

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, May 7, 2018

Today was our first meeting of May, which is Youth Service Month. Hasn't all this sunshine that we've had lately, been a great "mood elevator"? Along with our 22 members in attendance, we welcomed about a dozen additional "rays of sunshine", and parents, as today, our Dental Health (Poster) Contest Winners were our program presenters. President John began our meeting, as we joined him in saying The Pledge, while PE Jack led many voices strong in singing God Bless America. Steve gave The Invocation, as he asked The Lord to guide and bless us as we seek to serve others. In addition to our youngsters, and parents, we welcomed Dr. Chanler and Cal, guest of Steve. Next, we sang hearty congratulations to our May Birthdays, which included Sherry, Roberta, Penny, Andrea, Joan, and Shanna. We also congratulated Mike and Judy, who each have May Anniversaries.

The Mailbag was fairly empty today, so John proceeded with some upcoming dates for our calendars. The Voce Canto Chorale was last evening, May 8th, at Trinity, and I understand that it was outstanding! Some of our own Rotarians were featured, and that included John F. Lee, Judy and Jodi! Congratulations for a job well done!! The first Rotary Lite Meeting of May will be tonight, May 9th, and the second one will be May 23rd, each of these meetings being on a Wednesday, and taking place at Brew and Brats. Our Annual Lucky Ducky Derby will be this coming Saturday, May 12th. Skip has tickets to sell, so that we can each take a chance on a "Big Win"! Next week, our meeting is an Evening Meeting, and we will be in the big room. The May 14th Meeting will feature The Shelter Box. President John briefly summarized the highlights of The District Conference, which was held at Saratoga this past weekend. Nine of us from Naples Rotary attended, and a good time was had by all! John and Sherry, and Billy and Carrie helped to transport our outgoing exchange student, Phoebe Neubauer, to The Conference. To say that Phoebe will make a stellar



representative of our Nation is an understatement! She is a charismatic young lady, for sure, and we are very proud of her! Some of the Breakout Sessions that were offered at the DC were The History of Saratoga, Child Poverty Initiatives, and the Opioid Crisis, thus, a variety of choices was available. Our Naples Rotary Club received two awards! We received First Place in Literacy, and Second Place in Facebook (live-streaming etc.) Way to go, Naples Rotary! In addition to the Lucky Ducky Derby this coming Saturday, there will also be a Chicken Barbeque at the Memorial Town Hall, featuring The Grove Boys' "famous recipe"! Steve is in charge of "chicken insurance"!! Finally, the Gavel Dinner will be July 1st, which is on a Sunday.

Then it was time for Our 39th Annual Dental Health Poster Contest Winners to present their artwork and writing! This program is undoubtedly one of the "most refreshing" as it features our most precious commodity, our children. Approximately a dozen youngsters in Grades K through 2 stepped up to the mike and read their essays on proper dental care, coached and supported by our own Dr. Chanler, DDS! This year, the children, in addition to their artistic talents, integrated their writing skills into their dental health entries, by writing short essays on proper dental care. Naples Elementary is to be commended for providing the students with an additional "avenue" to express themselves! Doc Chanler, who by the way, is in his 40th year of practice here in

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Naples, completed the program by adding a couple of cute jokes about visiting the dentist! Many thanks to Kelly Vandesande, Elementary School Nurse, for supporting the kids as well!



Here were today's Fines: Penny and Karen have birthdays. Bill, Skip, Jack, and Matt had missed meetings. Tom had a conference and Brenda was traveling. John F. said, "Brew and Brats" for "Rotary Lite". John asked the unsuspecting suspect Bo up to the podium for a photo opportunity, which he never turns down. It turns out that the purpose was to be "thrown under the proverbial bus" instead. John had a picture of Bo, sleeping through the RI representative's speech at the District Conference. Expensive nap.

Here were today's Happy Bills: We all enjoyed today's program! The children were delightful! Many have been glad for the nice weather we've been having. Those of us who attended the District Conference were pleased. Penny's son is home. Alex's health is doing better. Brenda reminded us to vote on May 15th. Blanche urged us to vote for the Library. Tom was happy to see such a nice representation of Naples Rotary at the District Conference, and Bo liked John's Slide Display at the DC, as well. Fantastic job, John!

The Ace of Hearts: Pat's ticket, #922, was drawn. (I'm sorry that it was me again.) I picked the 10 of

Hearts!

President John had our Win-Win for us today. On the way to adulthood, how many teeth do kids lose? The answer is 20 teeth! Jack had our Rotary Moment for us. Next year, the District Conference will be in The Poconos, (Kalahari), and it will be family oriented! His brilliant purple T-shirt that he was wearing hinted at a future family fun time! That will be May 3rd-5th next year.

Here are a couple more tidbits. Since the Kentucky Derby took place this past weekend, our little group place a bet on which horse would win. Our Carrie was "the big winner" among us, having chosen Lucky Number 7!! Joan had also reminded us of the Blood Bank taking place in town until 7:00 on Monday.

We finished in record time today...45 minutes!! Many thanks to Bo for doing The Grapevine last week for me. He seems to be a bit more succinct than I!! Have a great weekend, everyone!