



It was a "packed house" this past Monday night, as 34 members and nine guests filled many of the tables in the large dining room at the Redwood. It seemed as if we were at a very special event, as President Jack had taken the time to display the over 200 Flags we've received from various Rotary Clubs around the world!

The meeting commenced with Jack inviting us to join him in reciting the Pledge, followed by John French's choice of The Star-Spangled Banner to lead us in song. For The Blessing, Jack shared some wise words from Pastor Robin that asked The Lord to open our eyes, ears, and hearts to others.



The guests that we welcomed this evening were Sharon, Alvaro, Random, Clyde, Liz, Kate, Vince, Kathleen, and Marian. We then sang a round of hearty "Congratulations" to the members having April Birthdays and Anniversaries. Celebrating their anniversary were Bill C. and Kit, Frank and Kathleen, and Steve and Mindy. Our April Birthdays included Frank, Larry, Judy, John M., Bruce, Donna, and Lauren.

The Mailbag and Correspondence came next. Jack read a Thank You Note from Margaret Crabb, Vocal Director at NCS. She expressed her appreciation for our support. The NCS Chorus recently took a trip to NYC, and Random was a participant as well! Be sure to save the date! The Margery Pawluk Golf Tournament is slated for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. In terms of the NCS Scholarship Committee, do we wish to continue our annual awards? This is a budgeted item, and we will bring this up for discussion at our next Board Meeting.

Jamie handed out ballots for the Robert Allen Award. Robert Allen was the Naples Club's founder. There are 33 eligible members on the ballot, and we may each vote for up to three persons. The winner will be announced at the Spring Dinner. Thank you, Jamie, for your efforts in planning for this award!

Bill G. spoke next about the Annual Trout Derby. He thanked everyone who helped at this event.

(Blanche and Andrea shown wearing Coop's hat) He shared a few statistics: There were 341 persons who entered. 108 fish were caught of which there were 32 "catch and re-



lease." The largest fish caught was over 10 pounds! Many thanks to Adam for ordering the buttons. Our sincere appreciation goes to Bill for his many years of hard work in helping to make the Annual Trout Derby so successful! Next year, Gary will take over the reins, and we're confident that he'll do a great job too!

Here is the Club Calendar in review: April is designated as Maternal and Child Health Month. The remainder of April is as follows. April 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Club Assembly. April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be no meeting, it's the day after Easter. April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Family Support Center. Don't forget, Monte Carlo Night is April 27<sup>th</sup>! May is Youth Services Month, and here are the programs and events for May. May 6<sup>th</sup> will feature the Barn Quilt Trail. May 11<sup>th</sup> is the Lucky Ducky Derby. Keep selling those tickets! May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Dinner. Skip handed out flyers that describe this event. RSVP to Skip by May 6<sup>th</sup>. May 20<sup>th</sup> will be about Camp O. May 27<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day, so there is no meeting.

In lieu of the scheduled program, Pres. Jack thought it would be a good idea for those of us who attended the District Assembly, (on Saturday), to share what we had gleaned from the various Breakout Sessions we had attended. There were many excellent sessions, and you'll find a sampling of some of the presentations we attended on the next page.

Jack took part in the sessions for Club Presidents, Youth Exchange, and Multi-Club Fund-raising. Tom did Presidents-Elect, Technology, and Creating Membership Enthusiasm. Pat and Bo did Secretarial Training. Karen learned about Vaccines. Alex learned about Conflict Resolution and District Simplified Grants. Jill learned about Strategic Planning, and Shanna sent an E-Mail indicating that she had benefited greatly from attending the RYLA and Literacy Sessions. As one can see, there typically is a wide variety of topics covered at the District Assembly, and the opportunity for further learning is enticing! BTW, the fellowship gained from being with other Rotarians is worthwhile too!

The combination of Happy Bills and Fines really filled Karen's basket this evening! The biggest reason for the members' Happy Bills was the success of the recent Trout Derby, held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This evening's great attendance, the District Assembly, and the stretch of beautiful Spring weather came in next, as reasons to be glad. Individual reasons for Happy Bills included Larry's return to Naples, Bo played some golf over the weekend, Billy was glad to have the Logans with us this evening, Tom appreciated Billy, Bill C. has been married to Kit for 41 years, Penny and Random were happy about NYC, and Marty was glad to have Random with us, and it was nice to see Alvaro this evening too!

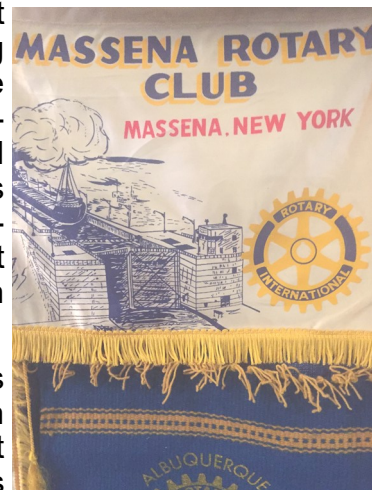


While we were all expecting Nancy to have another "Windfall", it was actually Bill G.'s ticket, #373, that was drawn tonight! Bill picked the Nine of Hearts.

Jack's picture of a beautiful fountain in Wellsboro, Pa. provided the Win-Win. Blanche knew what it depicted! The Fountain represents the famous poem, Wynken, Blynken, and Nod! Leave it to the librarian!!

The Rotary Moment was, of course, being surrounded by all the colorful Rotary banners from all around the world! I was pleased to find a banner my Dad must have brought when he made up here.

P.S. Bill C. told us that Al and Fran Mann are back at Clark Meadows. Let's keep this Sweet Couple in our thoughts! Have a pleasant week, everyone! See you on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Club Assembly!



Programs for the rest of this Rotary Year			
Date	Time	Program	Speaker
4/15/19	Noon	Club Assembly	
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
5/13/19	PM	Spring Dinner	
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	<i>Naples Fire Dept.</i>	Pat Elwell
6/24/19	Noon	Operation Build up	Joe Rought
7/1/19	Noon	Naples Changeover Dinner	