

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, December 18, 2017

Today marked our last Rotary meeting for 2017. Can it be that our Rotary year is nearly half over? Time flies when you're having fun, so it is said, and President John has helped to make it just that way! We had a turnout of 24 members today, along with three special guests, Laurel Nelson, Rock Castor, and Nic Tulner.

The meeting commenced with our joining President John in saying The Pledge. Jack led us in singing God Bless (North) America, since our guest, Nic, was from Canada. Susan, in her invocation, asked The Lord to bless each of us, our families, our friends, and neighbors, and our community. She prayed for The Lord's guidance, as we continue to serve others. Our guests today, as mentioned earlier, were Laurel, Rock, and Nic, representing Lagom Landing.

From The Mailbag: There was a note from Don Milton stating that Linda Cole, from Penfield Rotary, is the nominee for District Governor for 2020-2021. Thank You Notes for the dictionaries were circulated. John read a Thank You Note from Monica Kastner, in appreciation of the donated school supplies. There was a note from LVOY regarding the Spelling Bee. It will be held on 2/11/18, at 1:00, at the Geneva H.S. Auditorium. We may form a team, or donate to the cause monetarily. Judy had sent us a Thank You Note from Building Minds In South Sudan, for our support of their endeavors.

Update On Al: Bill C. said Al is doing okay. He and Fran hope to be in assisted living come January. It was suggested that we could hold a meeting in Al's vicinity at some point, since he misses Rotary very much. Perhaps one of us could even go fetch him, so he could come to a meeting.

Update On John: John M. has had some problems with his foot. He is currently doing better at this time. Our thoughts are with you, John!

Calendar Items: This Wednesday, 12/20, there will be another Rotary Lite meeting at Brew and Brats. The Evening Meeting on 1/8 will feature Dave Bailey. Jack noted that the Blue Christmas Celebration will take place at Trinity this Wednesday, 12/21, at 7:00.

Camp O.: Frank reported that The Scouts would like a \$50,000 donation from Rotary Clubs representing the ONSEYAWA area. Their goal is to build new showers at the current site. They are looking for a 10-15 year contract with us, yet we wouldn't want more than 5 years. Camp O. directors are looking into other possible locations within the ONSEYAWA area for a Summer Camp.

Other Items: John reported that so far, there are 10 members signed up for the District Conference in May. Thus far, 5 members plan on going to Toronto in June. We hailed our sweet server, Becky, to come to the podium, and receive a check from us. We wanted to show our appreciation for the friendly, courteous, and efficient service she provides us each week. There was also a check for Annette, who is equally as nice.

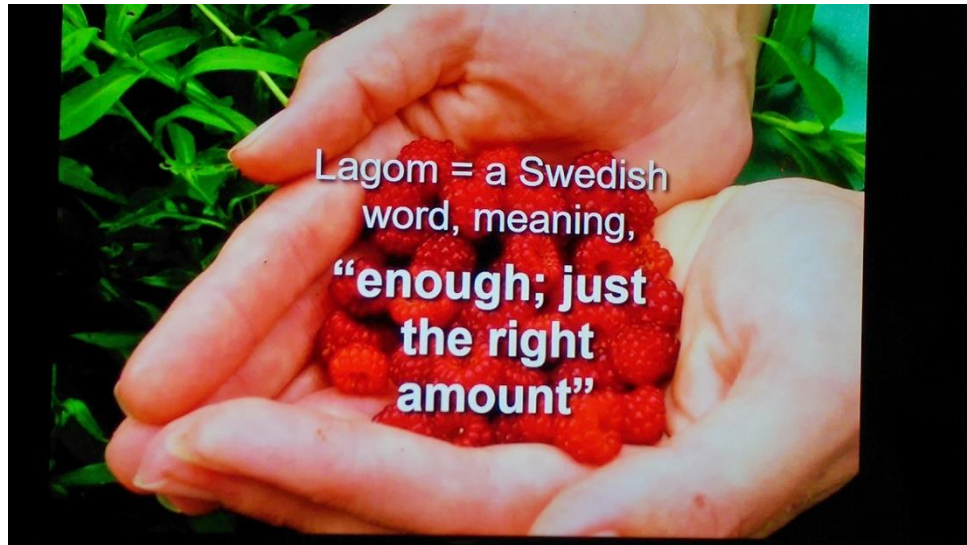
Regarding The Board Meeting: Bo had filled in for John, who was detained. He presented the List of the Board of Directors for 2018-19. Steve, Shanna, and Karen will continue with their positions, and Tom will be Vice President. Skip motioned that we accept this slate of officers, and Blanche seconded the motion. All were in favor. You can find a list of the coming board members last in this issue of the Grapevine.

Our Program: Jack introduced Laurel, Rock, and Nic, from Lagom Landing, which is located near Springwater. Jack had met Laurel and Rock when he had attended a make-up meeting in Pittsford, and evidently, they knew our Shanna as well! "Lagom" is a Swedish word which means "just the right amount",

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and this phrase appropriately sums up what this program provides for 18 to 25 year olds. Simply stated, this program, which is 6 years old itself, affords an alternative opportunity for young adults who may not be certain of a college experience upon graduation from high school. A rural setting is the classroom for the students who participate in the learning program, which runs from September to May. The



students live “on campus”, and devote part of their week to learning skills, while other days are spent on field trips and such that enhance the learning experience. Some of the learning areas in which the students take part are construction, gardening, cooking, and animal care. This exposure gives these participants an opportunity to enhance their skills, and discover their area(s) of interest. In the Spring, when they complete their program, many will be able to “put their vision into action”, as Laurel stated. Nic, who is one of the young adults who is participating in the program, spoke to us with exuberance about all he is learning in the construction and carpentry field. Laurel and Rock passed out brochures so that we could learn more about this innovative, transitional program. They closed their presentation with the comment that the Lagom Landing experience “brings vibrancy to this transitional time”! Thanks to Laurel, Rock, and Nic for an excellent presentation! Seen below are Laurel, Rock and Nic, flanked by the “usual suspects.”



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Today's Fines: Bessie and Jamie had been to Florida. Jack got a new truck. He nearly forgot about the mugs! Bill C. and Penny had missed meetings. John F. and John B. acknowledged the Brew and Brats "Ad" at the Eastern Cities Dinner! (We felt right at home!)

Today's Happy Bills: Many bills filled the basket in praise of the program, as did our appreciation for Skip and Judy, and all the work they do for Operation Santa. Jamie and Bessie had taken their granddaughter to see The Rockettes. Shanna is looking forward to our Santa Book Delivery. Blanche remembers hearing about "Lagom" back when Sten and Ulla Persson lived where the Maxfield Inn is. Bill C. is visiting his daughter in Connecticut for Christmas. Tom said he and Laurie made it up Feather Street last Saturday for the O.S. delivery without a hitch! Pat likes our "Rotary Santa"! Rock enjoyed being with us today, and he liked our enthusiasm!

Ace of Hearts: Rock drew Bo's ticket, #780, and Bo drew the Jack of Hearts. The kitty is at \$270! It keeps growing!

Win-Win: Matt asked if we knew where the modern Santa idea came from. There are two sources: St. Nicholas and Father Christmas!

Rotary Moment: Bo and Pat spotted a fellow Rotarian in service above self, last Saturday. There was our Jack, shoveling the driveway for Robin and for Trinity!

Hope that everyone has a Very Merry Christmas, and I wish for many blessings for each of you in the Coming New Year. See you next year at our (evening) meeting on January 8th!

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