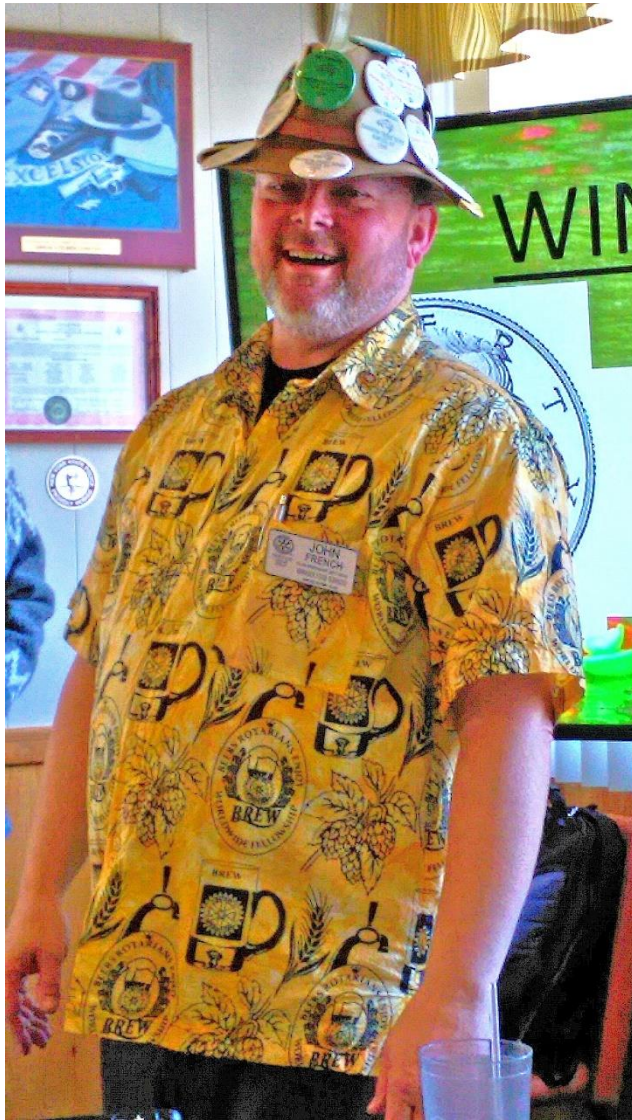


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Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, February 5, 2018



Today, for the first meeting of February, we had a Club Assembly. Perhaps it was because this was to be President John's last Club Assembly during his tenure, or maybe it was because it was such a nice day, but he came to the meeting all bedecked in the fanciest shirt you ever saw!!

Nineteen members gathered for today's meeting. For those among us who are "newcomers" to Rotary, a Club Assembly is a meeting designated specifically for members to voice their comments, questions, and concerns, and for us to view how things are generally progressing in the club at this point in the Rotary year.

President John opened today's meeting, as we joined him in reciting The Pledge. Our song leader, Jack, challenged us to try to sound "almost" as good as Pink, at last night's Super Bowl. We obliged, of course, and gave The Star-Spangled Banner our best shot! Steve was asked to give The Invocation. He prayed for The Lord's Blessing in helping us to faithfully continue our mission of Service Above Self. There were no guests at today's meeting.

The Mailbag and Calendar Reminders came next on the agenda. John read a note from The Dictionary Project, which thanked us for our contribution. Many interesting and encouraging statistics were included in that note also. This is turning out to be a very busy week! Today was our Club Assembly. Wednesday, 2/7, Rotary Lite will be at Brew and Brats at 6:30. This coming Saturday, 2/10, will be the Oratorical Contest at NCS. That is also the day of Vintage Vines

and Valentines. Next Monday, 2/12, it will be our Evening Meeting, and Phoebe Neubauer, (our outgoing exchange student), will be there to talk to us. Jack will be attending the PETS Training on 2/10. There will be a Board Meeting on 2/19. In terms of 2/26, we can talk about carpooling. There are currently 11 of us signed up to attend the District Conference, (in early May), in Saratoga. The International Conference, held in Toronto this year, is five days in length. It lasts from 6/23 to 6/27. The Spelling Bee will be on 2/11 at the Geneva High School. We could use one more participant for the Naples Rotary Team. John also wanted us to be aware that February is Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution Month.

There were some updates from various members as well. Joyce reported that the Oratorical Contest is set for this coming Saturday at the Naples High School. Everyone involved needs to be there by 11:30, as the contest starts at 12:00. There are three students from Naples taking part in the event. Two of the students are being sponsored by the Naples Rotary, while the third student will be sponsored by the Prattsburgh Rotary Club. Judy S. reminded folks to pick up their calendars at the Naples Library if they haven't already done so. Bill C. gave an encouraging update on Walt Z. Walt is feeling up to having visitors for a short period of time. Regarding the Dollar A Day E-Mail: Jack will talk more at length about this at the 2/12 meeting. John F. wondered if members were aware of the hundreds of "fellowships" that are found within Rotary itself.

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Evidently there are many! He started with the beginning of the alphabet, and named "Amateur Radio" and "Beer Fellowship" as being two of them! John, you're just a wealth of information! Jack was curious as to whether members were receiving E-mails from Rotary. Specifically, he was interested to know if, and how many members received the Club Health Assessment Survey, and how many (members) responded. Jack said that responding to this survey is a way of getting to know the "nature" of Rotary. Skip said that Mike Slovak will be our Governor next year, and that he (Mike) will be looking for our help at the 2019 Conference.



The Fines today were as follows: Alex, Penny, Steve, Lee, Judy S., and Joyce had missed meetings. Tom had "cashed in" on a Football Pool, and Frank was for The Eagles!

The Happy Bills were adding up, as many were happy about the outcome of the Super Bowl. So many of us are appreciative of the fine job John F. has been doing this year as our President! Alex's spirits were lifted by so many cheerful responses on FB. Penny was glad for her sons. Steve was glad to be together. Tom paid for "sleeping" during the SB! Bill C. thanked Karen for a recent ride to an appointment. Today's sunshine pleased John B.! Nancy's daughter-in-law is doing well. Frank was glad to be all together.

Jack bought only one ticket today, and would you believe his was the number drawn! Number 974 happened to be the one in his pocket! Jack fittingly drew a Jack, the Jack of Hearts that is!!

Bill C. stepped up to the plate in fitting attire for today's Win-Win! We were asked to give a quick estimate as to how many badges he was sporting on his "fishing hat".

The answer was 25! Easter Sunday occurs on April 1st this year, you know. The last time Easter was on April 1st was back in 1956! The badges on his hat ranged from 193 to 2017. Thanks,

Bill, for a fun Win-Win Trivia Question! Thanks also to John F. for brightening the day by wearing your "Rotary Beer Fellowship Shirt"!

The Rotary Moment was brought to us by our President. As portrayed on the large screen, nine Naples Rotarians attended a recent Super Bowl party at the Smolinsky's! That could've been a second Rotary Lite this week! Have a great week, everyone! In tune with our February Theme, let us each continue to be instruments of peace! See you for our Evening Meeting on the 12th!

