

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY  
Lunch Meeting, June 18, 2018

It was a "Sizzler" today, as we members gathered for our Noon Meeting. Little by little, we made our way to the two long tables, until we reached 20, plus our guest, totaling 21 of us who gathered for fellowship and light fare on this sultry day! President John opened the meeting, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. Per request by Our Blanche, PE Jack led us in the first stanza of "You're A Grand Old Flag". Thankfully, Jack and John saw to it that the words were available on the large screen! Pat gave The Invocation, and she introduced our guest, Jessica Schwartz, who was our program presenter today.

John then proceeded with an item from The Mailbag. He read a letter from Ethan Getner, a Naples Scout, who is pursuing his Eagle Status. He has a project entitled "Maddie's Trail", that he is engaged in, and he has requested our (financial) help in realizing his goal. We shall soon invite Ethan to do a program for us, so that we can learn more about his proposed project.

The Club Calendar Review was next, and here is the month of July "at a glance". On 7/12, there will be songs and desserts under the tent at the Naples Hotel from 6-9 pm. Baked goods are needed! On 7/24 there will be a silent auction at the Tipping Glass from 5-8 pm. These events are a prelude to our Walk of Life, which will take place on 7/28, at the Community Park. On 7/15, there will be four tours offered at Hazlitt's Winery. A portion of the cost will go towards W.O.L. Jack announced that the Gavel Dinner will be on 7/1, at the Finger Lakes Event Barn. Our 7/9 Meeting will also be an Evening Meeting with DG Mike Slovak visiting as our special guest. I believe it was Blanche who said that the Service Above Self recipient, Alicia Quarterman, will also be with us that night. We will also have the induction of Dan Maynard and Woody Hawks.

Frank gave us some updates on Camp O. "Everything is fine!" says Frank. The Golf Tourney went well. We'll be car pooling to Camp O. for our visit this year.

Members may volunteer to help on any given night during the Summer Session at Camp O. The Red Wings Day will be on 7/21, and the money from that event will be funneled to Camp O. Also, members will be volunteering to help at their Annual Carnival.

The Bylaws of the Naples Rotary Club are updated, revised a bit, and completed! Jack made the motion to accept the Bylaws, and Tom seconded the motion. All were in favor. Carried and done! Many thanks to Bo for all your hard work on this project!

Here are a few more items. Al Mann has requested that his status be changed to "honorary member" of Naples Rotary Club. It was decided earlier at today's Board Meeting that his request be accepted. We thought Al should be known as an "Honored" member! Pres. John said that we are sending two Cub Scout members to camp this Summer. John also noted that there was an "end of the year push" for some budgeted items.

As mentioned earlier, our special guest was Jessica Schwartz, who is Project Manager for the Good Shepherd Maternity Safe House. Human Trafficking has been an ever-increasing issue in our society these days, and it surely is a heartache to witness this kind of



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thing happening to our precious youth; some who are as young as 12 years of age! Jessica, who has lived in the Naples area for about 6 years, has a unique understanding of this issue, as she, herself, fell prey to this heinous activity as a young teenager. Though now a part of a “big family” in a house of 10, with little ones of her own, pictures of Jessica as a young girl depicted her as a needy youngster. Eventually, she was referred to Family Life Network, and it was here where her healing began! She not only experienced physical and emotional healing, but spiritual healing as well! Through the Potter’s Hands Foundation, the Good Shepherd Maternity Safe House in the Corning Area was established, and Jessica became very much involved in its mission to nurture and heal these (young) victims. She showed us a NYS map of “safe house” locations, where predators cannot locate the residents’ whereabouts. The Good Shepherd Maternity Home, though in its infancy stages, is “trying to bridge the gap”, according to Jessica. Its intervention provides a wholistic approach to intervention, where respite, healing, and parenting skills are provided. Their hope is that through this transitional experience, these young residents will come to know inner strength, acceptance, and the abundant love of God. When asked about education, Jessica said that home schooling for these young people could be considered. The need, at this time, is not necessarily monetary, but rather, the need for more board members, according to Jessica. It was mentioned that we, as members of Rotary International, nearly have polio eradicated. Now putting an end to Human Trafficking could serve as our next big goal! Thank you, Jessica, for reminding us of a real critical issue in our world today.

Today’s Fines were as follows: Missed meetings- Laurie, John M. and Blanche. Wearing John French’s badge- Tom. Hitting the “Jackpot” last week-Jack!

Here were the Happy Bills: The Program-nearly all of us. Naples Historical Society-Frank. Nancy is doing well-Brenda. 65<sup>th</sup> Father’s Day-Bill Cooper. Graduation and Walk of Life-Jodi. Jodi’s “cow”-Frank. Reduced “item”-Tom. Thanks to Skip and Jack for Gavel Dinner planning and Mike for doing a meeting-John F. Hosting the Australians-Laurie. Going to the International Convention-Bo and Pat. Lynnie Lou’s sponsoring the W.O.L. Five-K-Mike.

Karen’s ticket, (yeah, not Pat’s), came up! # 3431 it was! The Ace of Hearts remains at large!

John M. had lots of fun facts for our Win-Win. There are many items upstairs where the Carriage House Quilts building stands. It was built in 1794 John tells us. Part of the steeple from Naples’ first church, 1828, is located there too. Stephen Watkins Clark, who did the stenciling, wrote a book entitled Clark’s Grammar, that included diagramming sentences. Remember doing that in school?

Our Rotary Moment reflected upon how much we enjoyed our visitors from Australia. They were truly a delight to have as guests! Apparently, the kangaroos there in Australia are like the many deer we have to contend with here!

Don’t forget to Skip know if you are planning to attend the Gavel Dinner on 7/1.

Thank you so much, Jane, for covering for me while Bo and I are in Toronto.

And now, a word of special thanks to our President, John, with whom I have truly enjoyed working this year! I think we would all agree what an excellent leader you have been! Your enthusiasm has been an inspiration to us all! Many thanks from each and every one of us!

Bo and I will see you all on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July for our Evening Meeting with DG Mike Slovak. Have a splendid 4<sup>th</sup> of July, everyone!