

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, April 16, 2018

"Rain, rain, go away! Come again another day! For there are things we want to do, and lots of games of golf to play!" Please bear with me friends, I just had to start with a short poem this week, as it looks like we're going to be soggy for a while longer! Twenty-six members, along with six guests, made a nice group of 30, who filled the front dining room to near capacity.

President John opened our meeting, as we joined him is saying The Pledge. Jack chose God Bless America for our opening song, and Jamie gave The Invocation. He thanked The Lord for the refreshing rain, and for giving us the spirit within us to serve others. We welcomed Kelly Davidson, Sue Kingsbauer, Pam Lazio, and Mike Ball as our guests. Today was Bill Shepard's first official meeting as a Naples Rotarian!

John recognized the following folks who have birthdays this month. April Birthdays are Joyce, Lynda, Frank, Larry, Judy M., John M., Bruce, and Donna. April Anniversaries are Bill C., and Steve. Jack led us in a hearty round of "Congratulations"! Our very best to each of you!

John had a few items from The Mailbox to share: There was a Thank You from Hands Across The Pacific for our \$300 donation. The Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund Golf Tournament is slated for 6/8/18, at 9:30 at RCGC. Regarding Building Minds In South Sudan, (our friend, Sebastian), I have attached the flyer with this newsletter. There was a Thank You from Rockport, (Rotary), Texas, for our Hurricane Relief help.

Here are a few items for our Club Calendar: There will be no Rotary Lite this week. President John is very busy preparing for Monte Carlo Night for Hospeace House. On 4/23, there will be a Club Assembly, directed by PE Jack. On 4/30, Carrie and Judy S. will talk about The Naples Library. Doc Chanler will join us on 5/7 with the Annual Dental Health Poster Contest winners. It's always fun to meet and greet these talented youngsters, and to view their artwork! The District Conference is the first weekend in May, and The International Conference is later in June. Frank distributed an outline of Camp O. events for this Summer. He urged us to get involved, and to help with meal preparation one night during the children's stay. Frank also passed out raffle tickets to sell for the Camp O. Golf Tournament.

Here are a few updates gleaned from this morning's Board Meeting: The Trout Derby has netted \$2133, and to date, the Calendar Project has netted \$1935. The Board voted to donate \$500 to Operation Build-Up, a program designed to enable Vets to better themselves. Six members attended The District Training Assembly on 4/14. These members will briefly share their reflections on the day at The Club Assembly next week. Bo presented John F. with a "Margarita Bin" that he had won at the DTA. Jamie asked, "Where's the beer?" That is what one would typically expect Our Beer Analyst to win!!



Today's program was presented to us by Kelly Davidson, the Conductor and Artistic Director of The Voce Canto Chorale. Kelly, who is originally from Minnesota, enjoyed music as a youngster, particularly piano and the French horn. Growing up, she had an inspirational teacher, who instilled in her a love of music. In her late teens, she decided to join The Army, and lived in Bavaria. It was this experience that taught her to be very disciplined, and she even earned the title, "Soldier of the Year"! She later married, had 3 children, and settled in the Hornell Area. When her children were fairly grown, she went to college, earning degrees at Mansfield College. She later met her husband, Scott, after losing her husband in 2012. Living in British Columbia, she was prompted to start a Community Choir, and use her skills as a Musical Director. After moving to Naples, she put out a "feeler" on the Community FB Page, that invited anyone who was interested to become a part of a chorale that she intended to start. And.. as Paul Harvey would've said, "You know the rest of the story!" Her first concert was at

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Trinity federated Church. Her second was last Spring, and for anyone who hasn't had the supreme pleasure of listening to the Voce Canto Chorale, their 3rd concert will be May 8th, at 7PM at TFC. Kelly talked about the fundamentals and many skill areas required to be a member of the VCC. Of course, being able to read music is a must! She selects from a wide variety of music types for the VCC members to learn in preparation for their concert, as well. The frosting on the cupcake was when Kelly had some representative members sing "My Country Tis Of Thee for us!



In the picture above, you find Lee, Pam Lazio, Judy S, Sue Kingsbauer, President John and Kelly demonstrating how you modulate the sound with your mouth. Thanks, Kelly, for giving us a wonderful program! President John presented the VCC with a check for \$100. (He also shared a note from our sweet Becky, thanking us for the arrangement, as she recently lost her husband, Bart.)

Here were today's fines: Nancy, Larry, Leah, Lee, Judy S., Jamie, Bo, Bill C., and Robin had missed meetings. Larry and John B. had been on trips Larry and Jack didn't have their badges. (Somehow, Jack's was produced!) Pres. John won a handsome prize at the DTA!

Here were today's Happy Bills: An overwhelming number of us wanted to recognize Kelly for the excellent program. And her work with the VCC. Leah enjoyed the DTA. Diane has a new great-nephew. Penny was happy to meet another Vet, Kelly. John was glad to see Leah at Rotary Lite. Jack noted that John sings songs when they golf! Bo is glad that RCGC is open. Bill C. is celebrating 40 years of marital bliss. John M. has an April birthday. Robin likes that VCC does songs in other languages. Alex noted that April is Autism Awareness Month. Steve is celebrating 25 years of marriage!

I'll combine the last few items so as to save room for pictures! The Ace of Hearts remains unseen! Diane, having ticket #761, drew the Nine of Hearts! Bill C. did our Win-Win. He had a picture from the Naples Grape Fest dated 1962, The first NGF was in 1961! Our Rotary Moment was provided by Jack. He displayed a picture of their 1998 Rotary Exchange student, Amy King, (with her family), who happens to share the exact same birthday as their son, Jonathan! P.S. Many thanks to Jane for covering for me the week of March 26th! Billy, thanks for your hard work on the Trout Derby, and thanks in advance, Skip, for your hard work in preparing for the Lucky Ducky Derby! Have a great week, and we'll see you at the Club Assembly on the 23rd!