

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Steak Roast, September 11, 2017

Tonight was our Annual Steak Roast, and what we typically consider a “kick-off “ to Fall , for Naples Rotary, and the prelude to the Grape Fest. Forty-two of us, plus several guests, filled the VFW with great conversation, much laughter, and of course, hearty appetites! Whose mouth wouldn’t water when eyes were laid upon the table filled with delectable dishes, and the table “tout rempli” with yummy desserts? Our praise and kudos go to Bill G. for grilling the steaks to perfection, and to Skip and Judy, for all their legwork organizing such a pleasurable event!

We joined President John in saying The Pledge, as we faced Old Glory in the front corner. Jack led us in God Bless America, so fitting on this, Patriot Day. Larry’s beautiful Blessing conveyed the message that with the Good Lord’s help, each of us, with our innate abilities, has the power to make a difference in the lives of others. Our honored guests tonight included Sherry, Jim, Kat, Peggy, Kathleen, Nancy, Deb, Frank, Terry, and Bob. Glad you could join us this evening! We “passed the hat” to help raise funds to aid the hurricane victims of Rockford, Texas. Folks were very very generous! Thanks to Susan for spearheading this endeavor!

Though we didn’t have a regular program this evening, thanks to Jamie, there was a special remembrance of 9/11, via a slide show. The USS New York, a ship made from the remnants of the World Trade Center, was featured among the many slides. We were left with the thought that “Everyone can see what were made of in this country!” Thank you, Jamie, for providing such an appropriate theme for this day!

The “Piece de la Resistance” occurred this evening when John called three special individuals to the front of the room. We welcome Nancy Linehan, Deb Lindbloom, and Sherry Brahm-French into Naples Rotary! Nancy is returning to us after a hiatus of 16 years, I believe, and Deb and Sherry will become a part of us as well. We will have their induction at next Monday’s meeting. Welcome aboard!!

That’s all for now folks! I think that this is the shortest missive I’ve ever done! You, no doubt, will be glad about that!! See you Monday! Have a great week! P.S. Thanks to Matt for supplying such a great picture!

