

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, October 16, 2017

One would have thought it was going to be a meager turnout of members at this past Monday's Lunch Meeting, but gradually, folks meandered in little by little, resulting in a nice attendance of 27 of us, plus our special guest, Karen Parkhurst. The weather was cool and crisp, but the promise of more "unseasonably" warm days was in store for the rest of the week!

We began our meeting by joining President John in reciting The Pledge. Jack led us in singing America, The Beautiful, and Pat said The Blessing, giving thanks, and asking Our Heavenly Father to bless us, as we strive to serve others. We welcomed our special guest, District Secretary, Karen Parkhurst, who came to talk to us about the Nicaragua Water Project.

President John had a few items to share with the club. Our World Polio Day of Observance will be held next Tuesday, 10/24, at Brew and Brats. John has been receiving E-mails from World Polio, and one can login to their website to glean more information. Alex, who is spearheading the Rotary Calendar Project, has urged us to sell, sell, sell! Calendars are \$8.00 each, and checks may be made out to Naples Rotary. Next week, at our Noon Meeting, new members, Deb, Gary, and Sherry, will each tell us a little bit about themselves. There will be a Grant Management Seminar on Saturday, and Karen plans to attend. Regarding this seminar, Bo did a Webinar on 10/14. (Two members are needed to attend a Full Grant Seminar).

Penny brought us up to date, concerning the "Trunk Or Treat" event. It will be held from 1-3 P.M. on 10/29, at the Naples High School. Guaranteed to be fun for the kids, it will involve pumpkin decorating, prizes and treats. There will be donation boxes available, and items such as warm Winter things, candy, and small toys can be dropped off at Joyce's house as well.



As mentioned earlier, District Secretary Karen Parkhurst, was the program presenter today. She captured our attention by prefacing her talk with a quote from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world...indeed, it's the only thing that ever has!" Through the use of slides to accompany her talk, Karen helped to raise our awareness of things Rotary can do to help: much in the same way as we have in the past, in donating solar ovens to the people of Nicaragua. This country, which Karen has visited previously, is second to Haiti in terms of impoverishment, yet the people are so appreciative of what Rotary has done for them. As stated in the handout that Karen gave us, potable water is a scarcity in the villages of Nicaragua. The Water Project would provide a pump, chlorinator, tank, and distribution piping to the targeted village, thus helping to ensure a safer water supply for its residents. A considerable amount of funding is required to complete this project, and Karen is hoping that the Naples Rotary can once again participate! Many thanks, Karen, for making us aware of this great need! Here's hoping, once again, that we can be an instrument of change!

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I missed taking a picture of our handsome Bruce last week. He gave such a nice account of his experience at Camp Onseyawa, he should have his picture in our Grapevine! Here is one from last Monday instead.

Today's Fines: Missed Meetings: Mike, Joyce, and Skip. A Bit Late: Joyce and John B. Away on A Trip: Brenda. Missing Badge: Al. Smart Remark: Bo

Happy Bills Today: For The Program: Many. Tents were okay and Katie's Birthday: John B. and John F. Good news on his son: Jamie. Son in Military: Penny. Naples Scouts: Jodi. Daughter with family: Joyce. Son Jonathan's family is okay: Jack. Great weather: John B. Golfing: Bill C. Nascar: Joyce

Fifty-Fifty Today: The Kitty was at \$118.00! Frank's ticket, #374, came up, and Frank drew the Ten of Spades!

Win-Win today: "What bodies of water border Nicaragua?" Answer: The Pacific and The Caribbean. Also, the largest lake in South America is Lake Nicaragua.

Rotary Moment Today: Thank you, Bill C.! Bill had been out shopping, and had needed help in leaning over to tie his shoe, when along came someone to help. Bill noticed the fella was wearing a Rotary Pin!

See you next week! We look forward to hearing from Sherry, Gary, and Deb!!

