

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, March 27, 2017

We had another fairly nice turnout of members today for our last meeting of March. Twenty-five members, plus 3 guests, gathered for our noon meal and weekly fellowship. Bo started us off, as we joined him in reciting The Pledge. We did a beautiful rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner, led by John French. Bessie kindly offered to say The Blessing, thanking The Lord for our being together, our work within and outside our community, and the pleasure of having known Jim T. Our guests today included Sherry F. (John's videographer), and Mark and Florence, friends of John and Sherry.

Bill G. reported that "everything is in pretty good shape" for the upcoming Trout Derby on Sat. April 1<sup>st</sup>. He gave the sign-up sheet one last "go-around" to be sure that all slots were filled for work times that day. Joyce has produced a lovely painting of Naples Creek, which she has offered to help raise funds. Per Mike's suggestion, there will be a silent auction on Joyce's painting, (at the Trout Derby), along with 2 of Darryl Abraham's works of art, donated by Donna Scott. We applauded Joyce on her exquisite picture! Such talent among us!! Frank reported that the Camp O. Golf Tournament will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets will be available.

Our very own John F. who is certainly "one of a kind", provided our program today. John did a little different twist with his presentation today. He went On Facebook Live, with wife, Sherry, as his videographer. Over the March 17<sup>th</sup> weekend, John went to the PETS training, as he is preparing to assume the office of President in the Rotary year, 2017-18. It goes without saying that John is very enthused about his upcoming role, and it's easy to see that he gleaned much from his weekend seminar. One could entitle John's program What Is Rotary? The information he shared reached over 300 people that day, and no doubt, answered many questions/concerns people may have had regarding our service organization. Comparing Rotary to "Scouting without the camping", John led into an informative talk about how the face of Rotary has changed over time, dispelling the stereotype notions of what Rotary is about. As his presidency looms in the not-too-distant future, John shared some of his perspectives regarding the Naples Rotary Club. He also provided some interesting statistics that were relevant to our club. He is eager to take over the reins in a few months, and to continue to lead us through the changes that will occur. John noted that flexibility will certainly help us, as a club, to respond effectively to these changes. Thank you, John, for your innovative way of sharing with us what Rotary is all about!

Members Lynda and Laurie paid a fine for having missed meetings. Al paid a fine for having a very significant birthday on Tuesday. A great number of members put in a Happy Bill in remembrance of Jim T, whom we recently lost. Also, our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Carolyn, and family. Many of us were also pleased with the program. Tom wanted to remember Betty, who passed recently. Bo was grateful that the Gavel Dinner will be moved to 6/19, and he appreciates that Jamie is going to do the DSG Refresher. Al liked an article in the D and C that talked about people who've reached a century. He gives credit to family and friends for having reached this goal himself! Matt said that 3 Naples Graduates of Distinction will be added to the group. They are Bruce Clawson, Bill Vierhile, and Jane Schenk. Congratulations!

Seven cards were remaining today, and The Kitty rests at 329.00. Pat's ticket, #363, was picked, and I drew the 10 of Clubs. Today, our Win-Win was provided by Bill C., who brought an old camera for us to view. The 3-part question was that the price of the camera, (at that time), was \$2! The film was \$1, and the developing was between \$1.50 and \$2! Wow! Have a great week, all, and we'll see you in April!

Wow, look at Joyce's painting. →

