

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Dinner Meeting, March 12, 2018

It's hard to believe that Spring is "just around the corner", looking out at The Winter Wonderland before me, as I type this week's Grapevine today! Two long tables filled with Rotarians, and guests, were a part of the large dining room at The Redwood, as we gathered for our March Evening Meeting. It's always a pleasure to have our "Evening Members" join us at this time, as well! Since President John was unable to be with us tonight, Past President Bo conducted the meeting. He called upon Jack to lead us in saying The Pledge, and Jack also carried us through God Bless America. Steve said The Invocation, asking Our Merciful and Heavenly Father to bless us all, and the work that we do. Our special guests this evening included Robin Mark, and daughter, Devon, Sharon F., Katie B., and Mike B.

There was one item from The Mailbag. We received a lovely note from the Vets at the Canandaigua V.A., thanking us for all the Valentines we sent them last month. A special thank you to Kayc and Adam for all their involvement with this annual project. Many were made to feel happy through this endeavor!

There were a few items for The Calendar also. President-Elect, Jack, will be attending PETS Training in Syracuse this coming Saturday. There will be a Board Meeting on 3/19, preceding the regular meeting. The next Rotary Lite Meeting will be 3/21, in the evening, at Brew and Brats. The District Training Assembly will be 4/14, at Avon High School. The 2018 District Conference will be held in Saratoga, from 5/4-5/6. We have several from our Naples Club who are planning to go! The 2018 International Conference, held later in June, will be in Toronto this year! Now, that's not too far from home! Don't forget that our annual Spring Dinner will be Monday, April 9th, at the South Bristol Fish and Game Club, with Julie, from Café Sol, catering. Yum! Please give your money to Skip, at your earliest convenience, if you plan to attend. Thank you, Skip, for handling this! The Annual Trout Derby is approaching! It will be held on Easter Sunday, 4/1, this year. Billy passed around the Donor List of various businesses, (in the community), for us to contact. He noted that there were prizes still available from last year. Thank you, Billy, for your hard work bringing this all together! Skip also noted that the tickets have been ordered for the Lucky Duck Derby, which is held later in the Spring. Bo also mentioned that the "Live Stream" of our meetings on Facebook have been viewed by over 600 people!



Many thanks to President John for implementing this additional mode of community awareness for the Naples Rotary Club! We're getting to be known around town!

Frank introduced our program presenter(s), Robin Mark, and her daughter, Devon, both of whom are members of the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club. Robin is Chairman of the Board for Camp Onseyawa, (aka as Camp O.). Frank described Robin as one who is bringing "vitality" to the Board of Directors! Camp Onseyawa stands for the 4 counties, Ontario, Seneca, Yates, and Wayne, whose Rotary Clubs support this camp for children with disabilities. Robin and Devon proceeded to tell us a little bit about Camp O.: its origin, its programs, and its mission. Its origin began back in 1955, when a little girl with spina bifida wanted to go to camp. Located in Ovid, at Babcock-Hovey Boy Scout Camp, this wonderful facility was designed to provide a camp experience for children from 8-16, who have disabilities. Its goal is to provide a

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worthwhile “Summer” experience for these children, while fostering a feeling of independence and acceptance. There is a multitude of program offerings which help the children to meet these goals! Among some of the offerings are swimming, crafts, archery, rifle, fishing, hiking, ceramics, and photography; all of which help to provide the young campers with memorable experiences. There are usually around 100 campers, along with approximately 70 staff members, who help the youngsters to have a memorable time, as well to be in a safe environment. “Camp Life”, which means tent-dwelling, family-style meals, and lots of fresh air, is what the young campers enjoy for the last two weeks in August. A Carnival, in which many clubs participate, is held near the end of their stay, and is no doubt one of the camp highlights for the kids. Funding for Camp O. is generated through the Golf Tournament, of course, but also through dinners, donations, and sponsorships. Twenty-four Rotary Clubs in this four-county area help support Camp O. Many from our Naples Rotary Club have been involved, such as Frank, Steve, and Mike. Thanks for all you have done for these children! Thank you so much, Robin and Devon, for your excellent program, and for sharing with us all the wonderful pictures of the children having so much fun, and making friends old and new!

Our Fines this evening were as follows: Missed Meetings were Brenda, Robin, Jamie, Nancy, Matt, and Blanche. Steve didn't have his badge. Jack volunteered a little fine for not bringing out the mugs right away. Penny also paid a little fine. Many Happy Bills filled the basket as we all enjoyed tonight's program very much! Matt paid a H.B. in praise of NCS Honor Society. Carrie and Bill were proud of son, Charlie, for his part in the Drama Club at NCS. Brenda noted the lovely article on our member, Pastor Robin, in The Neapolitan. Frank thanked Bo for filling in for John. Gary's and Kat's pup was having a one year birthday! Speaking of births, Jack and Sharon have a new granddaughter, Vivienne Rose, for which they were thrilled! Penny was appreciative of Mike. Bo and Pat were glad to attend the RLI held in Owego on 3/10.

The Ace of Hearts is still “out there somewhere”! This week, it was Pat's turn to pull the Ace out. Well, it was certainly an Ace, but not the right suit...an Ace of Spades was yanked out of the pack! (The Kitty was at \$130). Next time, maybe?

Our Win-Win question was easy if one had been paying attention during the program! How many Rotary Clubs support Camp O.? Answer: 24!

Bo had our Rotary Moment for tonight. At the RLI last week, one of our discussion leaders was Larry Evarts, who happens to be a cousin of the Vierhiles', Bill and Bob! Small world, eh?

We will try to induct Lauren M., as a new member, at our next Evening Meeting, which will be the Spring Dinner, on April 9th. See you at our Noon Meeting on March 19th! Stay warm and cozy, everyone!!