



A life well-lived, and one who was well-loved....these thoughts come to mind as we remember our dear friend and fellow Rotarian, John H. Brahm III, who passed unexpectedly last Saturday. It was a somber meeting today, not having John with us. President Jack asked for a moment of silence as we all remembered John in our hearts, and we thought of his family too. Pastor Robin spoke fervent words of praise and gratitude on John's behalf, and she asked that we keep his family in our thoughts and prayers.

After a moment of reflection, we joined Jack in saying The Pledge. Knowing how John loved to sing, Jack chose God Bless America for today's song, and we sang with all our hearts. Pastor Jamie's Blessing beckoned us to be good servants to all, as was John throughout his life. Our special guests at today's meeting were Sheriff Kevin Henderson, program presenter, Paul, friend of Steve, and Sharon, wife of Jack. Twenty-nine members were in attendance.



Pres. Jack shared some correspondence with us. Frank Hicks, who had been a member of Naples Rotary, passed away on 2/21. Frank had worked for NASA. There was a letter of thanks from the V.A. in Canandaigua, for the Valentines that we recently sent. We sang hearty "Congratulations" to Andrea and Penny for their anniversaries, and to Bill C., Judy F., Jack, Jill, Carrie, Adam, and Jean for their birthdays. Also noted was the fact that Al Mann will be 104 this month, and "Coop" will be 95! Andrea also let us know that Al is back at Legacy!

If you check last week's Grapevine, you will find the March Dates for your calendar. Looking ahead, here are the April dates. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the Trout Derby. The April programs are as follows: 4/8 – The Boss Music. 4/15 – Club Assembly with PE Tom. 4/22 – No Meeting (day after Easter). 4/29 – Family Support Center. The set-up for the Trout Derby will be on Sunday 3/31. Billy passed around a sign-up sheet for members to choose work times. Bill announced that this will be his last year as Trout Derby chairman. He is "training" Gary to take his place. We all applauded Bill for the superlative job he has done in this role! Pres. Jack also presented the Leadership Ballot for 2019-2020.



The Program today was entitled "The Opioid Problem In Ontario County". Tom introduced Sheriff Kevin Henderson, who is the new Ontario County Sheriff. Before starting his presentation, Sheriff Henderson imparted his condolences to John's family. Then, he proceeded to talk about the Opioid Issue, which is prevalent all over the country.

Since 2011, there has been an upsurge in the use of opioids. Pharmaceutical companies developed opioids as a means of pain management, but they are very addictive; and this is wherein the problem lies. Sheriff Henderson told us that receptors in the brain connect to opioids, and an overdose can affect respiration. Narcan is used to "bring people back" after an overdose.

Sheriff H. discussed ways that assistance can be offered such as giving support in communities through talks, making public service announcements, and putting treatment plans in place. Ontario County is very focused on treatment; mental health as well as medical. The Sheriff urged that we let our legislators know that funding is needed to help eradicate this problem. Prevention and education are important also! Penny, Steve, Jodi, and Jamie shared some interesting thoughts on this topic. Many thanks to Sheriff Henderson for coming to speak to us!

Here are the Fines and Happy Bills. Missed Meetings were Jodi, Penny, Andrea, Robin, Deb, Tom and Gary. Many put in a Happy Bill for the Program, and we all put in Happy Bills in memory of John. (Andrea had a nice suggestion that we make our Perfect Attendance Award in John Brahm's memory.)

The Ace of Hearts was up to \$44.00. Brenda's ticket, #7585, was chosen. Brenda drew the Queen of Clubs.

The Win-Win question was: When did Rotary International celebrate its anniversary, and how many years was it? The answer was 2/23, and 114 years.

Joan reminded us that the Blood Bank was at school today.

We extend our condolences to Alex on the loss of her dad.

The Rotary Moment took the form of a second tribute to John given by his brother-in-law, Tom. "John was a rock," said Tom, and we'd truly agree that he was a rock to all of us. Tom showed a video of John as the tune, "I did it my way" played in the background. Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to Katie, Sherry and John, Tina and Blane and family, Tom, and all of John's family. Naples Rotary will never be quite the same.

