

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, April 17, 2017

We experienced another outpouring of sunshine, as 24 of us gathered for our noon meeting today. We welcomed 2 very special guests. District Governor Nominee, Mike Slovak, and Past District Governor, Scott McDonald added to the ambiance of the meeting. Bo led us in saying The Pledge, as we began our meeting. We joined Jack in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Warren gave The Invocation, and thanked The Lord for all our blessings. He also asked that we keep Joyce and her great-grandson in our thoughts and prayers.

There were a couple announcements. Bill C. mentioned that former member, Walt Zerrahn, is currently in Thompson Hospital in the ICU unit. Let's keep Walt and wife, Chris, in our thoughts and prayers also. Frank gave each of us raffle tickets to buy or sell, to benefit Camp O. at the Annual Golf Tournament, Play For The Children, which will be held June 10th.



The Dental Essays will take place later in the Spring, thus, Jack introduced our "Second Choice" Program for today...our own Matt Frahm, who gave a First Rate presentation! Matt talked about the upcoming Budget, and the Capital Improvement Plan for NCS. Beginning with the Mission Statement for NCS, Matt went on to say that meeting every student's needs has driven the budget. "We start at square one each year," Matt said. His use of visuals, which accompanied his talk, was very informative, and helped us to understand the budgetary process a bit better. Decisions are being fine-tuned, according to Matt, and some budgetary program changes are to include Robotics, Athletics, and Literacy. The second part of Matt's presentation was an overview of the Capital Project. It consists of three parts: 1. Changes in the Elementary Bus Loop Parking Lot to ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety, 2. Changes in the Main Entrance at the Elementary School to provide more security, and 3. Building of a new Bus Garage. (The current one dates back to 1948). Thanks to Matt for giving us a clear, concise, and informative overview of the plans that lie ahead for our school. As a result, I think we can all make a more informed decision in May, when the voting on these various items will take place.

Larry, Brenda, Bill C., Mike, Matt, and Pastor Linda paid fines for missed meetings. Skip, Bill C., John B. and John F. had been away on trips. John F. had his picture in the paper. Bo acquired a "new" set of wheels. We all enjoyed Matt's wonderful presentation, and we were happy to contribute to the collection basket. The Kitty was up to \$427. Joan's ticket, #622, was picked, and she drew the Jack of Diamonds from a very meager hand of cards!

We had two Rotary Moments today! John B. wanted to do a Make-Up while on his trip. He took a boat trip, and it just so happened that the captain was from the Waterloo Rotary! Apparently, there were 4 Rotarians on board! Did that constitute a meeting? PDG Scott gave it The Okay! Mike had the 2nd R. M. to share. Having graduated from NCS in 1981, he "rubbed elbows" with Rotarians, Al, Walt, and Jane! Our Win-Win today, courtesy of John M., was the location of the American Legion Hall in Naples. It was where the Little Bunch is now! Thanks, John, for an easier question this week! Have a good week, all, and we'll see you on the 24th!