



Wow! What a great number of members and guests there were at the Spring Dinner this past Monday! Twenty-seven members, plus 13 guests, made a lively group of 40 who filled the South Bristol Fish and Game Club! The cozy setting was perfect for a very chilly May evening! Judging from its outer charm, one wonders if this building could have once been a country schoolhouse. We'll have to ask John M. about that!

Added to the pleasant surroundings, was a lovely sumptuous meal prepared by Julie, of Café Sol. Julie made sure that we were fully satisfied, as we dined on tantalizing hors d'oeuvres, an elegant buffet, and scrumptious dessert! Many of us brought our favorite beverages to share.

After much conviviality, we assembled to join President Jack in saying The Pledge. We sang God Bless America, and we were many voices strong as our music filled the room! Steve gave The Blessing, and he thanked The Lord for the beautiful hearts in our community, and for our returning members. The guests at each table were introduced. Included this evening were AG Jean, Clayton, Mindy, Betty, Lori, Liz, Clyde, Frank, Chris, Kathleen, Doug, Random, and Sharon, of course!



- ◆ There were a few announcements to share. Frank talked about the Camp O. Golf Tournament, "Play For The Children", which is coming up. The club will pay for one team, but perhaps, with the interest that's being shown, we can field two teams to play!

- ◆ Pres. Jack, on behalf of us all, thanked Jodi for the excellent display on The Walk Of Life that was shown at Kalahari. It was "on display" this evening for us to enjoy.
- ◆ There was a WOL Kick-Off Meeting at the Middletown Tavern on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This is Naples Rotary's largest service project!
- ◆ The Canandaigua Rotary Club will be celebrating 100 years! The celebratory dinner will be at the Country Club on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. The cost is 65.00 per person.
- ◆ Andrea announced that she has purchased Howard Hannah Franchise in Naples recently. Congratulations, Andrea!
- ◆ Many thanks to Shanna and Laurie for your hard work on the Literacy Team! The 2019 Literacy Award was awarded to Naples in recognition of our efforts to promote literacy.

Speaking of "recognition", the "Program" for this evening was the presentation of the Robert Allen Award to one of our members among us, who demonstrates "Service Above Self" in every aspect.



Typically, Jamie does the honors, but he and Bessie couldn't be with us tonight, so PE Tom filled in. Tom read a little bit of background about the R.A. Award. The Award was created in the Fall of 1988 to be given near the end of the Rotary Year, to an outstanding member who had active participation in the Club. In 1989, Doc Abraham and Bruce Clawson won the Award, and a tradition within the Naples Rotary Club had begun!

"This year's recipient gives 110 percent, and he exemplifies Rotary!" noted Tom. He began to read a descriptive background that very quickly led us to guess who it was! Phrases like "born in Amsterdam", "grew up in the Mohawk Valley", "actively involved in Rotary, church and community", "worked in the area of human resources", "is father to son, Jonathan, and daughter, Olivia", "is known as Poppy to his four grandchildren", and "is soulmate to wife, Sharon" all helped to confirm our guess(es)!!

The 2019 Robert Allen Award Recipient is none other than our President, Jack!! Warmest congratulations from all of us, Jack! You truly are deserving of this honor!!



Many, many thanks to Skip for being the organizer of this event, as well as the Lucky Ducky Derby. You do so much to help make our club events so successful! In fact, thanks to all the members who help to make the Naples Rotary Club so unique and so special!

Programs for the rest of this Rotary Year			
Date	Time	Program	Speaker
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	Naples Fire Dept.	Pat Elwell
6/24/19	Noon	Operation Build up	Joe Rought
7/1/19	PM	Naples Changeover Dinner	