

## **GAVEL DINNER**

NAPLES ROTARY CLUB NAPLES, NEW YORK JULY 1, 2018  
FINGER LAKES EVENT BARN (NOW WREN'S ROOST EVENT BARN)  
6995 LONGSDORF ROAD, NAPLES, NY

The annual Gavel Dinner took place on Sunday, July 1, 2018. It was a record hot day, but very comfortable in the new event barn and outside patios. A delicious buffet dinner was presented by Renee Rennoldson and Marie Martin. Beverages by Brew & Brats. Fellowship began at 5:00 followed by dinner at 6:00. President John French welcomed everyone – we did the Pledge, sang “God Bless America” and Steve Richards gave the Invocation.

President John showed a video presentation of past Club activities – included were current photos of some of our delegates to the RI Conference enjoying a “cat nap” (late night party or too loong speaker?) We were reminded of the Walk of Life on July 28, August 19 the Carnival at Camp Onseyawa and Rotary Red Wing Game on July 21. Guests were introduced and outgoing Exchange Student, Phoebe, was called forward to receive a check for \$1,000 from our Club to be used toward her expenses.

Next up, Jamie Tyrrell presented two Paul Harris Fellowships to deserving members selected by the Club membership – Congratulations to Karen Schenk and Bruce Richardson.

President John thanked all committee chairmen for their dedicated endeavors during 2017-18. Especially Skip & Judy, banquets, Bill & Carrie, raffles and youth exchange, Joyce – Oratorical, Shannon – Literary, Jack – program chairman, Mike and Jody Simons-Caruso, Walk of Life, Susan and Karen –Front Desk operation.

The gavel was passed from outgoing President John French to incoming Jack Fredericks. K Jack presented John with a gift plaque in recognition of his service as President during 2017-18, Upcoming we have Matt Frahm, President Elect and Tom Hawks, Vice President.

Pins for President and President Elect were passed out. (Members had earlier received pins at their place settings for next year's theme “Be The Inspiration”) Another Rotary year draws to a close – thanks and accolades to everyone for their dedication and hard work! Jane Schenk, Secretary Pro Tem

...Happy Birthday to Marion Clawson – 93 years young today...