



"Let the sun shine...", and that it did today, as 29 members, plus four guests, gathered for our Noon Meeting. The atmosphere was sunny, too, as we all seemed to have appreciated this beautiful March day in the Naples Valley!



President Jack led us in reciting The Pledge to the Flag, and he chose God Bless America to lead us in song. Steve, who was asked to say The Blessing, thanked Our Heavenly Father for

many things. Among them were this lovely Spring day, the commonality that we share as Rotarians, and the impetus to serve others. He also prayed that the fish would be jumping this coming weekend...the weekend of the Trout Derby!

Our welcomed guests included Sharon, Diana, Mike, and Paul.

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Jamie spoke next. The club's highest award, The Robert Allen Award, will be given at the Spring Dinner. Robert Allen could be considered "the Father of Naples Rotary", as he was the driving force behind the establishment of the Naples Rotary Club, back in 1939. Jamie will publish a list of eligible members, and we will vote upon that in the near future.

Jamie also spoke of how he and Bessie helped provide for the chairs in the chapel at the prison in Cambodia, and of how the Naples Rotary helped to provide for the chairs as part of the vocational training. Service above self continues to shine!

Speaking of the Naples Valley, our own local historian, and fellow member, John Murphy, was here today to give us a peek into the past, as his program was about the Naples Historical Society. Viewing interesting pictures from the past, and listening to John's vivid descriptions, we were immersed into the "Naples of Yesteryear"! (continued on page 2)



John began his talk by telling us that currently the NHS owns four buildings: the Morgan Hose Building, the Mill, the Neidert Building, and their most recent acquisition, the Cleveland House, which dates back to 1794! Eventually, the NHS is planning to open a museum on these premises.

John's series of pictures began with scenes from the Old Town Square, which featured the old schoolhouse, dating back to the 1870's. There was a peaceful coexistence between the Native Americans and the Whites, and the Senecas enjoyed staying at the Cleveland House.

The Cemetery at the Old Town Square is rich in history, as it is the site of a Seneca Burial Ground! John proceeded to show pictures of well-known buildings in the Naples Community, as they were so many years ago.

Among some recognizable places were The Naples Hotel, The Orange Inn, the Mill, and the Town Hall. Places which were captured in time, which no longer exist were the Naples Theater, Bolles Hardware, the Ontario Mill, the Naples Train Station, and the Cigar Factory.

We could only imagine how Naples must have seemed back then, were we to have lived in that era! There were even some pictures of Main Street Naples on what Matt would have deemed a "Snow Day"!

One photo featured Bob Vierhile posed in front of a Maytag washer sign! It was interesting to note that the Naples Hotel stands on the site of the Jaqua House, and that part of that building is at the Farrell residence!

Additional pictures portrayed Civil War Vets from the 1880's, the Old Fairgrounds, (where Bill Shepard's grandparents were married), and even a Naples Rotary picture circa 1944!

John noted that parades were very much a part of Naples back in the days. Steamboats were very important in the Naples area as well. He noted that this year is a "key year" for the NHS, and they are accepting new members. John, you are a treasure trove of fascinating information about our community, and we truly enjoyed today's presentation! Many thanks!

Jack shared a heartfelt note of gratitude from Katie and Family for our remembrances of our dear colleague, and friend, John H. Brahm III. We have decided to make Katie an honorary member, which seems very fitting at this time.

The Happy Bills poured into Karen's basket in appreciation of John's program. Jamie, John M., Blanche, Brenda, and Laurie had missed meetings, and therefore paid a fine. John F. was happy to see Tom at the Home and Garden Show. Brenda had visited Israel. Tom had the groundbreaking for his new house. Bill C. spent the weekend with his daughters. Susan's granddaughter cooked for her. We all seemed to have been glad for today's sunshine!

The Ace of Hearts was at \$105, and Nancy's ticket, #734, came up. Well didn't that gal, Nancy yank the Ace of Hearts from the pack! Nancy, you're on a roll! This is the second time you've been a winner! Yeah!!



Today's Win-Win was from Bill C., and it was of a scientific nature! The radius of the earth is 4,000 miles, and the radius of the sun is 432,170 miles. It would take 1,300,00 "earth balls" to fit inside the sun!

The Rotary Moment came from Steve, and he lovingly recalled that when we would have gatherings for Rotary or the Historical Society, Bill Vierhile would always say, "I'll bring a pie!"

Another of our Honorary Rotarians is having a birthday this week. Al Mann will turn 104 years on March 28th! Let's try to shower him with cards and birthday wishes!

P.S. Skip passed out Lucky Ducky Derby tickets for us to sell. Now that means Spring has really sprung!! Many of us will see each other this coming weekend, as we work at the Trout Derby. No fooling!! Until then, take care!

Programs for the rest of this Rotary Year

Date	Time	Program	Speaker
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 Frahm
6/17/19	Noon	<i>Naples Fire Dept.</i>	Pat Elwell
6/24/19	Noon	Operation Build up	Joe Rought
7/1/19	Noon	Naples Changeover Dinner	