

## **GRAPEVINE**

(the original)

July 1, 2019 Gavel Dinner, reported by Patrice Lysell, secretary.



Tonight marked a very special event,
As we gathered under the Brew and Brats tent.
The sun slowly sank in the hills to the west,
As 45 Rotarians welcomed 25 guests!

Reminiscing on the year, each of us looked back,
Reflecting on the inspiration given us by Jack.
Jack, your leadership was truly grand,
Welcoming 13 new members to our "Rotary Band"!

We started our meeting in the customary way,
As we rose to say The Pledge, to sing, and to pray.
John chose God Bless America to lead us in song,
While Pastor Robin's Blessing was fervent and strong.

We then enjoyed a great meal, fit for a king,
Served by "Around the Corner Catering"!
After dinner, Mike J. gave us an alert,
The first Walk of Life Event will need some desserts!

After we'd supped on such fresh, delicious fare,
Jack strode to the podium, with items to share.
He reflected on the year, how we'd worked as a team,
Achieving Rotary goals, and fulfilling his dream.

"Rotary Moments" are very special for sure, Jack showed us a video that portrayed even more. Each picture brought a wonderful memory to mind, Our fellowship and service are a very unique kind

The end of the year is a time for awards,

And the Paul Harris Fellow is an honorable reward!

Jamie gave the bio of two special members,

For each, this would truly be a day to remember!



Said Jamie, "He lives the values that are close to the heart."

Frank Duserick, you surely fulfill this part!

"She's passionate about people, pets, and all."

Jodi Simons-Caruso, you answer this call!



Standing in for Darryl, Leanna joined us today,
Speaking of parents, Doc and Katy, in a tender way.
Brother Darryl made a sculpture that we gazed upon.
The Doc and Katy Award went to Katie and John!





Perfect Attendance is an accomplishment, for sure.
And for five of our members, this honor was in store!
Congratulations to Karen, Skip, Coop, John, and Jack.
Thanks for your steadfastness, and your keeping on track!

We looked back on Jack's year as Our Inspiration,
And presented him a plaque to show our appreciation.
We didn't forget Tom, so happy to tell,
We thanked him for planning great programs, as well!



Jack beckoned Skip to come forward, you see,
We cheered as he received his Paul Harris Three!
We also stood, and gave her a hand,
For by President Jack, wife, Sharon stands!

The meeting was soon drawing to a close,
It was time to pass The Gavel, as everyone knows.
Surrounded by his family, there Tom sat.
He was called to the podium by soon Past President Jack.



Just as Being the Inspiration infused Jack with aplomb,
Rotary Connecting the World is sure to inspire Tom!
We thank you, Jack, for leading us this year,
And we look forward to Tom's tenure with great confidence and cheer!



Listed here are the many delightful guests we enjoyed having with us tonight:

Chelsea, Tommy, Michelle, Katie, Sally, and Rick represented Tom's family. Additional fine guests included J.B., Frank, Caitlin, Mindy, Kit, Jim, Tim, Mark, Peggy, Marian, Leanna, Alvaro, Sharon, Betty, Patty, Chris, Clayton, Kathleen, and Kim.