

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, October 2, 2017

Autumn's Glory has continued to unfold with the onset of October in an unusually warm way this Fall! We once again experienced a great turnout today at The Redwood! We were 27 members, plus one guest, who was soon to become a member... Penny Punnett! President John opened our first meeting of October, by having us join him in saying The Pledge. Since our song leader, Jack, was unavailable today, John, himself, got us started in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Larry said The Blessing, and asked that we pray for all those suffering around the USA, and beyond. As mentioned earlier, Penny was our special guest today.

Mike led us in singing heartfelt congratulations to all members who have a birthday or anniversary this month. October birthdays include Diane and Jamie, and October anniversaries include Carrie and Bill, and Roberta and Warren. Best wishes to each and every one!!

John had some items to share with us. Our viewing screen is eventually going to be on a rolling cart. This feature will be quite facilitative at future meetings, due to our increasing membership/attendance! On Saturday, 10/7, there will be a special event at Reservoir Creek. The Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund will be bestowing a "Man of the Decade" award to a deserving honoree on that day. John also reminded us that the District Conference will be in Saratoga Springs this year, on May 4-6, 2018. We viewed a short video in which DG Don Milton "pumped us up" for a memorable time to be had next Spring! He invited us all to "continue the race"! Larry noted that the average Rotary Club size is 35 members. We're way beyond that now! Way to go, Naples Rotary!!!

Unfortunately, Alex was feeling under the weather, and she couldn't be here with us today. Therefore, the Calendar Project will be postponed until next week, 10/9. Bruce will also talk to us about Camp O. Bill G. also sent word that there are interested students for Rotary Youth Exchange next year!



Today's program turned out to be a "potpourri" of items, with the main one being Penny's induction into the Naples Rotary Club! We gave Penny a hearty welcome with a nice round of applause as she accepted her badge, and New Member materials from President John. As is true of all our recent new members, she is pleasant and hard-working. She will be a great "teammate"!! Welcome, Penny!

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Penny spoke briefly about the upcoming "Trunk Or Treat" on 10/29. This (event) is an initiative of the VFW, but Naples Rotary is welcome to help in various ways. Candy and baked goods, (with listed ingredients), may be donated. Most especially, Winter items, such as coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, can be donated as well. Anyone who wishes to do so, can bring these items to Penny at our next meeting.

John talked about World Polio Day on 10/24. He showed us a short video reflecting the fact that our Rotary goal has been far-reaching! On that day, we are invited to come to Brew and Brats to learn more! The gathering will begin at 5:30, and those wishing to come may bring a dish to pass. John will send us an E-mail.

FINES: Missed Meetings: Deb, Tom, Laurie, Lee, Matt, Diane, Jane, and Brenda. Cheeky Remark: Bo. Birthday: Jamie. The Heat: Larry.

HAPPY BILLS: Marathon: Penny. New Member, Penny: Judy, Deb, John, Bo, Lee, Frank, Matt, Mike, Donna, Blanche, Brenda, Bill C., Larry, Bruce, and John B. John B. sat alone: Skip. Jeromes' 200th Birthday: Mike. Son is doing better: Jamie. Uncle in Honor Flight: Patrice.

FIFTY-FIFTY: Karen reported that The Kitty is up to 87.00. Larry's ticket, #223, was selected, and Larry drew The King of Hearts! Right suit, at least!!

WIN-WIN: (From Pres. John) The first Polio vaccine was in 1952, and was developed by Jonas Salk.

ROTARY MOMENT: Donna shared some "classic feedback" from the Grape Fest. Among some of the comments was the suggestion that there should be additional sidewalks!

Enjoy this beautiful weather and week that we are having! We'll gather for our Evening Meeting next Monday on October 9th - Columbus Day!

Frank was kind enough to send pictures from the Great Pie Contest. I think you can spot Shanna among others in the picture at right.

