



"It's been a long week," proclaimed President Jack, as he brought the meeting to order this past Monday evening. Indeed, the passing of our dear colleague, John H. Brahm III, has impacted us all, and to think, just a month ago, we listened to his wonderful report on wine!



We joined Jack in reciting The Pledge, and we were glad to have John French back to lead us in singing The Star-Spangled Banner. We were called to remember the legacy of JHB III, as Alex urged us to do in her Blessing. Along with 29 Members in attendance, there were seven guests who joined us this evening. They were Steve and Patty, neighbors of Laurie, Sharon, wife of Jack, Alvaro, our exchange student, and Random, son of Penny, Beverly, sister of Suzanne, and Mike, who would be inducted as a new member tonight.

Pres. Jack shared some mail with us. There were three memorial contributions in memory of John H. Brahm, which had arrived in the mail. They were from the Dickey, Wells, and Evarts families. Jack noted that a (Rotary) Memorial for JHB III will be discussed at next week's Board Meeting. There was a memo from the Summit In The Valley Committee. Also, we will be talking about the Water For Uganda Project.

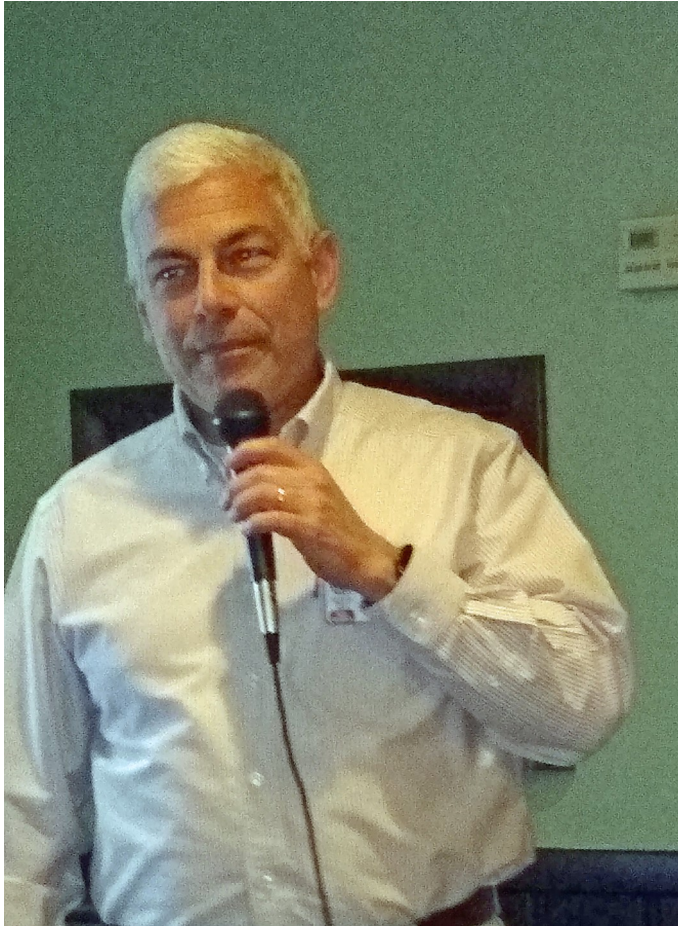
A sign that Spring can't be far away, was when Bill G. rose to talk about the Annual Trout Derby, which is slated for Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Bill noted that the sign-up sheet is fairly filled at this point, and he encouraged others to sign up for a shift if possible.

Jack presented the Slate of Officers for 2019-2020. Steve made the motion that we accept the slate, and Bo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next on the evening's agenda was the induction of our newest member, Michael Timmens. Michael indicated that he had been a member of the Kiwanis Club in Nunda. Since moving to the area, he has enjoyed the people of Naples, and he hopes to get to know more people, and to continue to be of service by joining Naples Rotary. Mike Joseph is Michael's sponsor. Led by Jack, we conducted the NRC Induction Ceremony, and Jack presented Michael with his New Member Packet. Michael, who is a retired social worker, makes our 57<sup>th</sup> member! Welcome aboard, Michael, we look forward to serving with you! Shown below are Billy, Michael and president Jack



Tonight's program was entitled "Forensic Engineering", and it was presented by one of our newest members, Marty Gordon. Before commencing, Marty presented Jack with a handsome flag from the Fort Worth, Texas, Rotary Club. Marty has taught at RIT for 25 years, and he has been a forensic engineer for about 20 years. Having been Past President of the National Academy of Forensic Engineering, Marty indicated that he has always been fascinated with the law.



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It was interesting to learn that the word, “forensic” comes from the Latin word, “forensis”, which means having to do with the law. “Every case is unique,” said Marty, and he told us that he has worked on 150 of them! Cases that he has worked on include Product Liability, Personal Injury, Patent Disputes, and Accident Reconstruction. Other areas include Fires and Explosions, Falls Slips, and Trips, and Structural Failure.

Marty showed us three different examples of situations where he was called in to investigate what had happened. Data gleaned prior to impact, reverse animation, and diagramming helped in assessing each of the scenarios. Marty entertained questions afterwards, from which an interesting discussion evolved. Thank you, Marty, for a fascinating presentation! As Jack said, your work aligns with our Rotary Avenues of Service!

We have been combining Fines and Happy Bills in recent weeks, and this procedure has seemed to work well. Nancy, who is “in training”, passed the basket around tonight! Three major areas garnered many bills this evening. They were the Program, JHB III, and the NCS Musical/Play, Grease. Congratulations to the following members’ children, who did a fantastic job in the play! They were; Charlie and Grady Grove, River Simons-Caruso, Mahina Williams, and Sam Stevens. Matt, Lauren, Dan, and Marty had missed meetings. We are also glad to have our newest member, Michael, on board.

The Ace of Hearts is still out there! The Kitty was at 69.00. Frank’s ticket, #7677, was drawn, and Frank picked the Ten of Diamonds from the pack.

Penny had a cute Win-Win. How many Rotarians does it take to blow up an exercise ball? The answer is two!

The Rotary Moment was when John French thanked us all for the support we’ve given him and his family during these past few days since the tragic loss of JHB III. He and Sherry have been with Katie this week, and they have lent each other support. John had John’s Make-Up Card, (from a Rotary Meeting he’d attended in South Carolina), with him. That Make-Up Card shall be carefully kept and treasured!

The evening concluded with Tom calling John French “a Rock of Gibraltar”. We were in total agreement, as we rose to give John a standing ovation.

I mentioned that the new slate of officers, starting on July 1st was approved at the meeting. I have asked the my “executive assistant to prepare a copy, which you shall receive shortly. An updated roster should also lend in your inbox in the next few days.