

# Grapevine

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Rotary Club of Naples, NY  
Dinner Meeting, January 8, 2018

It was a pleasure to have our first meeting of 2018 be an Evening Meeting, as some of our “evening members: were able to attend, and it’s always nice to see these folks! We had 24 members in attendance, along with two fine guests, and our two fine program participants. It sure seemed like we finally had a little “reprieve”, today, as those frigid temperatures from the opening of 2018, came to a halt!

Our first meeting of the New Year opened with our saying The Pledge, led by President John. Jack led us in singing God Bless America, a perfect way to start out the New Year! Steve’s Invocation was heartfelt and sincere...though the New Year, 2018, is sure to bring about many changes, one thing remains certain, and that is God’s unending love for us! With that thought in mind, let us continue to serve others in the best way possible! Our guests today were introduced by their spouses: Katie Brahm was introduced by her husband John, while Kathleen Duserick was introduced by her husband, Frank. Our Shanna introduced our special guests this evening: Dave Bailey, and his karate student, Mahina Williams, daughter of Shanna. We sang “Happy Birthday Wishes” to our January Friends. That included Laurie O., Skip M. and Judy S. Many Happy Returns to each of you!

From The Mailbag: President John shared some recent missives with us. There was a Thank You Note from the Dictionary Project thanking us for our donation. Thank You Notes from Mrs. Meteyer’s Third Grade Class were circulated. Their sweet notes expressed their appreciation for the Christmas Books and candy canes that “Santa” and his helpers delivered before Christmas.

Update On Al: Steve visited with Al and Fran recently, and both seem to be doing well at Clark Meadows. They have a nice apartment there, and Al is even exercising 3 times a week! Now that’s what I call stamina at the ripe age of 102!!! We miss Al, and we hope to have him back with us soon!

Calendar Items: There will be a Board Meeting on 1/15, prior to the regular Noon Meeting. Rotary Lite will take place on 1/17. There will be the Induction of New Members at the Noon meeting on 1/22. Ten people are currently signed up to attend the District Conference in May. Six people are currently signed up to attend the International Convention in June. Joyce announced that 3 Naples students’ speeches were judged this afternoon at the High School Library. Those judging the speeches were Blanche, Frank, Laurie, and Patrice. Skip recorded each student’s time, and Matt came to offer his support. Joyce tallied the scores. She thanked Skip, Judy M., and Matt for their help. All three students displayed potential, and we’re hoping all three can attend the Semi-Finals in February. Hopefully, we can enlist Kendall Wilt’s assistance again this year, in helping the students to fine-tune their skills. The speeches for the Oratorical Contest must incorporate The Four-Way Test. Kayc N. announced that the Valentines For Vets “Card Shower” is coming up. The Valentines are due 2/10. There will be collection sites in the village. President John said that there will be a concert at Brew and Brats, put on by Paulsen, Baker, and Chaapel on 1/18. The concert is to benefit Hospice House. That will be at 6:00 P.M. Susan reminded us that dues are due! Emma Lincoln is interested in the Vocal Contest.

Our Program: Our special guests were introduced by Shanna this evening. They were Sensei Dave Bailey, who teaches karate in Naples, and one of his students, Mahina Williams, who happens to be the daughter of Shanna. Instead of “the red carpet”, “the blue mat” was rolled out for Dave and Mahina to demonstrate some of their techniques. Initially, Dave gave us some general information about the karate classes, which are taught on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. There are two tournaments annually, and they are held in November and April. Dave currently has 25 students under his direction, and there are books to accompany

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the lessons taught. Through some of the various moves that he and Mahina demonstrated, it was clear to see how important these maneuvers can be in maintaining one's self-defense, or in coming to the aide of another person. Mahina showed us that she has learned a great deal from this experience, as she successfully carried out the moves demonstrated, along with her teacher.



It was amazing to see what this young lady has learned thus far, as a result of her training with her karate instructor! Dave concluded the program by reiterating how important karate can be in helping to develop self-confidence, as well. He thanked Mahina for her assistance. Thank you to Dave and Mahina for presenting an excellent program! It was very interesting and exciting to watch! At left, you can see Mahina send her Instructor flying to the floor with a big thud, while she emitted a loud word (I assume Japanese?),

This Evening's Fines: President John said he had almost forgotten to announce Kathleen's presence! Matt had been to Florida. Kayc and Adam had been to Nashville. Bill G. had been to New Jersey. Steve had been to the Adirondacks and N.Y.C. Lee got a deer. Carrie, Laurie, and Joyce had missed meetings. Laurie and

Skip each have birthdays this month.

This Evening's Happy Bills: Many bills were added to Karen's basket in praise of the excellent program! Billy and Carrie are going to be on "paw patrol" with new pups on the way. Frank appreciated Joyce's efforts in the judging of the student's speeches. Jack and Sharon had been to Fort Plain over the holidays. Joyce hopes to go to France one day in the not-too-distant future. John F. was glad that Judy S. had a band-aid for Mahina. Tom praised John F. for all the support he has given Sherry. Speaking of our Sherry, let's all keep her in our thoughts and prayers in hopes of a return to good health!

Ace Of Hearts: Blanche's ticket, # 2861 came up, and By Gum, didn't she win the jackpot tonight by drawing the Ace of Hearts from the remaining cards!! Congrats, Blanche!!

Win-Win: President John had a question for the group in conjunction with the program. The first move learned in martial arts is known as "Kihon".

That concludes this week's report. Have a great week, everyone! We'll gather for our Noon Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Day!