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Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Club Assembly, April 16, 2018

Today was our Fourth Club Assembly for the Naples Rotary, and it was led by President-Elect, Jack Fredericks. Today's warmth and sunshine poured over us, and I think we have begun to believe that Spring is really here! President John led us in The Pledge to Our Flag, and Jack carried us through The Star-Spangled Banner. Steve worded his Invocation so aptly, when he said, "Lord, you sent The Son to save us." He prayed too, that we, in turn, be inspired to serve others. We welcomed Mindy Richards and Mike Ball, both of whom were guests of Steve.

Here are some additional "housekeeping items". Today's Mailbag was empty according to President John. "Our calendar is full," he said, "and our Club Events are on Facebook." We viewed Camp O. Events on a slide. We were reminded that we can still sign up for the International Convention, should anyone be interested. John also showed us a video about Haiti, and how the Rotary Foundation helped to fund a jeep that would be used to reach mobile clinics. These clinics serve expectant mothers and midwives. This is yet another example of Rotary "doing good in the world".

There were some updates and announcements. Skip passed around a sign-up sheet for working at the Lucky Duck Derby, which will be Saturday, May 12th. Skip also had tickets for us to sell. Steve announced that on that same day, there will be the Rotary Chicken Barbeque, (at the Town Hall), done by the Grove Boys. Yum! Yum! Tickets, at 10.00 each, were available for us to sell to family and friends. Mike noted that this is one of our best fundraisers. Frank also had (brochures) and tickets for the Camp O. Golf Tournament for those interested. That event, "Play For The Children", will be on June 9th. Hopefully, we'll have a team!



President Elect (PE) Jack took the podium, as he led our Club Assembly. Many new members have asked, "Just what is a Club Assembly?" A Club Assembly is when we have an opportunity to reconnoiter and review the status of our club. Club members are encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas as well. That being said, Jack prefaced his discussion in saying that this is "our meeting". As he is looking forward to 2018-19, he stated that our club has a great foundation upon which to work. Using the 2018-19 Motto, "Be the inspiration" (see next page for a sample of the logo) as the springboard for his talk, Jack said that he is looking forward to our input in the coming year. He aligned the idea of "customer service" to the fact that we all have "customers" in our walk of life. "Being 55 strong, we are a people of action, and we are here to inspire!" Jack said. He feels that we can accomplish our mission (of service) by getting more members "in the queue", as he put it. That would mean getting more members involved in our various areas of service, at each one's level of ability of course. Jack had us count the "I's" in a saying that he showed on the screen. There were varying responses! That proved that we all see things

differently, and that it's important that we present, in clearest fashion, what Naples Rotary really does! At the conclusion of his talk, Jack allowed time for some members to give feedback from the District Training Assembly. Thank you, Jack, for being our facilitator today, and for giving a vision for our future! By the way, that's Sharon (my "sister," who Bo always failed to introduce) in the picture from Reservoir Creek.

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Mike talked briefly about our upcoming Second Annual Walk Of life later this Summer (8/11). We made \$19,000 last year! We need lots of help again this year to reach our goal(s)! Participation in various forms is welcomed!

Here were today's Fines: Most were on account of missed meetings, and that included John B., Brenda, Al, Mike, Laurie, Deb, Penny, and Donna. Bruce had had a good Winter. Mike and Bill S. didn't have their badges. Some prizes were won at Monte Carlo Night too! (Bo, Laurie, and Alex)

Here are today's Happy Bills: Many appreciated Jack's leading the Club Assembly. Many thanked John F. Skip, and all who helped to make Monte Carlo Night so enjoyable. There were 20 of us Naples Rotarians there! Many were happy to see the sun, finally! John M. was pleased how the Naples Historical Society Walk turned out. Penny has been in Naples Rotary almost a year! Brenda had been a trip to Philadelphia, and she brought President John a little replica of the Liberty Bell! Bill C. celebrated 40 years of marriage to Kit! Congratulations! Bill was glad to be with his Aunt, Jane! Steve was glad about the sale of Aqua Source. Jack was happy about all our members. Bo, and a plethora of others, are appreciative of the outstanding job President John has done this year in leading our club!

Here are the remainder of our meeting items collectively. Our guest, Mindy, was asked to draw the "winning" ticket from the basket. Evidently it belonged to Yours Truly, but Bo was harboring all the tickets for some reason! Anyway, it was a "no-go", I drew the Jack of Spades! John M., Our Historian, had the Win-Win for us. An old textbook, entitled Clark's Grammar, included a portion on something that is rarely done these days...diagramming sentences! We had two Rotary Moments today! Al Mann, having served in The Navy, had tales to share from a Norwegian Admiral. Bill Cooper reported that when he played golf the previous day, a youngster claimed that he didn't look to be 94! "He's only about 90!" the lad said!

The program for next week will feature Judy S. and Carrie G., who will talk about The Naples Library. Bo will be filling in for me on that day, as I have a commitment. Have a great week, everyone! More sunshine is promised!