

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, June 12, 2017

It was a toasty day today, as we gathered for our noon meeting, and Bo's next-to-last meeting as President. We had 23 members in attendance plus Sharon, guest of Jack, Judy, guest of Joyce, and David Shane, our program presenter. Bo called the meeting to order, as we joined him in reciting the Pledge. With Jack's help, we sang You're A Grand Old Flag. (Thanks, Jack!) In her Blessing, Bessie thanked The Lord for sunshine, kindness, and showing us the way.

Before our program, there were a few announcements. Jack talked about the golf tournaments. On Friday, the Fredericks-Lysell team played in the Margery Pawluk Golf Tournament. And on Saturday, the team of Jack, Bill C., Lee, and Adam played in the Camp O. Tournament. Gerry, Bruce, and Frank helped out too. This Summer, Bruce is going to serve as a counselor, once again, at Camp O. Kudos to you, Bruce! Some prizes were won by some Naples Rotarians at the Tourney! Lee talked about The Painted Lady



Art Show in Palmyra on 9/23. Volunteers will be needed to help with parking. Blanche announced that there will be a Healthcare Forum at Trinity on 6/14 at 7:00. Jamie talked briefly about the Annual Convention taking place in Atlanta, Georgia, this week. John F. is there at this time, and from his posts, it sounds like he is having an excellent experience! Jamie also noted that polio is very close to being eradicated, and this would not have happened had it not been for Rotary!

Then it was time for Jack to introduce our special guest, David Shane, Assistant Art Director at Bristol



Valley Theater. David talked about how the BVT is a source of culture, inspiration, and education for the Naples Community. There typically is a Professional Summer Theater that takes place over the Summer months, and which brings (professional) actors from all over, to our community. Many people in the area offer lodging to these folks. In fact, Alex, Linda, and Laurie offer their hospitality to them! David focused on how the BVT, as a community resource, serves as an educational tool to children of all ages. BVT offers two 3-week sessions over the Summer to children of various age groups. During this experience, the students learn many theatrical skills, and their creativity is being encouraged as well! In order to be accessible to many, the tuition is kept low. The Naples Rotary supports this program, as does Wegmans and The Community Bank. Jamie gave a testimonial as to how the theater encouraged his own daughter! David also talked about the 2017 "Hear Me Roar" Season in conjunction with the

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100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. He distributed program schedules so we can be aware of the season's performances. Each of the 6 plays and musicals was written by women! The official beer sponsor of the first performance, "Murder Ballad", is Brew And Brats! Thank you, David! Naples is so fortunate to have the BVT in our area! It is providing our residents with high-class entertainment, and as David said, "It's grooming our children to be appreciative of the theater! Even Joyce's dog was a "tutor" for the BVT!!

Here were the fines for today. John B.'s cellphone went off. Bessie, Gerry, and Steve had missed meetings. Jack won the 50/50 at the Camp O. Tourney. Steve didn't have his badge. Blanche and Jamie had each paid a fine. Linda's hair is no longer purple! Pat won a spa certificate at the Camp O. Tourney. Many Happy Bills were rendered for the BVT. Bruce, Bill C., and Jack were glad about the golf outings. Joyce was happy to have our new librarian, Judy Schewe, as her guest. Alex was thrilled about the arrival of her new grandson. Joan was glad that Jane had attained the honor of being a Naples Graduate of Distinction. Jane said that there had been an assembly at school, and some other well-known Grads of Distinction were Bruce Clawson, Bill Vierhile, and Dick Konz. She also noted how well-mannered the students were too!

Pat's ticket, #589, was selected, and the Ten of Hearts was fished from the deck. (Right suit, at least!) Here are a few more items before I "wrap up" this week's missive. Skip reminded everyone about the Gavel Dinner next Monday, at Brew And Brats. We'll honor Bo for a job well-done as our President, and we'll welcome John French, as our new President for 2017-18. Karen still needs a few more people to be on her team for the Walk Of Life. Jack said that during the 2nd week of July, there will be a Lacrosse Camp at Nazareth. Luckily, Marian had a Rotary Moment for us! The pond by Grimes Glen was known as "Strawbridge Pond"! As the year winds down, I want to thank everyone for their help in providing pictures, tidbits of information, and ideas for me as I compiled The Grapevine. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to Jane, who will be taking over for me for a while. Hope everyone is having a great week, and we'll see you at the Gavel Dinner on the 19th!