



“Rotary Connects to the world” is the theme for this upcoming Rotary year, and with it being our Club Assembly at today’s Noon Meeting, we certainly connected with each other in many positive, productive ways. President-Elect, Tom led the meeting, getting a little practice in before he takes over the reins on July 1st.

There were thirty of us at today’s meeting. Twenty-eight members, plus two guests, (who are soon to become members), gathered for a bite of lunch and a lively discussion that was to follow.



Tom led us in saying The Pledge, while John French chose to lead us in singing God Bless America. Alex gave the Invocation, thanking God for all His Blessings, and our two guests, Clyde and Liz, were introduced by Bo.

Speaking of communication and connection, thanks to Pres. Jack, we had the use of a “cordless mike” today, which made it much easier for us all to hear one another! Jack gave a brief overview of today’s Board Meeting, which he labeled “very insightful”. We, as a very vibrant club, are considering the possibility of doing some strategic planning. Jill had attended a Breakout Session on this topic at the District Training Assembly, recently, and she found it to be very worthwhile.

In honor of JHB, the Perfect Attendance Award shall be named the John H. Brahm Perfect Attendance Award. Susan shared our finances, and “we are in very good shape”! Shanna attended an Interact Session at the DTA, and she found it to be quite interesting. Jessie Norton and Random, (Penny’s son) would like to be a part of such a group, were it to become a reality at NCS. Jack suggested that we make a presentation to the student body at some point to acquaint them with this idea. Skip had word from Carrie that we will have an incoming student from Belgium.

Club Runner was another item gleaned from the DTA. We will be gathering demographics from the membership, and this should be a learning opportunity for all. Frank noted that the Camp O. Golf Tournament will be June 8th. This is their major fundraiser, and gift baskets are needed as well.

Larry mentioned that a plaque in memory of JHB will be on a bench in front of Skip’s Flooring.



PE (President Elect) Tom ushered us into discussion with a quote that included the thought that “connection with the heart enables one to connect with mind”. “There are countless ways to connect and make friendships, and this is the connection we have at NRC,” said Tom. He then proceeded to hand out a 4 bullet mini questionnaire asking us for feedback about our individual “connection” in Naples Rotary. We were given five minutes to complete the sheet, and then various members were called upon to share their results.

Some of the members who shared their thoughts were Steve, Alex, Jane, Marty, Bo, Coop, Brenda, and John F. Many positive, insightful ideas were given. The overall feeling is that we have a very viable club, but some specifics will follow on the next page:

The interaction between “new” faces and “old” has enabled our club to move steadily forward, however, we need to become more aware of new members’ talents, and tap into them. We need to encourage one another, yet, each of us who is able needs to be a bit proactive as well. We were encouraged to go to Club Runner, and to submit our data for the purpose of being more accessible to one another.

Matt took the mike, and he spoke very eloquently about the program topics that are being planned for next year. He wished us to focus upon three areas: Individuals and Their Stories, Local, Public, and Private Organizations, and Emerging Ideas. A second sheet was passed out to the members, and we formed small groups, over which we brainstormed, and generated many program ideas.

Fines and Happy Bills were combined at this point, which garnered quite an intake, I believe! In terms of Fines, John F. left early. (Sorry, John, now I remember what “HTD” meant from last week! Headquarters for the Trout Derby!) Deb had missed a meeting, and Alex had left her badge in the car. Brenda had been to Kentucky. Larry is soon to have a great-granddaughter. Susan’s granddaughter had a high GPA. Woody was concerned about our youth. Bo and Pat enjoyed some golf with Coop on Saturday. The Happy Bills centered around the great meeting, new members, glorious weather over the weekend, and being part of this very connected club!

The Ace of Hearts was up to \$43 today. Sherry drew Ticket 7387, which was Nancy’s! Nancy drew the Ace of Clubs! Skip had the Win-Win for us. When was the last year that he smoked a White Owl Cigar? Answer: 1980! For the Rotary Moment, Jack showed some pictures of Rose Ridge, with Bo digging away at brush and such. Jack, Steve, Gary, and Bo are working to get “Inspiration Point” ready for the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. With that being said, a Happy Easter is wished for all! P.S. Many thanks to Marty for taking on the chairmanship of the Interact Committee! See you all in two weeks!



Programs for the rest of this Rotary Year			
Date	Time	Program	Speaker
4/22/19	Noon	day after Easter - no meeting	
4/29/19	Noon	Family Support Center (FSC) at NCS	Matt Frahm, Monica Kastner and Melissa Steenburgh
5/6/19	Noon	Barn Quilt Trail	Leah Friends
5.11/19	1:00 PM	Lucky Ducky Derby	Skip Miller, organizer
5/13/19	PM	Spring Dinner	Skip Miller, organizer
5/20/19	Noon	Camp O	Bruce Richardson
5/27/19	Noon	Memorial Day - No Meeting	
6/3/19	Noon	Budding Readers	Elizabeth Mosher
6/10/19	PM	NCS Capital Project - Phase. 2	Matt Frahm
6/17/19	Noon	Naples Fire Dept.	Pat Elwell
6/24/19	Noon	Operation Build up	Joe Rought
7/1/19	PM	Naples Changeover Dinner	