

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY

Lunch Meeting, September 25, 2017

It was a pleasure to see such a great attendance again, at this week's meeting! Thirty-three members, plus three guests, filled the front dining room to capacity! Our new set-up of having the presentation area at the front of the room is working out quite well, also! The guests that we welcomed today were: JoAnne, introduced by Warren, Sharon, introduced by Jack, and Penny, introduced by Nancy. President John opened the meeting, as we joined him in saying The Pledge. We all stood, and joined Jack in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Steve, in his Blessing, thanked The Lord for the beautiful weekend we had for our Grape Fest, as well as the opportunity for fellowship and service to others.

President John had a few housekeeping items to share with us. We wished to honor our September birthdays and anniversaries. Birthdays are: Matt on the 5th, Vicky on the 17th, and Blanche on the 25th. Anniversaries are: Skip and Judy on the 7th, and John and Janice on the 29th. Best wishes to all! There was no correspondence to share at this time. Here are a few items for the calendar: The Membership Seminar is this coming Saturday, (9/30). Next week's program, (10/2), will be about The Community Calendar, and Alex will be the presenter. Our Evening Meeting, on 10/9, will feature our own Bruce, who will talk about Camp O. Bob handed out Rotary Welcome Packets and badges to each of our new members.

Mike and Donna each spoke briefly about the Grape Fest. Mike expressed a sincere thanks to all for the help provided over the weekend. "Everything worked out wonderfully!" exclaimed Donna, as she took the podium. In addition to thanking all of us for our help, she added a note of thanks to Shanna for handling The Pie Contest. Words of gratitude also were sent Andrea's way for the help that The Scouts provided at the end of the Fest, in moving things. Donna added that although revenues were down slightly from last year, due to the extreme heat, overall, we still did well. There's another Grape Fest under our belts!

September is Literacy Month, and what better way to acknowledge this theme than to have had our own Carrie speak today about everything good that is happening at Naples Elementary! Carrie, who has had much experience teaching in the classroom, now has the role of Instructional Coach at NES. She acts as a facilitator and resource person to the teachers, as they constantly seek the best methods in helping their students to become successful readers. At the beginning, middle, and end of the year, each of the students is assessed to determine his/her reading level. The UPK students are assessed in the Winter and Spring. Benchmark Reading levels are used as a barometer to measure each child's growth over the course of the year. In terms of Reading, Carrie added that all students get an RTI, which means Response To Intervention. Many approaches are taking place to ensure the children's reading success, such as small literacy groups, called LLI, or Leveled Literacy Intervention. Guided Reading Groups are helping the students to work more independently. There is also a "Book Room" at school, which is centrally located, and which contains



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multiple copies of titles for use by the teachers when instructing these Literacy Groups. Thank you, Carrie, and to all The Elementary Staff, for all you are doing to help our youngsters become lifelong learners!!

Fines: Judy and John M. had missed meetings. Bill C. had missed the Grape Fest for the first time in a long while. Karen, Mike, and Frank were missing their badges. John F. had something to do with “adult beverages”!

Happy Bills: Many bills filled the basket in appreciation of Carrie’s fine presentation, and for our successful Grape Fest, with all of the helpers. John M. was glad to be with son, Brian. Penny was thinking of the Military. Nancy is glad to be back. Steve had a family reunion. John B. is happy to have our new members. Jamie’s son had successful surgery. Joan had a house filled with family over the weekend. Mike, Warren, and Donna were so appreciative of everyone’s help, as was Susan. We all have enjoyed this remarkable Fall? Weather!

Fifty-Fifty: The Ace of Hearts is so elusive! Alex drew Penny’s ticket, #192. Penny pulled the King of Diamonds from the pack!

Win-Win: This was a “multiple choice” question offered to us from John F. How many varieties of grapes are there? The answer was (a) over 10,000!! (Great Win-Win question for this time of year!!)

Rotary Moment: Mike provided this one today. Our FB page for Naples Rotary had over 7,000 “Likes”!! The top question concerning the Grape Fest was: “Can I bring my dog?”

Have a great week. We’ll see each other at the October 2nd meeting. Yikes! Where did September go?