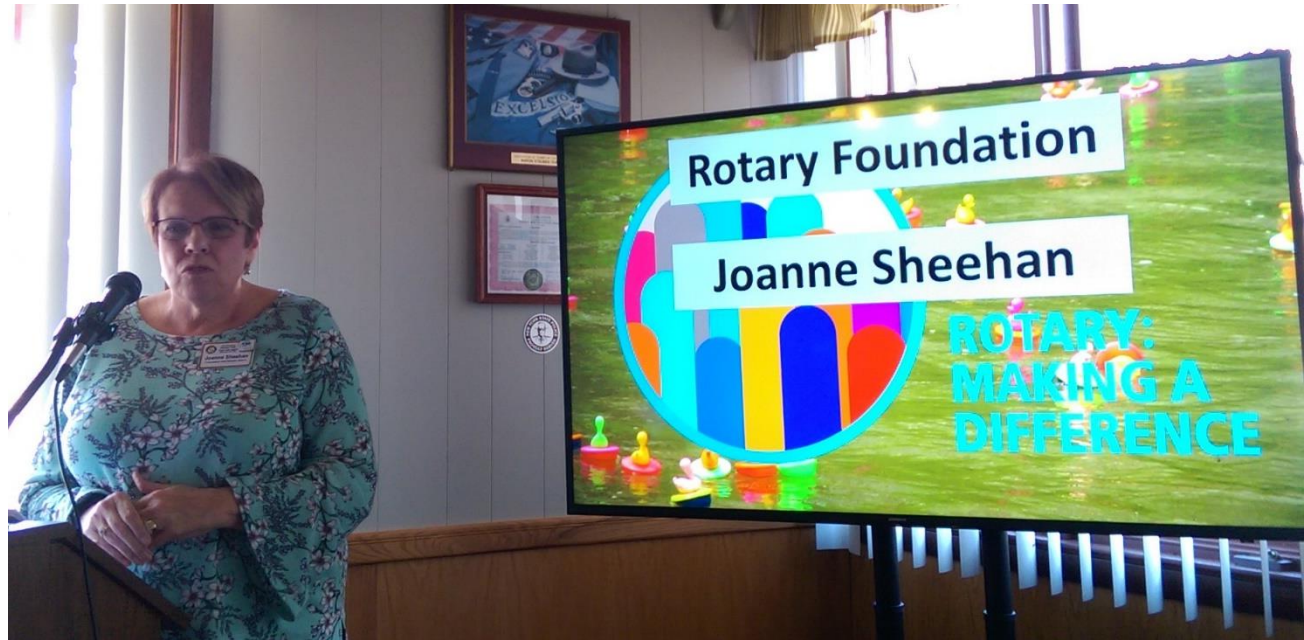


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Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, March 19, 2018

Welcome, Spring, and with the coming of this season, one thinks of rebirth, renewal, and rejuvenation! I can't help but think that this is true of the Naples Rotary Club, as we, too, have been "recharged" with the addition of new members throughout the course of the year. Along with our steadfast membership, our "newcomers" will add to the continuing strength and vibrancy of our club! President John opened our Noon Meeting today, as he invited us to join him in saying The Pledge. President-Elect and song leader, Jack, chose God Bless America for us to sing. Jamie gave The Invocation, asking The Good Lord to open our eyes and hearts to the needs of all, both near and far. Our special guest today was Joanne Sheehan, from the Bath Rotary Club.



In terms of the Club Calendar, President John noted several dates for us to add to our agendas. On 3/20, the New Rochester Rotary Club will be installed. The Pal-Mac Rotary Club will present a Murder Mystery Theater on 4/28. Monte Carlo Night will be held at the Maxfield Bingo Hall on 4/21. Open House at Hospice House will take place on 4/29. On 3/19, training will begin for those who have signed up to help (at Hospice House) at various levels. Rotary Lite will be this Wednesday Evening, 3/21, at Brew and Brats. The District Training Assembly will be at the Avon High School on 4/14, from 7:30-12:30. A listing of Breakout Sessions has been sent around. There are 11 members signed up, thus far, who are planning to attend the District Conference in Saratoga, 5/4-5/6. Calling All You Wonderful Cooks, there will also be an Iron Chef Competition at the District Conference, as well! The last day for the lower price for the International Conference is 3/31-just a reminder! Skip is taking reservations and money for the Spring Dinner, to be held on 4/9, at the South Bristol Fish and Game Club. (Julie, from Café Sol, is catering once again, so it promises to be a tasteful evening!) The Annual Trout Derby will be 4/1, and the regular meeting slated for the day after, 4/2, has been canceled.

Jack, who had recently attended the PETS Training over the weekend, was asked to speak a bit about his experience. Jack expressed his thanks for having been given the opportunity to be involved in what he coined "An Upstate Gathering of Presidents-Elect". Jack said that "some flames were sparked" as 30, or so, Rotarians took part in a community project. Together, they painted the Community Rooms, which serve as shelter, at the Salvation Army. Service Above Self, for sure, Jack! Jack noted that it turned out to be "good networking for Fellow Rotarians". The theme for the upcoming Rotary year is "Be The Inspiration", and

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we're sure that you'll be just that, Jack! He also had a "Club Treasurer" pin for Susan, a "Four-Way Test" beer cozy for John, and a "Future Rotarian" bib for Vivienne and Linnea! Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

Here are some additional items, and some items gleaned from this morning's Board Meeting. Billy passed around the Sign-Up Sheets to work at the Trout Derby. Included with that was the Donors' List, indicating which businesses to contact for donations. Mike will send out an E-mail regarding Bill Shepard, our proposed new member, sponsored by Sherry. We're bringing back the Chicken BBQ, (done by the Grove Boys), for this Year's Lucky Ducky Derby. Per Jamie's request, Naples Rotary will be donating \$300 to "Hands Across The Pacific" to help purchase tables and chairs for the teaching area for the prisoners in Cambodia.



Above you see a picture from the A/C class. Notice that the inmates sit on the floor to emphasize their ranking on the social scale. (The chair is reserved for the warden on his visits.) He has agreed to let them sit at tables on chairs, which is what our donation will accomplish. Jamie and Bessie travel to Cambodia each year to minister to these folks, and they will personally donate money to buy chairs for the visitors to the chapel, seen below:



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District Simplified Grant ideas were also discussed at the board meeting. We are researching ideas for literacy options for the Children's Section at Strong Memorial Hospital. Jamie will bring Robert Allen Award ballots to next week's meeting. He will send out a bit of history regarding this award to members.

Our special guest, and speaker, Joanne Sheehan, was introduced by Patrice. Joanne, who hails from the Bath Rotary Club, spoke to us about the Rotary Foundation. Her talk centered around Grants, and the Annual Giving Fund. Since two members from our club had attended the Grant Management Seminar, we are eligible to apply for a District Simplified Grant. The application must be in by April 1st, and to start a project, that must be done after July 1st. A maximum of \$4000 is allowed for a Grant Project, while a maximum of \$1000 is allowed for a District Simplified Grant Scholarship. Regarding the Annual Fund, Joanne told us that whatever is given during 2017-2018, one half comes back to The District in three years. She distributed "District 7120 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Society" pamphlets for those who may be interested in giving to the Foundation at this level. Joanne added that The Rotary Foundation is respected around the world, and that over 91 percent of funds collected goes to projects. Thank you, Joanne, for your very informative presentation!

Our Fines this noon were as follows: Lee, Tom, Deb, Lynda, and Judy had missed meetings. Alex didn't have her badge. John B. put in a fine, as his Model T "starred" in a play at Canandaigua H.S. over the weekend. President John admitted that his cell phone had rung during the meeting, and that he had said that Joanne was from a different club!

Our Happy Bills mounted as many of us were so glad to see that sunshine over the weekend! We were very appreciative of Joanne's program also! Jack was glad for NCAA Basketball, and for PETS. Jamie thanked Naples Rotary for the \$300 donation. John F. was enthused about the Hospeace House Training. Joan enjoyed having her great-grandkids visit. Shanna was pleased with our Literacy Initiatives. Billy was happy to see so many members sign up to work at the Trout Derby. Steve gave kudos to Jamie for his and Bessie's work in Cambodia. Jodi was so pleased that her daughter, Sequoia, will be attending Brockport in the Fall. Frank appreciated Judy, for all that she does, and Susan had her granddaughter spend the night with her.

The Ace of Hearts: Our Speaker, Joanne, was asked to pull the "winning" ticket, and it turned out to be Shanna's! Shanna drew the Nine of Spades from the pack.

Our Win-Win was provided by President John. The philosophical cornerstone of Rotary International is "Avenues of Service".

Our Rotary Moment was provided by President-Elect, Jack. While at PETS over the weekend, he met two alumna from Valparaiso, the college from where he, himself, graduated!

I hope everyone has a wonderful week, and although the snow lingers, we know the calendar says "Spring", and that, in itself, is a ray of hope!!