

THE PENWHEEL FOR 6/26/2012

THE BEGINNING: A bittersweet day as President CHARLIE BELLOMO welcomed everyone to his last meeting as Club President, having served two years. Next up: the CHRISTIAN PAPPAS era.

PLEDGE: Charlie Bellomo

INVOCATION: MARIE CINTI

REPORTER: STEVE KETCH typing away furiously on his iPhone. Will future Penwheels be distributed via text message?

VISITING ROTARIANS: Herb Gauch (Herb is retiring as Assistant District Governor)
Ray Griswold (Pen-Web and presenter of the program)
Ward Vuillemot (past District Governor and program presenter)

SUNSHINE REPORT: No report this week.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Tuesday (July 3) is Moving Up Night. Charlie Bellomo will be sending out an email with details later this week. Cost should be around \$25 per person. Please join us for this important event.

President Charlie also wanted to acknowledge the efforts of Fairport Rotarian Ruth Cronkwright in getting the landscaping done at Sunshine Camp. It looks terrific!

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VOLKER HAUSEN and JOYCE MCCHESENEY gave an update on the 4th of July parade. This Saturday (June 30) is the Penfield Independence Day parade. Rotary Club members are strongly encouraged to participate by riding on our club's float. We would like to put our best foot forward by having as many members as possible on the float in this high-visibility event. Lineup for the parade is at 9:30 - please come a little early. Parking at the recreation department and walking across to the high school parking lot is recommended. If you want to help decorate the float, please come to Angie's place on Friday after lunch and bring tools! Angie's place is on Scribner Road-- the property just north of Bay Trail Middle School.

NELS CARMAN announced that the Penfield Rotary Band opened the Jazz Festival last Friday night to rave reviews.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Lots of Happy Dollars on the occasion of Charlie's last meeting as president:

LINDA KOHL \$1 for Charlie's last meeting

DON MILTON \$1 because the band was great at jazz fest

Christian Pappas \$5 for his week in Miami and meeting celebrity chef Scott

Conant while there. Christian also partied with Miami Heat after they won the NBA championship.

Steve Ketch \$3 thanking Charlie for his two years of service as club president and welcoming Christian as our new president

JACK WETZEL \$1 out of happiness for his grandkids' visit

MARY ANN MADY \$2 thanking Charlie

Charlie Bellomo \$2 thanking Christian for coming in to take over

Herb Gauch \$10 celebrating Charlie and Christian

Joyce McChesney \$5 thanking Charlie for 2 years

BILL PETHICK \$5 thanking Charlie for 2 years and noting he had little training coming in

Ray Griswold \$2 thanking Charlie on behalf of Pen-Web Rotary

PROGRAM:

Don Milton introduced speaker Ray Griswold, who gave a presentation on the "Books for the World" program. This literacy program was started in 2000 by Rotarians in Texas supplying discarded text books to Africa for use in literacy campaigns. These textbooks would otherwise have been incinerated or sent to landfills. The program now includes library books from Rotary Clubs around the United States and sends them to various countries not only in Africa, but also India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nicaragua, and many other places. To date, the program has shipped over 8 million books.

From 2005 to 2011, over 3.2 million pounds of materials were shipped as part of the project. It is a huge logistical challenge to ship these materials overseas economically. The program buys used shipping containers, restores them, and uses them for shipping. The Rotary Foundation pays for the cost of shipping overseas, which is done from Houston.

"Books for the World" is coordinated in central NY by the CNY Books for the World Committee, which ships from Syracuse to Houston. Thanks to the efforts of many, and in-kind services provided by local businesses and shipping companies, the club expense is \$165 to ship one pallet load books to Houston. One pallet contains 24 boxes, each of which can hold about 100 pounds of books. Each semi holds 28 pallets; CNY has sent out about 190 semis so far.

RAFFLE: Don Milton won \$9 in the small pot but failed to pull the Joker. The \$204 Big Pot of Greed moves on to next week!