

GRAPEVINE

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May 6, 2019, Lunch Meeting, reported by Patrice Lysell, secretary.



Each and every day is a gift, and today yielded an abundance of gifts! The sunshine was plentiful, the attendance was terrific, with many members on board, there was a delightful group of guests who joined us for the meeting, and the program was excellent! I haven't mentioned this in the past, but I must say, The Redwood always provides us with a tasty selection of choices for our noonday meal. The food is delicious, and the service is friendly and efficient. We appreciate our friends at The Redwood!

As I mentioned earlier, over half the club were in attendance at today's meeting! There were 30 of us, as well as five guests! The guestlist included Jean McMillan, our current AG, Nancy Latour, our new AG, Sharon, wife of Pres. Jack, Betty, friend of Bruce, and Chip Weismiller, who joins us from time to time. I believe every seat was taken in the meeting room!



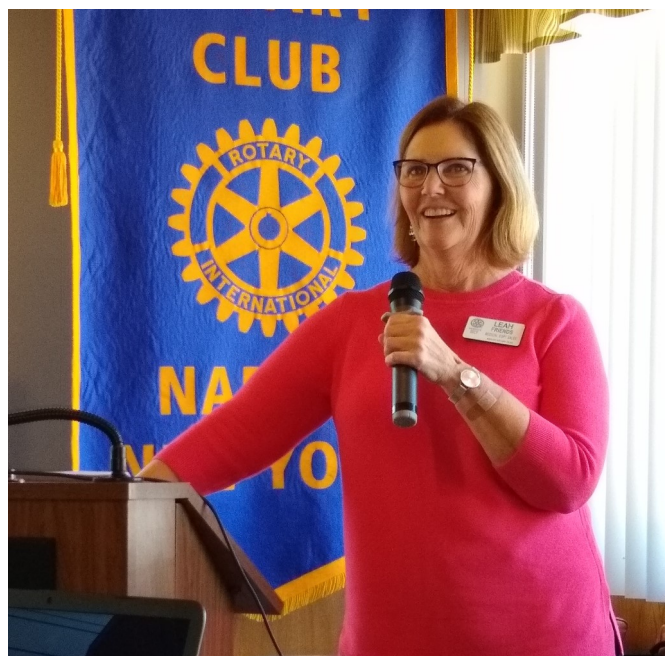
President Jack began the meeting, as he asked us to join him in reciting The Pledge. John French chose The Star-Spangled Banner to lead us in song. Larry said The Blessing, and he gave thanks to The Lord for our servers, and the service that we give, above self, to others. Each of today's guests was introduced, and we were glad to see both Bruce and Gerry! The Program for today was announced. It was the Barn Quilt Trail, featuring fellow member, Leah Friends! A nice touch was added today. We've added new members, which is wonderful, but not all of them know everyone. One by one, each of us identified ourselves, so that we can all be on a "first name basis". We are a close club, and a growing club!

In terms of The Mailbag, Jack shared a missive from Building Minds In South Sudan. The Club Calendar, is of course, an addendum to this weekly report, but Pres. Jack wanted us to be aware that the Doc and Katy Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held at the VFW, this Saturday, May 11th, from 9-11 A.M.

This past weekend, the District 7120 Conference was held at the Kalahari Resort in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania. This year's theme was a "Family Fun" Conference, so that members would be able to bring their children and grandchildren. Pres. Jack spoke a bit about the format of the Conference, and what an enjoyable time it afforded for all those who attended. There were approximately 230 in attendance, and of that total, 11 Naples Rotarians, plus 25 family members, made a great representation!

The bucolic beauty of the Naples Valley is, indeed, very unique, and with that being said, today's program, "The Barn Quilt Trail" augments the aesthetic quality of our area. Brought to us, by fellow Rotarian, Leah Friends, we caught a glimpse of various barn quilts that are featured around the country hills of Naples.

"Just what is a barn quilt?" you may ask. Basically, it's a 2x2, 4x4, or 8x8 foot square of plywood that is painted to resemble a quilt square that a talented seamstress could produce with fabric. Leah recently held a "Workshop", and some of the members who participated brought their "quilt squares" to the meeting for display.



Seeing the colorful, clever designs made by Judy, Karen, Laurie, and Deb, for example, made it easy to see why this craft is gaining popularity! About six years ago, Leah began doing this craft, and she, Deb, and a few others decided to “make it happen”. Today, one can see these barn quilts mounted on various barns throughout the area, and they certainly add a bit of charm to an otherwise drab building! Leah told us that there are future plans for the BQT that include more workshops, promotion of BQT and materials, and the creation of a website. The Barn Quilt Trail taps into local history and heritage, fosters tourism, and provides shared enjoyment for all, according to Leah. She told us that “barns get attention and love”! Truly, this was the perfect program for such a beautiful Spring day! Many thanks, Leah!!

The combined Fines and Happy Bills focused on the following areas today. We thoroughly enjoyed Leah’s Program, “The Barn Quilt Trail”. Those of us who went to Kalahari had a great time. We welcomed our fine guests, who dined with us. Most of all, we all remembered, with love, our Dear Al Mann, who departed from us recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fran, his daughters, and family. There were a few missed meetings also.

Nancy LaTour drew Ticket #7534, which was Frank’s. Frank drew the King of Clubs.

The Rotary Moment could have been called The Rotary Memory today. Many members shared their fondest memories of our Dear Al. John M. remembered how Al would always tell him stories of Long Island and WWII during their rides to meetings.

Andrea was able to attend the funeral service for Al at Zion Lutheran. Jamie also was there. Penny stated that Al was instrumental in the allowing of women into the VFW.

Jack recalled how his Dad was a CB also. Jack and Al’s daughter, Babette, both attended Valparaiso. These were just some examples of cherished memories that we all had of Al Mann.

Speaking of memories of Al, when Al was 96, Jack had promised him that he would sing “Going Home” for him at his funeral service. Unfortunately, this past weekend many of us were away at the District Conference when Al’s Service took place. Jack, being a man who is true to his word, didn’t let Al down, however. He sang “Going Home” for Al at the end of today’s meeting.

The Lucky Ducky Derby is this Saturday, May 11th. We’re sure to see many members there! We’ll also gather next week, May 13th, for our Annual Spring Dinner. Until then, take care, one and all!



Speaker

Date	Time	Program	Speaker
5/11/19	9 - 11am	Pancake Breakfast at VFW	?
5/11/19	1:00 PM	Lucky Ducky Derby	Skip Miller, organizer
5/13/19	5:30 PM	Spring Dinner	Skip Miller, organizer
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	5:30 PM	NCS Capital Project - Phase. 2	Matt Frahm