

# Grapevine

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Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Dinner Meeting, October 9, 2017

It was a warm, friendly, Fall-like atmosphere in the large dining room last Monday evening, as 27 Rotarians, and 6 guests, convened for our Dinner meeting. It is heart-warming to see such great attendance at meetings, and to see our club continue to add new members! We welcomed Penny this week, as it was her first Rotary meeting as a full-fledged member!

President John led us in saying The Pledge, while Jack followed by starting us off in singing God Bless America. Steve, who was asked to say The Blessing, invoked Our Heavenly Father to give us the strength to continue to serve others. Each of our special guests was introduced. We welcomed Katie, guest of John B., Kathleen, guest of Frank, Frank, guest of Deb, Mike, guest of Steve, Sharon, guest of Jack, and Jim, guest of Joan. It's always a pleasure to see familiar guests return from time to time!

John F. had some information and dates for our calendars. There were no missives from The Mail Bag at this time. Karen Parkhurst will be speaking at next week's meeting, (10/16), about the Nicaragua Water Project. Tom, Gary, and Deb will present themselves at the following meeting on 10/23. The Live Polio Event will be held at Brew and Brats the following day, 10/24. (Please bring a dish to pass if you plan to attend!) We will also have additional new members' introductions that day.

Our program this evening was two-fold, featuring our members, Alex, and then Bruce. Alex was first, and her message was about The Community Calendar. Having passed a sample calendar around for us to see, she reminded us that each calendar costs \$8.00, and that the deadline for submissions is 10/31. Alex told us that each calendar makes about \$4.50, and that they'll be here by 12/15. We can call people to take orders. Frank is doing the display ad, and we still need ideas for the cover. I guess we'll have to get creative to come up with a match for last year's "Person of the Year", our own Al Mann!! Thank you, Alex, and Frank, for all your fine efforts!

Part 2 of tonight's presentation was brought to us by "Our Favorite Camper", Bruce! Bruce had spent a considerable amount of time this past Summer, becoming involved with the children who attended Camp O. The theme for this Summer, 2017, was "Around The World". Through his use of action pictures, and beautiful descriptions, he made it seem like we were at Camp O. ourselves! Bruce described a typical day at Camp O. for the campers and counselors, which included activities, ceremonies, and meals which seemed way more than "typical"! Special events such as Boys' and Girls' Night Out, Carnival Time, Face Painting, by local artists, Alex and Joyce, along with games and songs, helped to make a memorable experience for the children. Many family members visited during these special times as well! Bruce ended his talk by telling us that "Onseyawa" actually means "Land of Happiness", and it is clear to see that you were a big part of that happiness, Bruce! Thank you for all you did for the kids this past Summer, and for a great presentation! Thanks to Mike B. also, for being a counselor for the older boys!

As mentioned earlier, 10/24 marks World Polio Day. Jamie is the coordinator of this event. In keeping with this theme, we viewed a video called The Story of Polio. We are very close to eradicating this disease worldwide, and that knowledge should serve as inspiration to us as we persevere in reaching this goal!

FINES: Missed Meetings: Jodi, Jack, Steve, and John M. Trips: Jack went to get the Trinity Bells, (donated by Mum Hawks and Jean Meeker), and Bo and Pat went to visit their Massachusetts kids. Missing Nametag: Jodi and Frank

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HAPPY BILLS: Many Members enjoyed the program. Adam is glad we are nearing the end of polio. Jack's grandson, Jacob, is coming along. Deb is glad that she is no longer the newest member. Joan recalled that Jim had worked at Camp O. Penny's friend has conquered cancer! Jodi was happy about the Margery Pawluk Program. Bruce was happy to have been involved with Camp O. Susan was thankful for Michael and Bruce.

FIFTY-FIFTY: Mike drew Bo's ticket, #315. Bo picked the King of Spades! The Kitty was up to \$100!

WIN-WIN: John M. had a two-fold history question for us tonight! 1. The year of the first newspaper in Naples was 1831. 2. A textbook used in the U.S.A. referred to a Neapolitan. It was called Clark's Grammar!

ROTARY MOMENT: Although there wasn't actually a "Real Rotary Moment", we are all very glad to have Becky back, and that constitutes a real good Rotary feeling!

Thank you to all those who sent along corrections for the Rotary Roster in such a timely manner! My Executive Assistant, Bo, and I really appreciate it! Have a great week, everyone, and we'll see you on the 16<sup>th</sup>!