

GRAPEVINE

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November 19, 2018 Lunch Meeting, reported by Patrice Lysell, secretary.



Good Evening, All! My word, what was that "golden glow" in the noon sky today? Well it certainnly seemed to bring a smile to many at today's meeting! Today's attendance came to



24 members and one guest, as we gathered for lunch and fellowship. President Jack opened the meeting, as we joined him in reciting The Pledge. A lovely round of The Star-Spangled Banner followed, as

John F. led us in song. Alex's beautiful Blessing asked The Lord to bless us, our community, and those we serve. We were also reminded to be appreciative of those who serve us, as well! Tom introduced our special guest, Arden Neubauer.

This noon's meeting was on Facebook Live, which was "beneficial" for those who couldn't make it to the meeting. Jack shared a bit of correspondence with us. DG Mike has reminded us all of our challenge in donating to the Rotary Foundation. The Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner will be at Vintosa, in Geneva, on 11/30. One Rotary Summit will take place in Canandaigua on 12/8. The Dictionary Project sent us a Thank You for the \$204 donation, so that the children could receive dictionaries. The Naples Rotary Club will be receiving \$5000 resulting from Odell Scott's will.

Jack noted that today's Board Meeting had been a busy one. Jack shared his goals for this Rotary year with us. It was, indeed, an impressive and thorough list, reflecting much time, thought, and planning on Jack's part. In response to many who had requested such, Jack will get a complete list, (to each of us), of all the things that NRC funds. It is quite an impressive list, and it will be helpful for each of us to have this information at our fingertips!

Here is the Club Calendar at a glance. Today, 11/19, we welcomed Arden Neubauer, as our guest speaker. Shanna, and the Elementary Robotics Team will be featured on 11/26. Woody Hawks will entertain us with Stories From Yesteryear on 12/3. Our Annual Christmas Party will be at Hollerhorn on 12/10. (It will be so nice to see Karl and Melissa again!) I'm also attaching a copy of Skip's and Judy's invitation to the party, since reservation has to be made before December 10. The Naples Valley Visitors' Association, thanks to Mike, will be with us on 12/17. We'll then have a little hiatus, as 12/24 is Christmas Eve, and 12/31 is New Year's Eve. Sounds like an exciting line-up over the next few weeks!



There was some "added sunshine" at our meeting today, as Arden Neubauer was our presenter. Arden, who was warmly introduced by Tom, came to speak about the Youth Skiing Program at Hunt Hollow. As Karl and Melissa were recent presenters, Tom referred to Arden's program as "Act II" and it was, indeed, a great follow-up!

Arden, who is the Business Manager at HH Ski Club, told us that this Ski Area has been in existence for 52 years! Their tagline is called "Where You Belong" and that certainly seems appropriate for this beautiful valley. In 2015, Suzanne Cook , along with Bob Metcalf, who agreed to help, proposed a special outreach program in honor of Hunt Hollow's 50th Anniversary. This program, which provides a special (skiing) experience for youths, some of whom are autistic, encompasses the motto "Where You Belong" in every sense of the word! It runs every Thursday night for 5 weeks, and it offers excitement, exhilaration, and, most of all, enjoyment for each of its participants. We were told that in 2016, there were 12 students, in 2017, there were 21 participants, (2 adults), and this year, 2018, there are 30! All skiers are welcome at Hunts Hollow on weekdays, and though Arden did not come to request a donation, she says that they are always welcome! Instructors, of course, are available to help those who are involved in the program. Thank you, Arden, for sharing with us a wonderful part of this unique community!

The Fines and Happy Bills were once again

combined this week. Many were so pleased with Arden's presentation and today's sunshine! Added to those dollars were a few missed meetings, too!

Nancy hit "The Jackpot"! The Kitty was up to \$480, and our auest. Arden. drew her ticket, #476! By gum, didn't Nancy retrieve the Ace of Hearts! Nice Going, Nancy!!

The Win-Win was shared by Jack and John F. Jack won the Ed Joseph stained glass at the Celebration in honor of Martha Lovett, and Hospeace House benefitted from the sale of tickets. It was one for a dollar, six for five dollars, and an "arm's length" for ten dollars!

Tom had recently visited Clark Meadows, and he had spent some time talking with the residents. It was a perfect Rotary Moment, as we viewed several pictures of Tom conversing with these folks; some of whom had been Rotarians themselves!



Arden had spoken eloquently and efficiently, thus,

we were done with about 20 minutes to spare! Jack had time to elaborate a bit more on the list of areas that NRC funds. He shared some of his goals with us. There are 22 in all, thus, he will talk about all of them at a later time.

Some additional ideas and thoughts that were brought up were: Instead of fruit baskets, perhaps something else could be given to the seniors at Operation Santa time. We can be thinking of ways in which we can help our youth, (for example, those involved in Operation Santa), realize how they can "give back" to the community. Finally, it is our hope that we can "Skype" with Phoebe at the Christmas Party! Speaking of the Christmas Party, a big "thank you" goes out to Skip for all your efforts in planning this gala event, and to Judy for preparing such an elegant flyer!

A very Happy Thanksgiving is wished for all! See you on the 26th!



Naples Rotary Christmas Dinner Monday, December 10, 2018

Hollerhorn Distilling, 8443 Spirit Run, Naples, NY

5:30 p.m. - Budino Cheese Snack Board 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Braised Smoked Pork Shoulder with Browned Butter Herbed Polenta, Vegetarian Lasagna, Roasted Butternut Squash, Spinach, Carmelized Onion with Creamy Parmesan Bechamel Sauce, Wintergreen Salad......followed by a surprise dessert!

Please help us stock the Naples Open Cupboard by bringing non perishable supplies.... canned or paper goods.

Join the Chinese Auction.... a \$10.00 gift gets you in on the fun of the exchange.

Entertainment provided by Phil Bariteau and NCS students.

RSVP by Monday, December 3rd to Skip Miller - 585-721-2647

\$30. Per Person Including Tax, Tip as you're inclined