

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY  
Lunch Meeting, June 4, 2018

"June is busting out all over", and the front dining area was "bursting" with members, as 35 of us gathered today, to hear the motivational words of our special guest, PDG Bill Gormont. President John opened the meeting, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. Jack led us in singing God Bless America. With his and John's help, and the text upon the screen, we also practiced the first stanza of The Australian National Anthem. We are hoping to sing for our Friendship Exchange Visitors from Australia next week, when they, and the Wayland Rotarians, will gather with us for a joint meeting. Patrice said The Blessing and thanked The Lord for the opportunity to serve others, As mentioned earlier, PDG Bill Gormont was our special guest and speaker. We also had Gary and Adam "attending" the meeting, as it was live-streamed!

President John announced that June Birthdays and Anniversaries would be addressed next week, as there was much on today's agenda. Starting with The Mailbag, John read a lovely thank you note from Candace and Bill, from The Alzheimer's Association. They commented on our "caring, committed community", and they appreciated having had the opportunity to share their mission with us recently. There was a thank you note from Vicky James (from Medicare), and a note of sincere thanks from the Naples Marching Band for our donation of tents.

June is proving to be a busy month, as there are many items for the calendar! This Wednesday night, there will be a Rotary Lite Meeting at Brew and Brats. There are two Golf Matches this week! Friday, 6/8, is the Margery Pawluk Tournament, at RCGC. Saturday, 6/9, is the Camp O. Golf Tournament, (Play For The Children), in Waterloo. Members of Naples Rotary will be taking part in both events. Next Monday, 6/11, will be our Evening Meeting, with Wayland Rotarians and Australian friends attending too. John M. announced that the Naples Historical Society Spring Dinner will take place at Roots Café at 6:00 next Wednesday, 6/13. The Noon Meeting on 6/18 will feature The Good Shepherd Maternity Home. Donna stated that the Grape Festival Committee will be meeting next week.

Here are some additional items. We were reminded to get our Camp O. Raffle Ticket money to Frank . John said that we have one Naples student attending RYLA this Summer. Jamie handed out Paul Harris



Nominating Forms. Please send, or E-mail these to Jamie. Pres. John said that there are Canandaigua Lake Trout Derby tickets available. Jodi spoke about the Second Annual Walk of Life, which will be 7/28. The "Kick Off Event" will be this coming Saturday, 6/9, at The Tipping Glass. Walk of Life Donation Forms are on the back of The Neapolitan. Check The Neapolitan for further details. Pres. John will be sending out copies of the updated By-Laws.

"The How-To Roadmap of Effective International Service" was the topic of Bill Gormont's address to us today. "Families around the world need our help", said Bill. Some of these reasons could be because of displacement, inadequate health care, unsafe drinking water, or no access to education. Some of the ways in which these needs have been targeted have been through Rotary's

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efforts at polio eradication, and providing Shelter Boxes, medical care, water wells, and mine action. In his encouraging and eloquent way, Bill said that “getting started was up to each of us”. He said that it’s people that make a difference when they collaborate and invest in their spirit. He added that when a group makes a commitment, and decides “to go”, that’s giving themselves “permission to win”! Bill reviewed an 8-Step Process that is essential in pursuing an International Project, (for a club). The call to action can be answered by joining leaders, and exchanging ideas! His final note was a real “Whistle Blower”, as his triumphant final notes signified just what a group of committed, caring individuals can collectively accomplish! Thank you so much, Bill, for your motivation, inspiration, and leadership!



Here were today’s fines. Shanna, Donna, Roberta, Matt and Jamie had missed meetings. Alex got a new car. Bill C. left his badge in the car. Penny’s cell phone rang. Susan didn’t have her badge. Jack missed Al. John wanted to introduce Sherry as a guest!

The Happy Bills filled the basket, as everyone thoroughly enjoyed Bill Gormont’s talk this noon! Jodi was glad for the Band Boosters. Frank, and many others liked the article about Bill Cooper in The Neapolitan. Alex is glad that her daughter and family are moving a little closer. John M. had a nice visit with Al and Fran recently. Penny enjoyed the school concert. Jack enjoys our club. John F. was glad that Karen had remembered the hooks for the banner. Bo and Pat had been to Massachusetts to visit their kids.

I’m almost too embarrassed to admit that my doggone ticket was picked again! (I tried to exchange with John M., but he was too superstitious to trade!!) Maybe I’ll let Bo keep both strips of tickets next week! And the beat goes on, as I drew the 10 of Diamonds!

Our Win-Win, of course, was to name the oldest Neapolitan at The Memorial Day Parade. If we were all listening, we knew it was our own Al Mann! Our Rotary Moment had our own John French handing out a free beer! That typifies John, who is so friendly and generous! Have a great week, everyone. I think we will all be looking forward to next week’s meeting, as we mingle with our Wayland friends, and the friends from Australia that we are yet to meet!