

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Dinner Meeting, August 13, 2018

A rainy, soggy night surrounded us, as 26 Members, plus several guests, gathered for our August Evening Meeting. Albeit a very wet couple of days, we surely have needed the rain, and now everything all around is looking so lush! My apology to all for giving the wrong date(s) for the Grape Fest in last week's missive. The weekend for the 2018 Grape Fest is 9/29-9/30.

President Jack opened the meeting, as he invited us to join him in saying The Pledge. John F. chose God Bless America to lead us in song. Warren, in his Blessing, thanked God for giving us the opportunity to serve others. He asked us to remember those serving in the Armed Forces, and to appreciate all that they do to protect us and Our Country. This evening, we welcomed guests, Chris, Katie, Kathleen, Sharon, Peggy, Marty, and our speaker, Bob Green.

Instead of calling it "The Mailbag", tonight's messages could've been called "The Memo Bag", as several members had items to share with The Club. Robin informed us that the BVT could use some monetary help in getting rid of some uninvited guests..bats! There was a sign-up sheet available for those who wished to help with this "theatrical problem". Alex needs help with Face Painting at the Camp O. Carnival this Sunday, as she has another commitment. Frank told us that the Camp O. Experience began today, and that we have three Naples students attending The Camp. On Wed. 8/22, a group from Naples Rotary is going to do a small service project there, and stay for dinner. He and Kathleen are able to take four Rotarians with them, and the departure time will be 3pm. Please E-mail Frank if you are interested! Billy updated us on Phoebe, our outgoing exchange student. She has made it safely to Austria, has attended a Rotary Meeting, and is doing well thus far. We look forward to hearing from her as she gets settled in her new environment! Speaking of upcoming pleasant events, Skip told us that our Annual Steak Roast is just a month away! There'll be more information on that later on. Carrie and Bill will be picking up our incoming exchange student, a young man from Madrid. Host families are being firmed up at this time.

Although it was covered last week, here again are some upcoming dates that Jack gave us for our calendars. Next week, 8/20, there will be a Board Meeting before lunch. (Jack has sent out an agenda to Board Members). At the Noon Meeting, we will hear from one of our newest members, Bill Shepard. Heather Manley, from MOPS, will speak at the 8/27 meeting. Labor Day is 9/3, so there will be no meeting. The Steak Roast is on 9/10, in the evening at the VFW. Jessica Witherow will be with us on 9/17, to talk about Massage Therapy. Donna will gear us up for the Grape Fest at the 9/24 meeting. Sherry needs our updates for the Rotary Calendar by next week, 8/20. Finally, a friendly reminder that dues are due!

With warm accolades, Warren introduced this evening's Program Speaker, Bob Green, who represents the Ontario County Safety Committee. Warren shared that he had first met Bob in Fort Drum in the 1980's, and that he (Bob) has had a distinguished career, featuring a plethora of experience and accomplishments in serving and protecting the citizens of Ontario County. This rich background of experience includes the receipt of two Law Enforcement Purple Hearts on the part of Bob! As Bob took the podium, he spoke of how great it was to "come home to Naples". Protecting our youth is paramount in his opinion, as he spoke of how the Sheriff's Department is fighting to cure the opioid crisis in our region. The best practices are being sought out to handle this problem, and a number of programs have been put into place to address this issue already! When the need arises, there is a team available to help the person(s) and/or family in about two hours. There has been a reduction in the number of inmates in our County Jail, and these individuals have been helped to become productive members of society. Funding has been secured to provide every school in our county with a School Resource Officer! "These are people who love the kids, reach out to them, and steer them toward help", said Bob. In reference to the inmates, those who are non-violent can be helped to return to society and rehabilitated through the use of Electronic Home Monitoring, such as ankle bracelets.

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Bob ended his delivery with a cute little anecdote about “hearing”, but we would all want to remember his philosophy of “Live well, laugh often, and love your family”! We appreciate your leadership, expertise, and experience, and we thank you, Bob, for a great presentation!

Today’s Fines rallied around mostly missed meetings. Those responsible were Brenda, Blanche, Bill S., Larry, Leah, Frank, Robin, Skip, and Bill G. Frank also had misplaced his badge.

Happy Bills poured in tonight in praise of the Program! We were inspired by Bob’s impressive record of service to Ontario County! In addition, Susan’s granddaughter had received a college award. John F. talked about an “Escape Room”. Alex’s son-in-law has helped to save the whales. Leah is glad to be back. Frank’s and Kathleen’s daughter has visited. Robin appreciates 911. Judy and Skip had been to Lancaster to see a play. Carrie appreciates our N.C.S. School Resource Officer. Both Carrie and Bill were expecting another set of “Grandpups”. Billy was also glad to have Marty come to tonight’s meeting. President Jack and wife, Sharon were each glad to have been able to attend their niece, Anderson’s wedding this weekend.

The “Jackpot” was up to \$130, and Sharon was asked to draw the “winning ticket”. Roberta’s ticket, # 815, was drawn, and Roberta drew an Ace from the pack...the Ace of Spades!!

Our Win-Win was provided by Larry this evening. The question was, how many prescriptions for opioid pain killers were issued in 2015 more

than any other state? The answer was Florida, but that number has been reduced since then.

President Jack shared a Rotary Moment by letting us know that one of the co-founders of Camp O. had recently passed. RIP, dear friend!

Bill G. had to “round out” the evening by sharing some “interesting data” from a recent golf outing, which included the foursome of Adam, Bo, Pat, and Bill, himself! Always a fun time when golfing takes place!

That’s it for this week, friends! Have a great week! See you on the 20th for our Noon Meeting, when we’ll get to hear all about our colleague, Bill Shepard! Until then, take care!!