

# Grapevine

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Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, March 6, 2017

Our attendance was a bit down this week, as our regularly scheduled program was replaced by a Club Assembly. There were 18 of us present to convene and converse, and I think we all appreciated a little reprieve from those frigid temperatures we had experienced over the weekend! Bo started us off, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. Jack took us through The Star-Spangled Banner, and in his Blessing, Jamie thanked The Lord for our "Rotary Family", and the chance to serve above self whenever we can. There were no guests today at our meeting today. Thanks to Jane, who gave us a prompt, we reinstated a former Rotary custom. Led by Jack, we sang a hearty round of "congratulations" to the following folks who had March birthdays: Bill C.-7, Carrie-8, Lee-15, Jack-24, Adam-28, and Al-28. The March anniversary was Andrea and Doug Rohr-21. Best wishes to each of you!

We had received a nice Thank You note from Greg Eisenhut, (from Mercy Flight Central), thanking us for the opportunity to visit. I'll bring that note to the next meeting. He had also included the article about Al, as the oldest Eagle Scout, which was nice to read too!

As mentioned earlier, our program today was to have been Michael Miyazato, who was going to talk about his Eagle Scout project. Jack stepped in, and briefed us on Michael's plan. He hopes to restore the wheels on the cannon in front of the Town Hall, and have this goal "wrapped up" by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Michael is hoping for a monetary donation from us. An amount not to exceed \$500 is being considered, and The Board will discuss this at its next meeting, which is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Andrea describes Michael as "a great scout, who has come into his own as a leader". As two of his former teachers, Sharon F. and I are quite proud of this young man!

Next on the agenda was Bill G. who stepped up to the plate to talk about the upcoming Trout Derby, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet for members to work at the Derby was circulated. We were each asked to contact the businesses we spoke to last year, in hopes of receiving gift or monetary items for the Derby. Bill passed out Donor List sheets to each of us, so that we can make those contacts in the next few weeks. In terms of raising funds, there will be an auction at the Derby. Donna S. has 2 framed Darryl Abraham paintings that she is willing to donate, and Bill G. said that Joyce has an item that she'd like to donate also. Many other ideas were generated and discussed too, but we're not doing food. Ideas regarding the Lucky Duck Derby, which is held later on, will be discussed at the Board Meeting on 3/20.

Other items of interest include that Gerry and Steve picked up "The Mule" at Camp O. Currently, it is at Steve's place, and he is going to rebuild the engine. Thank you both for your commitment in helping the handicapped. Jack and Sharon attended the District Oratorical Contest last Saturday at FLCC. Evidently, our 2 finalists, Claire and Maeya, though they did well, didn't make it to the Finals. Hopefully, we will hear from them at a future meeting. Jack said that we will hear the winner speak at the District Conference in May. Bo mentioned that the District Training Assembly will be held in Newark on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Al paid a fine today for his upcoming birthday. Though it didn't seem necessary, I guess when one reaches 102, it sure is noteworthy!! Jane sorry about the misnomer in The Grapevine, but you're still a great sub, Jane! Thank you! Jack paid a fine for his upcoming birthday too. John M., Andrea, and Mike has missed meetings. Susan and Steve didn't have their badges. Happy Bills poured forth from John M., who was glad to be home from his trip. John B. was glad John and Sherry were in NYC. His picture was in the Daily

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Messenger. Bill G. enjoyed the NCS play. Jane was thankful that Jack read the Grapevine and caught her mistake. Jack's grandson, Jacob, will race in The Bronx this weekend.

The Kitty is now at \$257, I believe! Al drew Lee's ticket, # 196. Lee picked The Queen of Spades. That Ace of Hearts sure is elusive! Next week will be our Evening Meeting, and Jack told us that we will be hearing from Dr. Nye, President of FLCC. That's all for now, Folks! Have a great week, and we'll see you on the 13<sup>th</sup>! Remember, the best thing to wear each day is your smile!