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Rotary Club of Naples, NY  
Lunch Meeting, March 5, 2018

The Month of March has surely come in “Like a Lion”, hasn’t it? Perhaps this most recent snowstorm was a factor resulting in only 18 of us (members) showing up for today’s meeting. Nevertheless, the eighteen of us, along with our special guest, spent a very nice hour together. President John started us out, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. Jack asked our guest, Vicki, to choose a patriotic song for us to sing, and she picked “You’re A Grand Old Flag”, a very spirited song indeed! We’re getting better at remembering the words! Pat was asked by John to give The Invocation, and she asked The Lord to bless us, as we strive to serve others. Our special guest and program presenter today was Vicki James, who is a Licensed Medicare Consultant.



Next, on our meeting agenda, came a hearty round of singing “Congratulations” to our March Birthday and Anniversary members. The birthday folks include Bill C., Jack, Carrie, Adam, Al, and Lee. Andrea celebrates an anniversary this month, as well. Congratulations and best wishes to all for a happy, healthy year ahead!

These were some additional items and announcements on today’s agenda: Jack said that the Roc City Celebration will be on 3/20. The next Rotary Lite Meeting will be held on 3/7, at Brew and Brats at 6:30. Our Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be an Evening Meeting. Bo will be leading that meeting, as John has another commitment that day. John announced that we will be inducting our newest member, Lauren Maynard that night. It will be a pleasure to welcome Lauren to the Club! Also, the evening gathering will feature Camp O. The next PETS Training for Jack will be 3/16. There will be a Board Meeting on 3/19, followed by a Rotary Foundation Presentation. Rotary Lite will again take place on 3/21. We are in need of a program for March 26<sup>th</sup>. The District Training Assembly will be 4/14 at Avon High School. We have 6 members signed up to attend thus far. John showed us a slide for the District Conference in early May. Karen has a hard copy for people to register if they wish. Evidently, hats are encouraged if you plan to attend!! The International Convention is in June, from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. John tells us that since the most recent meetings have been shown on Facebook Live, there have been many, many views! Jack shared that Al Mann’s 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday celebration was on Channel 13’s Bright Spot last Tuesday. Kudos to Don Alhart for

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the great coverage on this momentous occasion! John also shared the video with us! March is Water and Sanitation Month, therefore, John showed us a video covering the water situation in Peru. The Rotary Foundation is supplying water filters to help these people attain cleaner, safer water. Finally, Skip gave us each a “boost”, and the promise of Spring, when he handed out memos telling of Naples Rotary’s Spring Dinner, to be held April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the South Bristol Fish and Game Club! Julie, from Café Sol, will be catering our dinner again this year. This promises to be another evening of gastronomic delight, I’m sure!!

As mentioned earlier, our program today was given by Vicki James, who is a Medicare Consultant. Vicki has a commonality with each of us, as she is a recent new member of the Rochester Rotary Club. She entitled her presentation today as “Medicare 101”. She claimed she was influenced by her dad, and she wants each of her clients to have the best coverage possible. She takes yearly on-line compliance training thus her knowledge and skills are very up-to-date. Vicki covered many aspects of Medicare, using a Power Point approach, along with explanatory handouts for us to share. There has been the largest demographic shift in history, she told us, with 10,000 people turning 65 daily. There is no clear-cut path, she had added, yet her handout on Medicare Coverage Choices made things a bit easier to understand. The Original Medicare includes Part A -Hospital Insurance, and Part B-Medical Insurance. One can add Medicare Supplement Insurance, and Part D-Prescription Drug Coverage. The Medicare Advantage Plan has a Part C, which combines Part A and Part B. Part D includes Prescription Drug Coverage. (Most Part C plans cover prescription drugs. One may be able to add drug coverage to some plan types if not already included). One can “pick a side”, so to speak, in choosing the appropriate coverage when he or she turns 65. Thank you, Vicki, for your clear, well-organized presentation, and for answering our questions as well!

Today’s Fines were as follows: Bill C. didn’t have his badge, but he does have an upcoming birthday! Frank, I think, was in that same boat regarding the badge, and Lee has a birthday this month too! Steve had missed a meeting, and now that I mention him, I want to acknowledge that his sweet wife, Mindy, joined us today, so that made 20 of us!! Sorry, Mindy! It’s always so nice to see you!! Penny had missed some meetings too, and it was great to have her back! Jack has a birthday later this month too, and he wanted us to keep the students at Utica College in our thoughts. Bo had been “celebrating” last Saturday night!

Our Happy Bills were aplenty, as many of us appreciated hearing Vicki’s clear, concise presentation on Medicare. Brenda, as we would all agree, was happy about Al’s birthday. Many were glad about “surviving” the snowstorm. Vicky thanked John for the FB Live Coverage. Penny thanked Karen for her help when she hurt her foot. Jodi appreciated Blanche’s help during the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Naples Library. John F. rode the tractor in the snow to Arbor Hill! Pat and Bo have a new Granddaughter, and as I write this missive, Jack and Sharon have a new granddaughter now, too!! Praise God!

Our Ace of Hearts is still being elusive, as Bo’s ticket, #576, was drawn, and he picked out the Queen of Clubs! Our Win-Win was compliments of Jodi. The grocery store on Main Street used to be called Wheeler’s Grocery. The Rotary Moment was in the form of a picture of Jack and Bo golfing at RCGC, just a few days before the storm!!

I’ll conclude my newsletter with this special item. I received a lovely note today, from Al, thanking us all for the wonderful time he had last week with us at Ferris Hills! I’ll be sure to bring his sweet note to next week’s meeting for John to read! Have a good week, all! See you in the evening on the 12<sup>th</sup>!