

# Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY  
Lunch Meeting, July 16, 2018



A sultry, sizzling Summer day was in store for us last Monday, as 28 members, plus three guests, gathered for our Noonday Meeting. The pitchers of water were being depleted quickly, as we tried to keep cool and refreshed. As with Past President John, President Jack's meetings are "refreshing" too! Having "switched roles", today, it was Jack, handsomely decked out in a tie gifted by Warren, who led us in The Pledge, and John F. who started us off singing The Star-Spangled banner. We also sang heartfelt Congratulations to the following folks who had birthdays or anniversaries this month. They were: John B., Jack, Vicky, Joan, and Alex. Our Blessing was given by Jamie, who thanked The Lord for the opportunity to do our Walk of Life, which is soon approaching. Our fine guests today included Shanna Fuller, and son, Caleb, along with Sharon, wife of Pres. Jack.

Pres. Jack gave a brief summation of today's Board Meeting. We are all "caught up" on Budget Items. Our

finances are strong, and we appreciate Susan being at the helm. The Red Wings Rotary Night is coming up on 7/21/18. Our Walk of Life is our major focus this month. There have been fundraisers to support the WOL, such as the Desserts and Songwriters Event on 7/12, and the Hazlitt Tours on 7/15. Another upcoming fundraiser is the Silent Auction on 7/24. Jack also spoke of two new positions he would like to see filled. One would be a "Treasurer's Assistant", who would greet people as they arrived at meetings, and would collect the money to give to Susan. The second role would be that of a Public Relations Person, who would submit items for the District Grapevine. Jack hopes to have these positions filled in a timely manner.

Jodi took the floor, and spoke of our upcoming Walk of Life, slated for 7/28/18. The Dessert and Songwriters Event was very successful. She had luminaries for sale at \$5.00 each. One can write the name of a loved one, who has fought cancer, and has either won or lost the battle. Along with being decorated, these luminaries will "light the way" at the WOL, as we remember our special ones. She also had tickets for the Grove Boys Chicken BBQ, which will take place that day. We were invited to sponsor a family who could have a chicken dinner that day, if we purchased extra tickets. They would be available at the Open Cupboard. With her mascot, "Juniper" alongside, Jodi also had "Cow Pie Bingo" tickets for sale. We gleaned this idea from the Wayland Rotary Club, as it seemed to be a very successful fundraiser when they tried it!

Jack shared some Thank You Notes with the members. There was a note of thanks from DG Mike, who appreciated his visit with us last week. He commended the Naples Rotary for our fine efforts in all that we do. Next, was a note from Tim Brautigam, thanking us for the Duane Schultz Award. A note from Lisa Quarterman spoke of her appreciation for Naples Rotary, in our support of her daughter Alicia, who earned the Service Above Self Award. Finally, a note of thanks came from our Judy Schewe, thanking us for the \$300 donation made to the Naples Library.

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Jack reported that we have a “full slate” this month, with WOL Fundraisers, and the Walk of Life, itself, being the predominant items on the calendar! We have all been invited to Phoebe Neubauer’s Going Away Party on 7/30, at the Wilson Lodge at Ontario Park. Phoebe is our outgoing Rotary exchange student to Austria this coming school year. Let’s hope many of us can make it to this event to wish Our Phoebe well!



Speaking of “refreshing”, it was time for today’s program, which featured Shanna Fuller, who is the Public Relations Representative from Shangri-La. Shanna, along with the assistance of her son, Caleb, gave us a glimpse at a very special kind of resort in our area that focuses on ecotourism. Shangri-La, which is located on Route 53, just outside of Naples, is an off- the-grid resort that encompasses four houses. Through the use of electric vehicles, and (local) organic products and foods, this vacation spot renders a feeling of being close to nature and the environment for its guests. Shanna described its mission as “doing the right thing for the environment”! The (nearly four) furnished houses, along with hiking trails, are sure to please any nature-lover, and provide a pleasant “get-away”! The facility is also handicapped accessible, Shanna told us. Judging from the brochures that Caleb gave us, the pictures depict the perfect Weekend Spot to spend in our beautiful Finger Lakes Area, year-round! Thank you, Shanna and Caleb, for telling us about this lovely place!

Today’s fines were as follows: Missed meetings- Warren, Roberta, Jamie, Bill C., and Jodi. Birthday- Alex. Anniversary- John F. and Jack. New car-Susan. Song-John B. Money-Bruce. Gavel to Jack-John B.

Today’s Happy Bills were as follows: The Program-nearly everyone. The sunshine-John B. Help from Roberta-Warren. Having the kids home-Alex. The recent WOL Fundraisers-Mike. Dodging the New President Fine-Bo. New treatment-Tom. Time with daughter-Bill C. Time with granddaughter-Susan.

Jack reminded us that July begins the New Rotary Year, so don’t forget that your dues are due!

“First Lady”, Sharon, drew Jodi’s ticket, #3607. Jodi picked the Ten of Spades from the deck. The amount was at \$74, which Pres. Jack said was a “good amount”, as 74 marks the year that he and Sharon were married!

Alex had the Win-Win for us. Her little grandson was named after a Naples Business, which is “Sutton”!

Our meeting concluded with two Rotary Moments from Bill C. and Bill S. Recently, Bill C. had been in Honeoye, listening to some pleasant music in the Gazebo. The music had been funded by the Rotary Club! Bill S. also noted that luminaries were being included in Shelter Boxes!

Have a great week, one and all, and keep cool! See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for our Noon Meeting. Our program will be the Walk of Life, presented by Jodi, Laurie, and Mike.