



Warm smiles, friendly greetings, and the aroma of delicious food greeted us tonight at the VFW, as we gathered for the second Evening Meeting of 2019. Twenty-four members, plus eight guests, filled the three long tables, which were brightly decorated to accommodate the lively group of Rotarians. Three of our members, Blanche, Sherry, and Bill C. joined us online!

After a bit of socializing, which the Evening Meetings usually allow, President Jack commenced the meeting, as he beckoned us to join him in saying The Pledge. John F. led us in singing God Bless



America. Alex was asked to say The Blessing. She thanked The Lord for all His Good Gifts unto us, and she asked that He grant us tolerance and acceptance of others. The guests were then introduced. So as not to forget her, Jack started out by introducing

his wife, Sharon! Bill G. introduced those sitting at his table, who were Jean, Tina, Timothy, and Mike. Sitting at the next table were guests, Katie and Kathleen. Two of these guests would be inducted as New Members tonight!

Along with Pres. Jack, we recognized our February Birthdays. We sang a hearty round of "Happy Birthday" to John F., Bill G., Brenda, Bo, Steve, and Suzanne. Warmest wishes go to each of you! Jack reviewed the Club Calendar. Programs slated for the rest of February include Getting To Know You, 2/18, and Invasive Species, 2/25. March, which is Water and Sanitation Month, will feature The Opioid Problem, 3/4, Forensic Criminology, 3/11, Dental Health Posters, 3/18, and The Naples Historical Society, 3/25. The District Training Assembly will be in April. Jack asked us to send "good vibes" Tom's way, as he (Tom) was having further treatments in Buffalo at this time. We're all rooting for you, Tom!

We paused in the proceedings to partake of a delicious lasagna dinner, prepared by the staff at the VFW. Along with that entrée were salad, bread, and an array of delectable desserts! Suzanne had even made Valentine cookies! There couldn't have been a better choice for a Wintry night!

Next, on the agenda was a very special part of this evening's meeting: the Induction of two new members, Tina Newton and Jean Schwingle. Tina was being sponsored by Karen, and Jean was being sponsored by Judy.



Rotarians Jack, Pat, Skip, Karen, Frank, Nancy, John F. (filling in for Tom), Bo, and Judy each read a portion, in that order, of the Induction Ceremony to the Inductees. Judy and Karen each spoke briefly about the new member she was sponsoring, and then presented each with a certificate and Rotary pin. We are pleased to have you join the Naples Rotary Club, Jean and Tina, and we know that each of you will be an asset to our organization! Welcome!!

As Jack mentioned in his E-mail, "Our Most Tenured Member", John Brahm, was this evening's featured speaker. His presentation was entitled, "Wine Or Not", and I think this title had us all intrigued! John's power point began with a beautiful view of his property overlooking Arbor Hill, and the vineyard, which is 150 years old!

"Wine is a highly regulated product, and each bottle must meet approval," John told us. From that pivotal point, we were to learn a great deal about wine production. Varietal wine refers to a specific variety of grape, and anything less than 7% is considered a "wine product". Ingredients must be listed in order of products, and at times, labels can be misleading. If it says "wine product" on a label, then one is not misled. Typically, wine products can be found in grocery stores, and the like, but liquor stores will not sell wine products.

John enlisted the help of "the Good Shepherd", Bill Shephard, that is, to get "Biblical"! Bill, by adding various ingredients to the bottle, turned "water into wine" right before our eyes! Bill, as part of his work, makes sure the records are complete. Every single wine in a liquor store has been pre-approved, John told us. His message to us was "Be careful"!

In closing, he showed us some pictures of some "doggone" nice labels that Darryl Abraham had made for him. To culminate The Winemaster's talk, son-in-law, John French, had been busy preparing four tastings for each of us to sample! There were two wines; Chardonnay and Riesling, and two wine products; Vine Valley Raspberry and Vine Valley Peach. They were all delicious! Many thanks to John for your informative and delightful program! We learned a great deal!

We had a "fine" time this evening! Lots of Fines and Happy Bills filled the basket for the following reasons: The Program, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Missed Meetings, New Members, Free Wine, Money For Vets, (from Joan's granddaughter), Valentines For Vets, and V3, (Vintage, Vines, and Valentines).

The 50-50 was at \$158. Adam drew Ticket 4210, which belonged to Bill S. Bill drew the Jack of Diamonds from the pack.

For the Win-Win, John F. asked how many, (that went on the Tasteful Journey at V3), actually drank wine or beer. The answer was 196 and the "Rotary Moment" had to do with some of the members who went "curling" this past weekend!

Per Jack's request, we gave a hearty round of applause to the VFW, to thank them for their fine hospitality. Also, many thanks to Laurie for taking pictures of The Induction Ceremony! We'll get to know some of the new members a bit better at next week's meeting. Don't forget to send Al and Fran well wishes if you get a chance! Happy Valentine's Day to all!

