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Rotary Club of Naples, NY Lunch Meeting, July 30, 2018



One would have thought we were at the "Dinner Theater" this past Monday, as BVT Associate Artistic Director, Katelyn Cantu, graced us with her presence at our Noon Meeting! More on Katelyn a little later! Along with our special guest, 26 members gathered for our last meeting of July. How is it that Summer has such a way of literally "flying by", or so it seems?? President Jack opened the meeting, as we joined him in saluting Our Flag. John F. led us in singing God Bless America, which was a nice choice, as we all seem to be able to reach those notes! (It seems that Jack and John have switched roles now!) Patrice gave The Invocation, thanking God for all His Blessings. We welcomed special guest, Katelyn Cantu, who gave the Program today. It was nice to see Susan at "the big table" for a change, as Laurie has stepped up to the plate to assist Karen at the entry table, and also serve as "Our Greeter"! Along with everyone else, it was a pleasure to have Andrea join us for lunch!

Here were some items from The Mailbag. Pres. Jack read a note from Ben Chaffer, thanking us for the monetary support given him in pursuing higher education. A heartfelt note from Tom Pawluk thanked the Naples Rotary Club for its generous support of the Margery Pawluk Cancer Patient Needs Fund. The Annual Golf Outing is always an enjoyable way to help meet the necessities of patients and their families.

Bo handed out Perfect Attendance Pins to the following members: John Brahm-48 years. John French-5 years. Jack Fredericks-3 years. Karen Schenk-2 years. Congratulations to each of you for your dedicated service and commitment to Rotary!

Here were a few more items. As August approaches, our thoughts turn to Camp O. In a few short weeks, we will be helping, and joining the youngsters, as they enjoy their camp experience. We will be determining a date when, (hopefully), many of us can visit the campers, and partake in a meal with them. Sherry has graciously offered some Hospeace House items which can be used for their Carnival. Thank you, Sherry!

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As mentioned in the opening remarks, it was "a taste of the theater", as our featured guest was Katelyn Cantu, Assoc. Artistic Director of Bristol Valley Theater. She is currently in her 10th season with BVT, and she currently experiencing her first season in this capacity as AAD. Katelyn, a native of Rochester, and a graduate of Nazareth College, has appeared in several other productions at BVT. This season, she is starring as the showgirl bride in the musical comedy, The Drowsy Chaperone. Katelyn treated us to one of her signature songs from the play, and the dining room "came alive", as her beautiful voice and gestures gave us the impetus to go and see this play in its entirety! She talked about the theater training for youth, and how it builds many useful skills for the participants. There is an Apprentice Show coming up this Saturday at 1:00 PM featuring local kids. What a wonderful Summer experience for these young people! She also talked about a New Works Initiative, which gives new playwrights an opportunity to become better known. Pres. Jack presented Katelyn with a \$500 check toward the BVT Apprentice Program. Thank you, Katelyn, for giving us a glimpse into the creativity and culture which the BVT provides for our little community!



The Going Away Party for Phoebe Neubauer was Monday afternoon at Ontario County Park. Friends, Family, and Rotarians wished Phoebe well as she soon embarks on her year-long learning adventure in Austria. Looking at the Club Calendar, Jack noted that next week, The Walden Project will be our featured program.

Here were the Fines collected at Monday's Meeting. Missed Meetings- Alex, Brenda, Andrea, and John M. The Grill- Mike and Skip. Wine Date-John B. Badge- Frank. Missed WOL- John F. Business Date-Warren. Just Because- Warren and Bruce. Warren also added a fine for a wardrobe malfunction! All Is Good- Jack.

The Happy Bills collected on Monday were as follows. We were all so pleased with the lovely Program! Jack noted that we had 19 Rotarians at the Silent Auction, and there were 31 Rotarians at the Walk of Life! Many were pleased with these two events as well. Great-Granddaughter visit-Joan. Trip

Out West- Brenda. Naples Historical Society Talk- John M. Grandson's Lost Tooth- Diane. Hospeace House Opening – John F. Being At The Big Table- Susan. We were glad that Jodi thought to bring a chicken to the WOL last week to help Juniper out!

By this week, The Kitty had reached \$115! Number 753, Roberta's ticket, was drawn. Roberta picked the King of Diamonds from the pack.

The Win-Win was provided by our Local Historian, John M. Other uses for the Memorial Town Hall were a shoe factory and the Bristol Cabinet Company!

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Our Rotary Moment was shared by Mike. He fondly remembered Sharon Jaynes, retired Naples music teacher, who passed recently.

Jack shared a picture of the "Coveted Trophy" from the Disc Golf at the WOL. I thought I would also incorporate a picture of the main attraction at the Walk of Life. Unfortunately, this young maiden got so

nervous during transport, well I will let the interpretation up to you. Bottom line: Nothing came out of the bottom. She is pretty though, and with a little potty training, she'll do just fine next year.

John M. noted that Monday evening was the drawing for The Cleveland House.

John and Sherry noted that this week, August 1st, the Hospeace House reopens! The facility is in need of many kitchen (non-perishable) food items. There will be a box for the collection of these items at Monday's Meeting, should any of us wish to donate some of these much-needed goods. Many thanks in advance for your continued generosity!

That's all for this week, folks! Happy August to all! See you for our Noon Meeting on the 6th!

