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Common Courtesy

Common courtesy is a small gesture that makes a big difference and should be practiced as often as possible.

We often feel that we don't have the time or energy to extend ourselves to others with the small gestures that compose what we call common courtesy. It sometimes seems that this kind of social awareness belongs to the past, to smaller towns and slower times. Yet, when someone extends this kind of courtesy to us, we always feel touched.

Someone who lends a helping hand when we are struggling with our groceries makes an impression because many people just walk right by. Even someone who simply makes the effort to look us in the eye, smile, and greet us properly when entering a room stands out of the crowd. It seems these people carry with them the elegance and grace of another time, and we are always thankful for our contact with them. Common courtesy is a small gesture that makes a big difference.

An essential component of common courtesy is awareness and common sense-looking outside yourself to see when someone needs help or acknowledgment. As a courteous person, you are aware that you are walking

into a room full of people or that your waiter has arrived to take your order. Then, awareness leads to action.

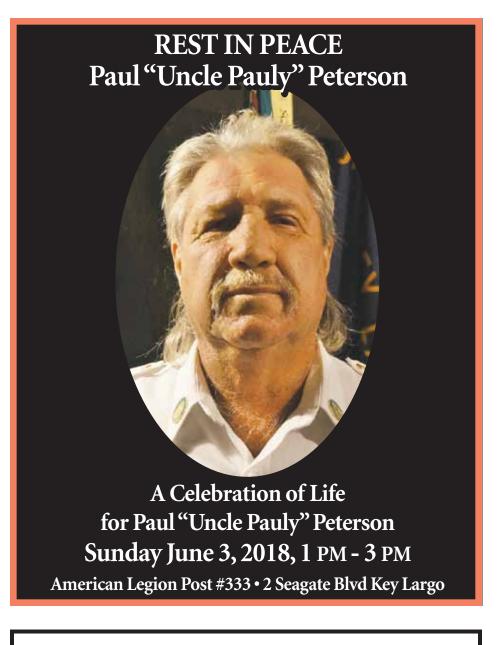
A BRAVE HEART AND A COURTEOUS TONGUE. THEY SHALL CARRY THEE FAR THROUGH THE JUNGLE, MANLING. - RUDYARD KIPLING -

It is usually quite clear what needs to be done--open the door for the woman holding the baby, move your car up two feet so another person can park behind you, acknowledge your sister's shy boyfriend with a smile and some conversation, apologize if you bump into someone.

A third component is to give courtesy freely, without expecting anything in return. People may not even take notice, much less return the kindness, but you can take heart in the fact that you are creating the kind of world you want to live in with your actions.

When you are out in the world, remember to be aware of others, lend your hand when one is needed, and give this help without an ulterior motive. Through these small actions, you make this world a better place in which to live.

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THE FAMOUS TALK ABOUT SEX:

"What do I know about sex? I'm a married man." --Tom Clancy

"I believe that sex is one of the most beautiful, natural, wholesome things that money can buy." --Steve Martin

"Sex without love is a meaningless experience, but as meaningless experiences go, it's pretty damned good." --Robin Williams

"Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand." --Unknown

"My cousin is an agoraphobic homosexual, which makes it kind of hard for him to come out of the closet." --Bill Kelly

"Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night." --Woody Allen

"There are a number of mechanical devices which

increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes Benz 380SL convertible." --P. J. O'Rourke

"I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty." --George Burns

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married." --Matt Barry

"You know that look women get when they want sex? Me neither." --Drew Carey

"Life is a sexually transmitted disease." --Unknown

"Remember, if you smoke after sex you're doing it too fast." --Woody Allen

"Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope." --George Burns

"If it weren't for pickpockets, I'd have no sex life at all."
--Rodney Dangerfield

Conch Characters-



Gilbert's Resort executive chef Mitchell Maxwell prepares for a three hour tour in Blackwater Sound.



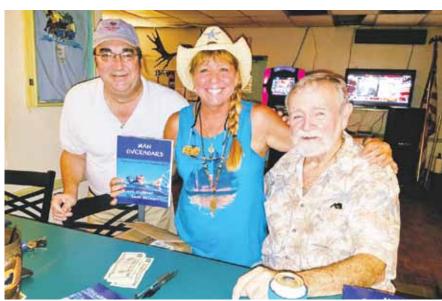
Captain Nick Stanczyk at Bud N' Mary's Marina with one hell of a swordfish!



Conch-gratulations to Craig & Leesa & all the 2018 CSHS graduates!



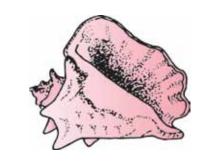
Amber, Spencer and Christina at Sharkey's.



Carl Fismer book signing at the Key Largo Moose - with Bob and Capt. Loralee.



Mac Arnold and Video Dave at Bayside Grille.







Big Chill pizza chef Ray with the best pizza in the Keys.