

## THE PENWHEEL

Penfield Rotary Club

July 10, 2012

Reporter: Jack Wetzel

The beginning of a new era – this was the first regular meeting of the PRC led by our newly installed President, CHRISTIAN PAPPAS. Smartly decked out in a blue suit with white shirt and tie, PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN, called the meeting to order promptly at 12:35 pm after the assembled lunched on a gem of a July day.

Members (there were no guests or visiting Rotarians) were greeted by MARY WOJNOWSKI, led in the pledge by WALLY ASHNAULT and invoked by JOE BEST. Melodious voices sang **Happy Birthday** to MARY WOJNOWSKI and to the absent BRUCE VANDERWARKER. Potty in hand, NELS CARMAN collected \$2 each from those who did not bring food items for the Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelter on 2-2-2 day.

MARY ANN MADY noted for the **Sunshine Report** the passing of past Penfield Rotarian DICK LIST about which she had recently e-mailed the membership. WALLY ASHNAULT strongly offered a proposal of a Club donation, which will be considered by the PRC Board at its next meeting, which is Thurs., July 12, at 7:30 a.m. at Wegmans at 250 and 441, to which all members are invited. It was also noted that individual donations in memory of DICK may be made to Camp Haccamo and mailed to Penfield Rotary Club, P.O. Box 28, Penfield, NY 14526. Mr. List was the very hands-on Director of Camp Haccamo for many years.

PRES. CHRISTIAN read thank you notes sent to the Club by: American Legion thanking us for hosting the Salute to Veterans; Jillian McCord, (who will attend next week's meeting), for the \$1,000 scholarship she received from PRC; and from the young people who attended RYLA for the food and other support our Club provided. It was also noted that the dedication of the statue of Daniel Penfield, to which PRC contributed, will take place on July 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Schaufelberger Park, corner of Five Mile Line and Penfield Roads.

Though we were few in number, we were happy Rotarians, as attested by the Happy Dollars donated: PRES. CHRISTIAN for Moving up Night; STEVE KETCH for an honest contractor who is replacing a damaged floor joist free of charge; JACK BEST for he and son JOE sharing a tasty meal at a Fairport Irish Restaurant followed by a stroll about Fairport with lift bridge; MARY ANN Mandy's son and daughter-in-law's visit from Arizona (no doubt to avoid the heat); IVETH REYNOLDS' son, Mark, will begin his college search just before the start of his senior year of high school. NELS CARMAN was pleased, as Sergeant at Arms, to get back all the materials loaned out for the Independence Day festivities; JACK WETZEL for recovering lost wedding band and for son, Andy's, completion of his first Triathlon. DAVE STURTZ for missing Moving up Night.

**CLUB ASSEMBLY:** PRES. CHRISTIAN'S view for the Club for 2102-13 is to grow through greater visibility in the community. As people become more aware of what we do, more will become interested in being part of it. As an example of that, and the reason he was all dressed up today, was his attendance at the dedication of Nucor House, a refuge for returning injured and stressed military to merge back into civilian life. He and past president CHARLIE BELLOMO are looking into ways in which we might be able to support this worthy effort. They will meet with Nucor leadership there on Friday.

DON MILTON circulated a sign-up sheet for members to register to attend one or more two-hour sessions at Camp Haccamo on Tuesday, August 21, our Club's day to help out and to appreciate what they do there. Camp Haccamo at Sunshine Camp will be in session from August 6-24, 2012. August 16 is Carnival Night, at which time additional volunteer help will be needed. Let Don know if you can help. Don advised that the landscaping project undertaken in conjunction with Fairport and East Rochester is nearing completion and looking great. Special recognition was given to NELS CARMAN who has done marvelous things with the site.

BILL PETHICK noted that the Board will be reviewing the many projects in which PRC has taken part, is taking part and those under consideration with a view toward prioritizing in recognition of costs and our reduced membership, now at 28. Invoices for dues will be sent by e-mail. CHRIS KAUSCH elaborated and asked that payments be made in a timely fashion as dunning is distasteful and time consuming. He'll even take cash. IVETH REYNOLDS suggested that a survey might be attached to the e-mail to try to find out why only about 50% of our membership attends meetings on a regular basis. What can be done to stimulate greater attendance (spelled "fellowship")?

JACK BEST provided information about Habitat for Humanity and an opportunity being offered to all the Monroe County clubs to sponsor a house in Rochester. DON MILTON made some observations about his involvement with Habitat back in the early 1980's through Xerox. It was suggested by several that a spokesperson for Habitat come to PRC to tell us more. If we were to commit, it would mean a \$1,000 donation as well as providing some "warm bodies" to help with construction. Each club is asked to consider this commitment. Monro Muffler Brake will match the donations made by however many clubs sign up. Future homeowners in this plan would not only have to qualify to meet financial goals but to provide some 450 hours of "sweat equity" working alongside volunteers to build their house.

MARY ANN MADY, new Foundation Chair for PRC, believes strongly in the Rotary Foundation. Her goals for us are: 100% participation each year and 100% enrollment as Benefactors of the Foundation. She's going to get you, dead or alive!

OTHER: PRES. CHRISTIAN will be away next week so that Pres. Elect IVETH will lead our next meeting. Be there! There will be a presentation on Building Minds, a current initiative in South Sudan. Also, July 24th is when District Governor Gaven Hurley will make his official visit to our Club. Please keep Terry Wojnowski, husband of Mary and their family in your prayers for speedy recovery from surgery for Terry earlier this week.

DON MILTON collected \$8.00 with the winning ticket in the raffle. The "big one" will continue to build from \$212.

Next week, July 24:

Program: Building Minds in Sudan

**VOLUNTEERS FOR 7/17/12:**

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