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Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, March 20, 2017

It was especially nice to welcome the first day of Spring, today, and with it, came an abundance of members to our meeting! I counted 30 of us, (including Marian), plus our three guests. Annette did a super job getting us all served in such an efficient manner! We began today's meeting by reciting The Pledge along with Pres. Bo. Bo noted that we sounded really good singing The Star-Spangled Banner, with Jack leading us. (It must've been all those voices on board today that created such resonance!!) Bo called upon Joyce to say The Blessing, and she asked The Lord to help us see where the need in our community lies. Excellent thoughts, Joyce!

Bo introduced two of our guests. He didn't forget Sharon this time! He also welcomed Kelly Davidson, the musical director of the Voce Canto Chorale, Jack would later introduce our guest speaker. Bo also mentioned the District Assembly, which is approaching, on April 8<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was passed around. We are assessed for 6 members to attend.

Bill G. spoke about the upcoming Trout Derby, April 1<sup>st</sup>. A few slots are remaining for workers. Bill would really appreciate your help if you can spare a little time. Donations, (from the various businesses), are needed by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at set-up time.

John F. has returned from the PETS, (Seminar), which he attended recently. John reported that there were 235 attendees, and that he had had the opportunity to meet the RI President! John will represent Naples Rotary when he attends the RI Convention in Atlanta in June. Father-in-law, John B., told us that he had attended the RI Convention back in 2010, when it was held in Montreal.

Jack, thanking Al for the recommendation, introduced our guest speaker, John Adamski. John's topic today was about the Amazing Bald Eagle Restoration Story. In 1965, the last known nest was built. The use of the pesticide, DDT, caused the decline of the eagle population. In 1974, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation set up a recovery program to bring about the return of the bald eagle, and through the use of visuals, John told us about the methods they employed. Three recovery methods were used: live egg transplants, synthetic egg transplants, and hacking, which became the most successful. According to John, by 1989, the mission had reached its goal(s) by having 10 breeding pairs. He shared some exquisite photos with us, showing eagles in their nests, and in flight against an azure sky, throughout the Finger Lakes Area. "Now the species is self sustaining," said he. "Keep your eyes to the sky! This has been a Wildlife Conservation success story!" Thank you, John, for a most enjoyable program!

Missed Meeting Fines were paid today by Lee, Frank, Tom, Matt, Shanna, Mike, Bill C., Jack, Steve, Joyce, and John F. John had also been to NYC. Happy Bills were paid by Frank, Tom, Brenda, Jamie, Mike, John B., Skip, Bill C., Diane, Warren, Jack, Marian, Steve, John F., Linda, and Bo for the program. Also Frank had had the opportunity to sit in Rosa Parks' seat. Billy was glad about Grady's soccer tournament, as was Marian. Jane was appreciative of Matt, and his role as superintendent of NCS. John F. was glad for Shanna, Kelly, and the success of Monte Carlo Night. Jamie, Linda, and many others, were so happy with the success of the Maddie Gras this past weekend.

It was either Lee's or Frank's ticket which was drawn, but it was #310, and the Jack of Clubs was fished out of the pile of remaining cards. John M.'s Win-Win today was about 2 Neapolitans mentioned in the Finger Lakes Magazine: Myron Clark, and Mary Clark Thompson. Have a great first week of Spring, everyone!