

Tonight was our November Evening Meeting, and it was a particularly splendid event for three special reasons! First of all, we had 28 members in attendance, plus 13 guests, who joined us for dinner! Secondly, we welcomed three new members into the Naples Rotary Club! Finally, this evening's program,



featuring Hollerhorn Distillery, was, indeed, a highlight! President Jack opened the meeting, as he invited us to stand, and recite The Pledge. Since John F. was at Voce Canto, Jack took the lead, and had us join him in singing God Bless America.

Our eloquent Jamie, in his Blessing, gave thanks to The Lord for our vets, and for each other. Our guests this evening included Katie, Kathleen, Sharon, Carl, Melissa, Frazey, Arden, Jean, Tina, Alvaro, Judy, Marty, and Jill. We applauded each guest as he/she was introduced. Pres. Jack added a nice touch to the proceedings, as he had each of our Vets among us stand to receive a round of applause in appreciation for his/her service to Our Country. Here is the Club Calendar Update: 11/19 Arden Neubauer will talk about Hunt Hollow Youth Skiing. 11/26 Junior Robotics will be featured. 12/3 Woody Hawks will entertain us with "Stories From Yesteryear". 12/10 Our Annual Christmas Party will take place. 12/6 Voce Canto will present its program at Trinity Church at 7:00.

Then it was time for the Induction of New Members, Judy Foster, sponsored by Tom, Marty Gordon, sponsored by Bill G. and Jill Gordon, sponsored by Carrie. Judy, an interior decorator, spoke to us a few weeks ago, at an earlier program. Marty, a forensic engineer, and Jill, a physical therapist, both volunteered at the Grape Fest this Fall. Pres. Jack , using the Naples Rotary Club Induction Ceremony Guidelines, had various members speak about the importance of Rotary. In conclusion, Jack welcomed our three new members into the club, and each received his pin, certificate, and other essential materials. Welcome aboard Judy, Jill, and Marty!



In terms of correspondence, Jack passed around

letters of thanks from the third graders. It was so enjoyable to read their letters, and to learn of the many reasons why they enjoyed receiving their dictionaries! Kudos to their teachers for giving the youngsters another opportunity to write! Also in the "Mailbag" was a letter requesting our help in refurbishing an area in Rose Ridge Cemetery. Pres. Jack stated that it could be our goal to have this restoration completed by the Easter Sunrise Service next Spring.



Talent, architecture, and distillation have come to our area! If you haven't visited Hollerhorn (Distillery), yet, this is a place to which you must venture! We had the pleasure of hearing Carl and Melissa Neubauer talk about their newest undertaking, "where old weathered timbers have a story to tell"...yes, we are talking about Hollerhorn Distillery located just outside of Naples on County Road 36!



Carl and Melissa, both of whom have artistic backgrounds, have been inspired by trips to Austria, and have made their vision a reality. Carl has studied in Scotland to learn about distilling and whisky making. Melissa, with her culinary background, prepares tasty trays of tantalizing tidbits for guests. An exquisite mural, drawn by this talented lady, provides a spectacular backdrop for the piano, (donated by Arden), and other music. "Spirit Run" is the name of the road leading to the Distillery, and it is guaranteed that a visit to this spot will certainly lift one's spirits!! Thanks to The Neubauers for coming to tell us about your lovely place! Margaret Fowler, a representative of "Light Up Naples", spoke for a moment about this annual event. More community involvement is needed, Santa needs a shelter, and more white string lights are needed, as well. She wondered if Rotary could possibly contribute. We will talk about this.



The Fines and Happy Bills were combined because so many things took place at tonight's meeting. Many, many members put forth dollars, as they welcomed our three new members. More bills followed, in appreciation of the program. There were a few missed meetings to round out the total.

The Ace of Hearts is still out there! Kathleen drew Ticket #4383, and it belonged to Bill S. Bill drew the Nine of Spades!

Win-Win was from Jack's daughter, Olivia. Did you know that the acronym, SPRINT stands for Southern Pacific Railroad Internal Network Telecommunications?

Rotary Moment was appropriately from new member, Marty. His friend, named (ironically) Paul Harris, tried to get him to join Rotary, yet it was Bill G. who finished the job!

Have a great week, fellow members! Stay warm! See you all on the 19th!