



Wow! What a bonus we had today, with the soaring temperature and a generous amount of sunshine! As Don Alhart described it on the 6:00 News, "It was a touch of Spring in the middle of the Winter"! We had a nice turnout of members today, including two guests. Twenty-four Rotarians, along with our speaker, Chris Mahan and Sharon, wife of Jack, gathered for the Noon Meeting. Tuning into us on Facebook Live were members Jodi, Sherry, and Susan, along with David, husband of Shanna.

At 12:05, the meeting was called to order, as we joined President Jack in saying The Pledge.



John French chose to lead us in the singing of The Star-Spangled Banner. (Brenda, I like how you can so easily reach those high notes!) Jack had asked Pat to say

The Blessing, and in so doing, she thanked The Lord for the beautiful day, the opportunity to gather together, and the willingness to serve others. PE Tom introduced our special guest, Chris Mahan, who was today's speaker.

Next on the agenda was the Club Calendar Review, and just in case you need to add some of these dates to your own personal calendar, here is "what's going on" during February and March. Next Monday, 2/11, it will be the Evening Meeting at the VFW. There will be the induction of a new member. Our own John Brahm will also be featured that evening, as he talks about "Wine Or Not". The Noon Meeting of 2/18 will be Getting To Know You, and the Meeting of 2/25 will be Invasive Species. The March Meetings will include the following: 3/4- The Opioid Problem, 3/11- Forensic Criminology, 3/18- The Dental Health Posters, and 3/25- The Naples Historical Society.

Pres. Jack shared some interesting statistics with us, regarding the demographics of our club. "We're right where we want to be," noted Jack. However, as the bar graph display indicated, there was a definite "age trend" in that specific category!

John F. talked about Vintage, Vines, and Valentines, to be held this coming Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a table available for people to make Valentines For Vets. Sherry will be on hand, and anyone who wishes to be of help, may contact her to let her know. It will be a day filled with many enjoyable events, one of them being the opportunity to Renew Wedding Vows on the Hotel Porch at 4:00, with Jack officiating. John and Sherry have done this each year! (Bo says, "No. Once was enough!")

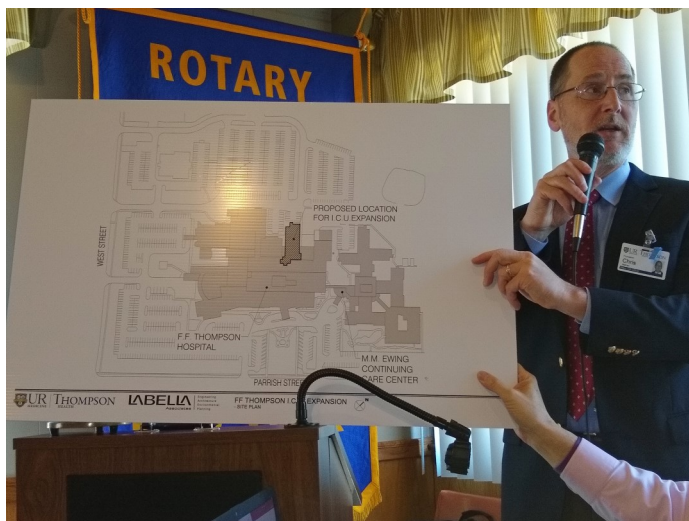
I think we all would agree that caring for, and about others is a vital part of life. The program that was given today by Chris Mahan certainly aligns with this idea.



Chris' topic was about the New Intensive Care Unit at F.F. Thompson Hospital. He has been with Thompson Health since 1994, and it was Jack who hired him.

The current ICU, built in 1988, contains 7 beds. The new extension, proposed to be on the north side of the campus, will be 50 percent larger than the existing facility, as it will contain 12 beds. Chris told us that this expansion will allow them to care for more patients, and it will keep within their mission statement to care for as many patients as possible. It is the desired goal of TH to keep as many patients as possible "here at home" while being treated.

The care standard has changed over time to accommodate families as well. More staff will be added, including nurses and 4 new "intensivists". Chris showed us a seven-minute video that exemplifies the unique level of care that is given at TH ICU. The brochure that he handed out covered many further details, including overall cost. A major portion of that total amount has been raised already. For those of us who have had any connection with the current ICU at Thompson, we can attest to the fact that there is a high degree of care and compassion for patients and families being given on a daily basis! Many thanks to Chris for an excellent presentation.



Today's Fines numbered just a few. Pres. Jack had "nearly" forgotten to mention Sharon as being one of the guests. He and Sharon had also been on a trip to Canada over the weekend. Pastor Robin had missed some meetings, so it was really nice to see her today.

Happy Bills galore filled the basket in appreciation of today's program! Many thanks to Tom for having arranged such excellent programs thus far!

Oh, where oh, where could Jack's gavel be? Today Matt produced it for a fee!

The Kitty was up to \$137. Today it was Laurie's ticket that was drawn. She picked the Ten of Diamonds.

The Win-Win was from John F. How many physicians are at Thompson Health? The answer is 231.

Pres. Jack had two Rotary Moments for us! He expressed heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of food and supplies for The Open Cupboard. Secondly, on the big screen appeared a "white out" on Route 81 near Adams Center. Jack experienced these road conditions over the weekend on his way to Canada, and he wondered if any of us recognized the area! Many are the times I've been that way, but the sign was so snow-covered, you couldn't read it!!

We understand that Susan's daughter, Christine, recently became a Rotarian. Congratulations, Christine!

Don't forget, next week's meeting will be at the VFW. We'll induct a new member, and we'll have the pleasure of hearing John B., "in his element", as he talks about wine!

Hope that February has started out well for everyone! See you next week!