

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, May 22, 2017

We had another "Full House" this week for our last meeting of May. Twenty-three members, plus five guests, filled the dining area for what would be a very befitting program for the onset of Memorial Day. First of all, I want to apologize for an error that I had in last week's Grapevine. Instead of 240 Ducks, it was more like 640 Ducks that were sent out at the Lucky Ducky Derby!

After Bo led us in The Pledge, and Pat said The Blessing, we enjoyed a special treat today, by way of our song. With Mike on the guitar, Jack and John led us in singing "God Bless The U.S.A." They sang the stanzas, and we all chimed in for the refrain. What a great choice for our upcoming Memorial Day celebration! Our welcomed guests today included Chip and Stuart Weismiller, Leah Friends, and our program presenters, Steve Wendell and Maynard Carney. Thank you to Karen for filling in for Linda today, as Sergeant At Arms.

Jack introduced our special guests, Maynard and Steve, who were here to tell us about the Honor Flight of Rochester, of which they are a part. The Honor Flight is a way of thanking all those who have served, in



any way, to defend Our Country. We had, in fact, three distinguished vets in our midst: Al, Lee, and Skip! Steve spoke first, and gave us an overview of the Honor Flight. He told us that as long as one has served in any way, one is eligible to participate in the H.F. The H.F. of Rochester is one of about 130 established hubs in the national H.F. network, according to the fact sheet that Steve and

Maynard provided. The Honor Flight of Rochester is a two day event. Each vet is assigned a guardian, (usually a son or daughter), who is between the ages of 18-70. The trip is completely free of charge for these heroes. Around 55 veterans travel on each trip, and those who are from the oldest wars, or who are the most medically in need, have first priority.

Maynard spoke next, providing us with some added details. Each flight starts early Saturday morning with the vets being given breakfast and each, an album. There is a "Mail Call" with letters written by 8th graders, so that each vet has a few letters which hail and thank him/her for his/her service. Each vet, accompanied by his guardian, and provided with a wheelchair, begins the tour upon arrival. Lunch is enjoyed next, and then the tour continues. They enjoy an evening banquet with special speakers, and then have an overnight stay at a nearby hotel. Each bus, there are usually 3, has a nurse assistant and a safety person to help in any way. When the vets return to Rochester the next day, a Heroes' Welcome awaits them! Dignitaries, friends and family alike, are there to greet them, thank them, and welcome them home! Steve and Maynard told us that the next H.F.R. mission will be #54! Many thanks to both of you for delivering a very moving program! Your timing was perfect!

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The second part of today's program featured the induction of our newest member, Jodi Simons Caruso.



Mike, who is Jodi's sponsor, spoke of all that she already does for the community. She gives much of her time and talent to others; some examples being the Cub Scouts, Hospice House, and Walk For Life. She will make an ideal

Rotarian, as service to others seems to be a part of who Jodi is. Welcome aboard, Jodi!

Bo spoke briefly about the District Conference in Erie, which he, Pat, John, and Sherry attended last weekend. Though it wasn't as well attended as in past years, it was an excellent two days' worth of fellowship, learning, inspiration, and of course, fun! Blanche said that the Naples Historical Society Dinner will be June 4th at The Red Mill.

There weren't too many fines today. Blanche and Laurie had missed meetings. Jamie had been to NYC, and Bessie's cell phone went off. John F. didn't have his badge, and Bo had forgotten to introduce our guests at first. A flood of happy bills poured forth in appreciation of the program. John B. had been to a conference. Leah was glad to be a guest. Jodi was glad to become a new member. Alex is anxiously awaiting the birth of her grandson. Mike was glad to have sponsored Jodi. Jack and Sharon watched son, Jonathan, run at Letchworth over the weekend. Matt was glad the budget had passed. Laurie now has two new pups!! Brenda's ticket, #496, was picked, and she drew the Nine of Spades today! Jack shared a cute Rotary Moment. Speaking of Leah, hers was the last winning duck to come in at the Lucky Ducky Derby! We're glad that she and our other guests could be with us today! Remember, there is no meeting on Monday, May 29th, as it is Memorial Day. Have a nice holiday weekend, everyone, and we'll gather again at noon on June 5th.

Please see page 3 for the Gavel Dinner!

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Naples Rotary Gavel Dinner

Monday, June 19, 2017



Brew and Brats

6461 Route 64

Naples, NY

Catered By: Julie from Café Sol

5:30 p.m. Hors D'oeuvres:

Bruschetta on parmesan crostini with drizzle of balsamic reduction

Cow Girl Caviar: black bean, corn and avocado salsa finished with fresh cilantro with corn

6:30 p.m. Dinner:

Strawberry salad with mixed greens, red onions, sliced strawberries, shaved pecorino romano cheese, roasted pecans with strawberry vinaigrette

Red wine braised short ribs with savory pan sauce

Classic chicken French with a white wine, lemon butter sauce

Orecchiette pasta tossed with fresh herbs

Garlic green beans topped with crispy onions

Sweet Ending:

Caramel apple walnut cobbler with whipped cream

Cost: \$32.00 tax - tip included

Come and Congratulate Bo Lysell on a great year.....

And Welcome John French for the upcoming new year.....

Reservations to Skip Miller by Monday, June 12, 2017

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