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Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Lunch Meeting, July 23, 2018

This is it! This begins a busy week for us as we prepare for our Walk of Life this coming Saturday, July 28th. In fact, the Walk of Life was the theme for today's program, as Jodi spoke of the preparations and various activities connected with our "Big Summer Event".

We were greeted today by an additional ray of sunshine, as Laurie O'Brien has joined the two sweet ladies, Susan and Karen, at the front desk. Laurie will serve as a greeter, as well as an assistant to Susan. This key position should help things to flow smoothly, as we enter our meeting area each week. Our having a "greeter" will also help to make everyone, including our guests, feel welcomed! Many thanks, Laurie, for "stepping up to the plate"!

Thirty members and three guests gathered for our Noon Meeting today. We joined President Jack in reciting The Pledge. Larry was asked to give The Invocation, and he thanked The Lord for His Blessings. He also asked for the strength and courage needed to carry out our mission of serving others. John F. led us in singing America, The Beautiful. Our guests were then introduced. They were: Sharon, wife of Pres. Jack, Ethan, friend of Carrie, and Chip, visiting Rotarian from the New England States.

Before the Program, Pres. Jack had a few "Mailbag" and miscellaneous items to share with us. Beginning with the first Monday in August, Susan has encouraged us to bring in school supplies for those students in need. We have done this in the past, and it has helped those families who can't afford the cost of these items. Members' data is being updated. This will also help with the compilation of the Rotary Community Calendar. The Wayland Rotary Golf Tournament at Brae Burn (in Dansville) is in September, and they are looking for sponsors. Regarding Camp O., we will determine when we will visit, help, and dine with the campers. We hope to participate in some of their Carnival Events next month as well. Pres. Jack said that the Red Wings game went well, as evidenced by the cute picture of his family enjoying several innings. We were reminded that our dues are due! The Silent Auction at The Tipping Glass will be tonight, 7/24, from 5-8 PM.



As mentioned earlier, today's program theme was The Walk of Life, and Jodi was our presenter. She first began by thanking us for our support of the Cub Scouts. She noted that scouting represents "growth for kids", and our support of their activities certainly helps these youngsters to flourish! Moving on to the WOL, she prefaced her talk with a request for our help. She encouraged each of us to take a few extra Chicken BBQ tickets to sell to family and friends. Help is also needed to sell these tickets in advance in front of Rennoldsons' Market each day. People are needed to direct the runners at Saturday's Fun Run. This would be about 40 minutes. Jodi also asked, in a recent E-mail, to borrow items such as pop-up tents, and coolers for Saturday's Event. In addition to having live music and delicious food, there will be many other splendid activities taking place on Saturday, that will suit all ages! We mustn't forget that Juniper, the cow, is going to "do her duty" also, for the Cow Pie Bingo portion! And...speaking of duty, much

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help, of course, will be needed to help clean up after the WOL is over. Here is where our collective efforts, (as each is able to do), will certainly be beneficial to all concerned! Jodi has extra luminaries for sale at \$5 each. This will be a visible way to show that we remember those loved ones who've survived or succumbed to cancer. John F. and Jodi held out the new Walk of Life Banner for us to see. It will be a great addition to this year's event! Thank you, Jodi, for all your efforts and hard work!



Since the WOL benefits the Margery Pawluk Cancer Fund and Naples Hospice House, John French was next to speak. He showed us pictures of the many lovely items that Sherry has created in preparation for the Silent Auction on 7/24. These, in addition to many other items, will be available to bid upon that evening!

According to John, Hospice House is opening on August 1st, as a two-bed Comfort Care Facility! Resident care volunteers are still needed at this time. Perhaps this is a calling for some of us? Did you know that there are 33 Comfort Care Homes in NYS? John mentioned that Beth Flory, a PHF recipient, passed in May, and that there will be a Memorial for her on August 4th at Baird's. Thank you, John for all the updates!

It was time for our Fines, and here they are, as follows: Missed Meetings- Carrie, Robin, Matt, and Larry. Phone- Sherry and Skip. Badge- Mike. Tricky Technology- John F.

We were an ultimately "Happy Crew" today, as so many of us put in \$ in appreciation of Jodi, Mike, John, and Sherry, and all who have helped to bring our Second Annual WOL close to fruition! Carrie was pleased about Phoebe, as our outgoing student to Austria, and we have an incoming student from Spain! Warren, Jodi, and John B. were pleased about the Youth Exchange. Tom's first treatment went well on Wednesday. Chip was glad to be visiting us. Bruce had his 60th H.S. Reunion. Jamie's and Bessie's 50th Anniversary is coming up next month. Mike thanked us for all our work. Warren's and Roberta's Grandkids visited. Jack was thankful for Laurie and Lauren. Woody felt that Rotary is making the world a better place. Joan has a 7th Great-Grandson! Her Granddaughter and family are adopting 3 kids! Laurie enjoyed being with Son Joseph, this past weekend, at a Music Festival. Susan is so glad to have Laurie there to help her!

John B. was able to take a crack at the Ace of Hearts today. His ticket, #689, was drawn, and he picked the Three of Clubs.

Our Win-Win was from Larry, I believe. The three requirements to emigrate to Australia are: 1. You must be under 40. 2. You must be a H.S. graduate with 3 years of employment. 3. You must be fluent in English. Many quarters could be heard clinking in the cups!!

Jack had a Rotary Moment for us, along with pictures. Recently, he and Sharon had dropped in to see Al and Fran Mann, and they had had a lovely visit! Al had received a citation for being "Senior of the Year In Ontario County"!

We will be busy this week, as we prepare for our Second Annual Walk of Life, and in thinking about that, one could say that each Naples Rotarian is a "Luminary" by the work that each of us does for the good of all!