

Grapevine

Rotary Club of Naples, NY
Dinner Meeting, July 9, 2018

It was a balmy evening in early July.
'Twas a special time for Naples Rotary, and this is why.
So many of our members were glad to be back
For the "Inaugural Meeting" of President Jack!

Another reason we were sure to like
Was the visit of wife, Jo, and DG Mike!
Included was AG Jean, of Area Three
A splendid evening it was sure to be!

There was yet another reason to celebrate.
Attendance this evening was truly "first-rate"!
While thirty Rotarians gathered to dine,
Adding several guests was truly sublime!

Here were our guests, as listed below:
Included were these, along with Jean, Mike, and Jo.
Lori, Katie, Sharon, Frank, Bippy, and Kathleen,
Shirley, Lisa, Alicia, and Ethan all made a fine scene!

Without hesitation, nor a boast, nor a brag
We stood with Jack, to salute Our Flag.
As we recently celebrated the Fourth of July
We gave God Bless America a valiant try.

Here is an item also to mention.
The Blessing was Canadian, site of The Convention!
Then it was time for our guests to meet.
Each one was introduced from his or her seat.

It was a full meeting, therefore, no mail call.
Pres. Jack simply wished "A Happy New Year" to all.
With a full slate ahead of us, one can be sure
This Rotary Year, we'll be inspired even more!

Two special students were in The Spotlight,
As Alicia and Ethan joined us tonight.
Admiration and pride for These Two soared
As each has received a Special Award!

Alicia received the award, "Service Above Self"
Her community service speaks well of itself!
To Ethan, the "Brad Clawson Award" was passed.
This fine young man was first in his class!

Both Alicia and Ethan rose, and spoke to us all.
Each told of his plans for this coming Fall.



Each of these students is college-bound.
Our applause for them made a joyful sound!

The Induction of New members was next on the list.
Adding Dan and Woody, a moment not to be missed!
To be sponsored by Jane, we're sure Woody was glad.
And Lauren was the sponsor for Dan, Her Dad!



Our Club will be enhanced by adding These Two.
Our Congratulations go out to Both of You!
With Our Membership continuing to grow and grow,
Our "Service To Others" will be even better, you know!

With the Walk of Life coming soon,
Mike shared some "info" with those in the room.
Under the tent, at the Naples Hotel
On 7/12, there'll be songwriters, and desserts as well!

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There'll be Tours at Hazlitt's this coming Sunday too.
Perhaps a "Wine Tour" would suit some of you?
Being so busy, this is just what we need!
And the Walk of Life gets some of the proceeds!

Then it was time for another highlight.
Jack introduced DG Mike, our speaker tonight!
This year's theme is "Be The Inspiration".
Mike's presentation was full of motivation!



Snippets from President Barry's expectations
Gave us reasons to ponder with much trepidation.
To build a better world, to motivate and inspire,
We need to set Our Members' potential "on fire"!

Mike spoke of world change, for which we thirst.
But we all must take care of Our Members first!
We can learn from our experience and our past,
And together, create changes that will surely last!

He talked about how every Rotarian, each day,
Could put a certain amount of money away.
By taking that responsibility among us,
We could donate to the Annual Fund, or Polio Plus!

Support could increase for clubs all around,
With seminars and workshops that would abound.
Among us, our resources we could pool,
With communication, and training tools.

In closing, Mike urged us all to be aware,
Throughout the world, people need our care!
No doubt, this was cause for Mike's elation.
Jack gave him a check for The Rotary Foundation!



Tonight, in the interest of time,
The Fines and Happy Bills were combined.
The Program, new members, and students made the list.
Along with John F., Jack, travel, and meetings missed.

The Ace of Hearts ticket was drawn by Matt.
(Thank Goodness, this time, it wasn't Pat!)
Jack had a Win-Win in store.
The eating record of hotdogs was 74!

A Rotary Moment was shared tonight.
A poem from Australia seemed just right!
Congratulations to Karen, and Bruce too.
For the PHF so deserved by each of you!

Thank you, John F., for your stellar year!
Because of you, many New Members are here!
With our goals in mind, we'll not look back,
As we delve into Our New Year with President Jack!