. Just remember why we fundraise for all the charities..". Tickets are \$50/each. The first of the monthly drawings will be in November. Each member is encouraged to sell a least 5 tickets.

There was a Club directors' meeting scheduled for this evening. Kae invited all those who needed to attend a directors' meeting as a Blue Badge task to attend.

Joe Murgalo Time



Kae introduced Sergeant-at-Arms **Joe Murgalo** with "Joe would you mind not singing". Joe quizzed grandson Dillon and discovered he was 6 years old and a first grade student. Joe said, "You did the Pledge of Allegiance so well, I'm going to name you Assistant to the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms."

Joe introduced prospective Rotarians **Marjo** and **Alan White**, organized a

Happy Birthday singing for **Nancy Ross**, and congratulated **Steve McIntosh** on his 40th anniversary in Rotary. Then, he fined **Carl Nickel** \$1 for “for being the one who told me I’m not fining enough.”

John Spear gave a Happy\$, “Two years ago I announced that I was closing my law practice and joining **Don Thomson** at Henderson, Franklin. I’m loving it, feeling better than I ever have, and making more money than I ever have.”

Last Week Program



Our Speaker was Jeannie **Gawronski**, Executive Director of HOPE4Kids. The mission of HOPE4Kids, together with the local community, is to provide for the needs of SWFL children in foster care and for working families who need options to make better choices for their families plan and work to-

ward a better future.

HOPE is structured to come alongside struggling families to provide resources, mentoring, and friendship to help families plan and work toward a better future.

HOPE is located in Ft Myers, serves the 5 counties of SWFL, and has Thrift store at its location.

The Four 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?

Birthdays (Aug 15 Aug 21)

Alan White Aug 16

Ken Lahey Aug 18

Scott Cubberly (rr) Aug 20

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Carl Nickel

found a J but not the Joker

The 50/50 is \$2,087, 7 cards left

5 Years ago

The “nice guy” **George Cohan** showed up to be Sergeant-at- arms. “You were late?..It’s just plain nice to have you here. No fine.” There was considerable grumbling among the assembled throng at the lack of fining. George promised, “I’ll get testier as we get into college football season.”

George gave us a little algebra problem before celebrating **Carrie Reynolds** birthday. It seems that she is one year younger than George was in 1983 when he joined the club. How old is she? He then organized a men-only Happy Birthday serenade to “Dear Lovely Carrie.”

10 Years ago

Don Thomson stepped into the *Member Spotlight* last week. A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Don has lived in Florida for 48 years. A graduate of Bishop Verot High School, Don shared with us his original desire to be a commercial fisherman. Instead he attended St. Leo College where he majored in Criminology. Don went on to earn his law degree from Stetson University College of Law.

Don is married to his high school sweetheart and best friend Kim. They are the proud parents of four children, Breanne, Jon, Heather and Donny.

Reflecting a bit on his “best” job, Don concluded it was working for his parents at the Surfside Motel on Bonita Beach. The Surfside was a family owned and operated motel, restaurant, and marina and Don reminisced about the good times he enjoyed there. He currently serves as the Managing Stockholder of the Bonita Springs office of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., a full service Southwest Florida regional law firm and the largest locally based firm between Tampa and Miami.



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