

GRAPEVINE

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May 20, 2019 Lunch Meeting, reported by Patrice Lysell, secretary.



By golly, wasn't this a nice weekend to have "basked" in those warm temperatures that would remind us of Summer days? Our last meeting of May has reminded us that the current Rotary year is waning, and that President Jack's year has been one to remember and applaud! You have led us well, Jack, and we continue to grow as a club in terms of membership and viability!

Pres. Jack opened the meeting with an invitation to join him in reciting The Pledge. John



French chose just the right note to lead us in singing "God Bless America". Alex gave The Blessing, and she thanked The Lord for the impetus given us to serve above self in all ways, both locally and

beyond. Our welcomed guests today included Betty, friend of Bruce, Paul, friend of Steve, and Liz and Clyde, soon-to-be new members. (So far, Liz and Clyde have perfect attendance!)

Pres. Jack had some memos to share with the club. The 100th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Rotary Club is being celebrated on June 13th at the Canandaigua Country Club. Canandaigua Rotary Club had been our sponsor 80 years ago, when the Naples Rotary Club had started. Thus far, Pres. Jack, and wife Sharon, are planning to attend.

Member, Donna "popped in" for a moment, to let the club know that on 5/29, there will be a meeting of the Grape Fest Committee at Monier Manor. The set-up will be on 9/19, and the actual Grape Fest will be from 9/19-9/20, 2019.

Upcoming dates for Walk of Life were discussed. Tues, 5/14 WOL Kickoff. Thurs, 7/11 Desserts and Songwriters at Naples Hotel 6-9 P.M. Tues. 7/23, Silent Auction 5-8 P.M. at the Tipping Glass. Saturday, August 10th is the actual date for the event, which will move to the Town Hall grounds this year instead of the Community Park. The proceeds are earmarked for the Margery Coughlin Pawluk Cancer Fund and the Hospeace House, and rival the Grape Festival in terms of money raised.

Matt had informed us at the Board Meeting that we will be sending a student from NCS to RYLA this year. That student is Shaylynn McGory.

Jamie spoke next. He handed each of the members a Paul Harris Nominating Form. Each year, the club donates \$2000 from the Naples Rotary Foundation to Rotary International, therefore, allowing the club to honor two people whom we feel deserve this award. We have been asked to nominate up to three people each. The Awards will be presented at the Gavel Dinner on July 1st.



"Rotary is alive and well south of the Mason-Dixon Line!" said Warren, as he handed Jack a banner from Seven Springs Rotary Club. Warren was also happy to report that there were banners from Brighton, Bloomfield, Canandaigua, and now, Naples in that vicinity as well!



We sang a hearty round of "Congratulations!" to the May Anniversaries, (Mike and Meg), and May Birthdays, (Sherry, Roberta, Robin, Penny, Andrea, Joan, and Shanna).

May is Youth Service Month, and the Rotary theme this year is "Be The Inspiration". The one who spoke to us today is one who models both of these ideals in every respect, in the way that he gives of himself to others; especially the children. We were fortunate to have Bruce talk to us about Camp Onseyawa, or "Camp O.", as we know it.

Started by the Geneva Rotary Club back in 1956, Camp O. was established to give special needs kids a two-week camping experience each Summer. Fun, laughter, compassion, caring, safety, fellowship, and learning are the anchors which help to provide these children with a memorable experience, each Summer. Many return each year, and sometimes, those who began as campers come back as counselors when they are older. This is true of our friend, Mike Ball, who comes as a guest of Steve sometimes to our meetings.

As we viewed many delightful pictures of kids and counselors interacting and having fun, Bruce expounded on what Camp O. has to offer. The campers can become involved with swimming, rifle shooting, archery, BB guns, the floating trampoline, the shuttle boat, Boys' and Girls' "Nights Out", and crafts.

There is always a "Carnival" near the end of their stay, and Adam and Kayc have helped with this event. Here and there, throughout the pictures, we spotted Bruce mingling with the children, doing what he does best...caring for kids!



After today's presentation, it made one want to spend some time with these very special and very wonderful kids. Bruce concluded that though the name "Onseyawa" might be a moniker for the four counties involved, it's actually an Indian word for "Land of Happiness"! Thank you, Bruce for the happiness that you bring to others!

The Fines today were for a few missed meetings, late arrivals, phones ringing, and missing badges. The Happy Bills poured forth in appreciation of Bruce, and all that he does for the kids. John and Sherry were featured in the paper for winning a Tourism Award. Tom gave his presentation at the Newark Club recently. Matt has inspired us to vote for the School Budget on May 21st. Brenda was anxious to have Matt share that America's Schools are among some of the best! Alex is excited about visiting her daughter and family in June.

The Ace of Hearts was up to \$103. Liz drew Ticket 7681, which belonged to John F. John picked the Ten of Clubs. Speaking of John, he had a Win-Win ready for us! There are 24 Rotary Clubs in our District that support Camp O.!

For the Rotary Moment, Pres. Jack chose to present a short slide show of the members and families who were at Kalahari earlier this month. Naples Rotary was well-represented!! Enjoy the Memorial Day Weekend with friends and family! See you in two weeks!