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Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, June 2, 2017

The calendar says June, but the temperature certainly wasn't "in tune" today, as we met for the first meeting of the month. We had a great turnout of members, as 28 of us gathered for lunch, nearly filling 2 long tables in the main dining room. We welcomed guests, Ethan and Chip, who dined with us. Later, Dr. Chanler, and his assistants, Anastasia and Lynne, arrived to do our program. Bo opened the meeting, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. Jack followed, leading us in singing God Bless America. Bo called upon Larry to say the Blessing, in which he thanked The Lord for our continuous opportunity to serve others. We sang congratulatory wishes for the birthdays and anniversaries of the month. Larry has an anniversary, and John B., Warren, and Patrice have birthdays.

Before announcements were made, letters of thanks from the Elementary students were circulated among us. The children wrote beautiful letters, thanking us for the donation of trees for Arbor Day, and for funding their field trip to the Finger lakes Boat Museum.

Skip was the first to announce that the Gavel Dinner will be held at Brew and Brats on June 19th, and it will be catered once again by Café Sol. Dinner should be delicious! Be sure to get your money in to Skip if you wish to attend. Next, Jamie told us that Carolyn Tilburg will be joining us at our June 26th meeting. There will also be a Memorial Mass for Jim at St. Januarius, held around that time.

Jodi and Mike spoke about the Walk of Life, which is slated for August 12th. The beneficiaries will be Hospeace House and the Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund. Jodi and Kim Torpey are doing the advertising. Karen will be the Rotary Team Leader, and she needs 10 people to be on her team. Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000. There will be donation cans around town. Jodi, who is very articulate, shared some personal stories of her own involvement with patients at Hospeace House.

Jack introduced our own Dr. Chanler, and two of his staff members, Anastasia and Lynne. Before beginning his program, Wayne presented us with a beautifully woven basket from the Bahamas, that said "Naples Rotary". It will make a perfect "collection basket"! This year, instead of having a Dental Health Poster Contest, the students from Grades K-3 wrote essays based on what they had learned from reading books about proper dental care. Wayne and his staff judged the essays, and Anastasia and Lynne read them to us. The essays were delightful and creatively written. Dr. C. said that it was clear that the children had understood the message about taking good care of one's teeth! Next year, the children themselves will be with us to read their essays. Wayne also gave us an update on the progress of the Pharmacy Building.

It was a "fine" day, today, as many came forth with payments! Bruce, Frank, Joyce, and Bill C. had missed meetings. Jack and Jodi didn't have their badges. Skip got a new car. Mike and Tom had been on trips. Bill C., John B., and Joan also paid fines. Many, including Tom and Jodi, were glad for the Program. Bruce was glad about Hovey House. John F. was glad for the golf team. Bill C. was happy to be sitting next to Al. Alex's new grandson is on the way. Jamie's and Bessie's granddaughter won a blue ribbon in her horse show. Jack and Frank were glad for Busk and Balter. Frank was also pleased with the Naples Historical Society. Matt is thankful for the Walk of Life. Joyce is glad to have Jodi in the club, as we all are! Jodi appreciates the support for the Cub Scouts. Bo is back doing ham radio, after a long hiatus! Skip's ticket, #525, was chosen, and he drew the Ace of Spades from the pack!

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Joyce also announced that she, Alex, Kayc, and Adam will be helping at The Camp O. Carnival later this Summer. The Margery Pawluk Golf Tournament will be this Friday, June 9th, at RCGC, and The Camp O. Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 10th in Waterloo.

Bill C. ended our meeting with a cute story about one of our former and beloved members, Mike Doran. Apparently, Mike was in the habit of leaving the motor running with the keys in his vehicle, of course. Well, one day, Bill decided to move Mike's car for him to place it in a better position. Upon returning, Mike wanted to know where his car was! Oh, oh, Bill, could this have been grand theft auto? On that note, have a good week, and we'll see you on the 12th!

I have attached a copy of the Walk of Life flyer Jodi designed. What a marvelous job!