



Hope everyone enjoyed a nice St. Patrick's Day weekend! March is certainly "marching along", as we only have one more meeting slated for this month. Spring can't be far away! Today's meeting was especially enjoyable, not only because the children visited us, but because many parts of the meeting were peppered with laughter, which did us all some good!



The meeting convened with President Jack leading us in reciting The Pledge. I believe it was Jack who proceeded to get us going in the singing of God Bless America. Alex said The Blessing, and she asked The Lord to give us hearts that are gentle, kind, and forgiving. Our special guests today, were, of course, some very sweet kindergarteners, first, and second graders from Naples Elementary.

The meeting took on a slightly different format today, as we went directly to today's program, which featured our younger elementary students. Pres. Jack introduced himself to the parents, who were visiting, and their talented youngsters, who read their essays to us. "Be the Inspiration" is our Rotary Motto for this year, and Jack noted that these children were definitely a part of that outlook.

Being that it was National Children's Dental Health Month, it was only fitting that the winners of the Dental Health Essay Contest at school should come to share their marvelous essays with us! Flanked by Anastasia, from Dr. Chanler's office, and Nurse Kelly, from school, and ushered in by Matt, each youngster came to the podium, and read his/her essay. Based on the theme, "Brush and Clean in Between to Build a Healthy Smile." Each child's essay contained great ideas for maintaining dental health! It was a delightful presentation, and the parents and teachers should be commended! Jack found these little folks "truly an Inspiration!"



Eve MacAllister delivered a very wise message in the picture above. Rosemary Moore (great granddaughter of Bill Moore and granddaughter of David Moore, both former Naples Rotarians) added more wisdom below.



Next on the agenda was The Mailbag. There was a note from thanks from Jim Isaac and Family for our donation to Shirley's Playland, which is part of the Sunshine Campus. Along with this note, there was a note of thanks from Tracey Dreisbach, who is the Executive Director of this camp. There were also some incoming donations in John H. Brahm III's memory. There were many ways discussed at the Board Meeting, as how to honor the memory of JHBIII, and Jack encouraged members to share their ideas with a Board Member.

Here are some notes from today's Board Meeting. Jack said that members are welcome to attend a Board Meeting at any time, should they be interested in the proceedings. The Vocal Contest has been cancelled for this year. The District Training Assembly is coming up on April 6th. Six members are signed up to attend so far. Tom Pawluk was at the BM for a while this morning. He needs our support in their initiatives. One of the 10 buckets for the Margery Coughlin Pawluk Cancer Fund will remain with us, the others will be placed at businesses around town. The purpose is to help "fill the gap" that has occurred during recent months.

Additional guests were introduced at this juncture. First of all, "Welcome back, Susan!" It was so nice to see you today at both the Board Meeting and the regular meeting! Jack expressed sincere thanks to Laurie for having filled in for Susan during her absence. Job well done. Laurie! With John and Sherry today, were two guests. Lauren Robison, and Angela Mac Allister. (John is working on them to become members!) Each of them had a little student, Adeline and Eve, who read her essay to the group! Along with Steve, was a familiar face, Michael Ball, who is planning to join Rotary too! We'll be up to 60 members before we know it!! P.S. Nice to have John M. with us today too!

Bill G, talked about the upcoming Trout Derby, scheduled for April 1st. All slots for work times have been filled. Donations are pretty well set also. For set-up on Sunday, March 31st, volunteers will meet at the Firehouse. Steve will sponsor a basket from Arbor Hill. Thank you, Steve!

Skip noted that the Annual Spring Dinner will be on 5/13 at the Fish and Game Club. Julie will be serving us once again. Yippee!

Our Happy Bills and Fines were as follows: We all enjoyed the program very much! The children are a pleasure to have with us! Kudos to the Robotics Team from Shanna and Marty, and Penny! Bill S., Steve, and Susan had missed meetings.

The ticket for the Ace of Hearts was #7730, and "somehow", it turned out to be Frank's! Frank drew the Jack of Hearts!

The Win-Win was in tune with the Dental Theme, and was provided by John F. In what decade were nylon bristles put in toothbrushes? The answer is the 1930's!

President-Elect Tom has just returned from the PETS Training Seminar held this past weekend in Syracuse. Of course, he had the perfect Rotary Moment! He donned a Rotary shirt, and he settled in to listen to some excellent speeches. He learned a lot, but one speech in particular captured his attention. "It was a speech spoken right from the heart," said Tom. It was full of inspiration and optimism according to Tom. And, my friends, isn't this the underlying motivation that beckons us to serve others? Spring is just around the corner! See you on the 25th, and we'll enjoy hearing from John M.!

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| 3/25/19 | Noon | Historical Society | John Murphy | | |
| 4/1/19 | Noon | Trout Derby | | | |
| 4/8/19 | PM | The Boss music | Mike Joseph | | |
| 4/15/19 | Noon | Club Assembly | | | |
| 4/22/19 | Noon | day after Easter - no meeting | | | |
| 4/29/19 | Noon | Family Support Center (FSC) at NCS | Matt Frahm, Monica Kastner and Melissa Steenburgh | | |
| 5/6/19 | Noon | Barn Quilt Trail | Leah Friends | | |
| 5/13/19 | PM | Spring Dinner | | | |
| 5/20/19 | Noon | Camp O | Bruce Richardson | | |
| 5/27/19 | Noon | Memorial Day - No Meeting | | | |
| 6/3/19 | Noon | Budding Readers | Elizabeth Mosher | | |
| 6/10/19 | PM | NCS Capital Project - Phase. 2 | Matt Frame | | |