

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

May 10, 2024

The Friday Night Dinner at the Loucks Games was a huge success. We had planned for 1050 participants and 1040 showed up. Yikes. Last year we planned for 800 and 700 showed up. We figured there would be some diners who didn't show but we were surprised.

Thanks to Dawn and her staff and all our volunteers we were able to feed everyone. Many thanks to the Rotary helpers. Paul and Gail Ficalora, Ted Weitzenberg and Sylvia Goldschmidt and their granddaughter, Sophia, Al Vogel, Charlie Goldberger, Dorothy and Jonathan Schere, Norm White, Bill Fishman, Tony Russo and Nick Wolfe. We also had two high school volunteers Gabriel and Rosa who were terrific.

We started earlier this year in order to try to space out the diners a little and it was a good idea. By six o'clock (our usual starting time) we had fed over 200 athletes. The only glitch came at 8 o'clock. For ten minutes no one came and we started to put away the hot food. Every year Nick takes the leftovers to the homeless shelter and he was getting ready to load up the car when another 40 people showed up. We got the food back out and fed them. Next year we'll stay there till 8:30 or put in an earlier finish time.

Menu is chicken, pasta, rolls, salad and cookies. Costco donated \$100 and The Cookie Monster (Micaela) bought 1600 chocolate chips and 400 oatmeal. To my surprise the oatmeal were a big hit and went quickly.

The dinner is such a pleasure to host. The kids (and coaches) are so appreciative.

Micaela Kelley