

Just before he invited attendees to enjoy the buffet luncheon, President CHARLIE BELLOMO introduced the three Penfield High School juniors who were their school's nominees for the annual Rotary District Oratorical Competition: Elliott Rosenberg, Joey Mulvehill and Teaghan Buscemi. Accompanying them were the English Department Chair Dina Strathopolous, Assistant Principal Michele Ahern and Guidance Counselor Stephanie Dana. Also attending today were Assistant Superintendent Gene Mancuso and High School Principal Tom Putnam, along with School Superintendent JOHN CARLEVATTI.

After lunch, NORMA WEBER led members in The Pledge and ZAC DRESSNER gave the invocation.

Oratorical Contest Chair GEORGE GRAY then introduced each of the students to give their seven-minute speeches based on the Four Way Test. Two of them will be selected by judges George Gray, JACK WETZEL and Zac Dressner to represent Penfield Rotary at the area semi-finals. Students will vie for \$160,000 in total scholarship awards given by the colleges and universities located in the district. Excerpts from their speeches can be found on [www.Facebook.com/PenfieldRotary](http://www.Facebook.com/PenfieldRotary) and on [www.YouTube.com/PenfieldRotary](http://www.YouTube.com/PenfieldRotary).

MARY WOJNOWSKI gathered 2+2+2 dollars. She also collected HAPPY DOLLARS from Zac: \$2 for the great weather President Charlie: \$3 for his recent meetings with the New York State tax department; LINDA KOHL: \$2 for the student speeches today; JACK BEST: \$1 for another week closer to removing his "boot;" MARY ANN MADY: \$2 for her enjoyment of Third Presbyterian's beautiful concert this past weekend. Note: BILL PETHICK participated as a chorale member. And WALLY ASHNAULT, \$2: Just happy to be here!

**Member Announcements:**

- Jack Wetzel reported on last night's Golf Tournament Committee meeting. He and BRUCE VANDERWARKER are planning a \$100,000 Hole-in-One Contest, with weekend qualifiers three weeks prior to the Tournament on June 4. The final contestants will shoot toward the 18<sup>th</sup> green for the big prize immediately before the dinner that evening. Bill Pethick and Rotary friend Ed Summerhays are organizing tournament tasks. The committee meets again on Monday, February 6, at 7:00 PM at the home of Bill Pethick.
- The Spring Euchre Tournament will take place at The Legacy at Willow Pond on March 18. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS and CHRIS KAUSCH are co-chairs.
- Linda Kohl reminded members that the club Board of Directors will meet this Thursday morning, January 12, at 7:30 AM at Penfield Wegmans (250/441).
- President Charlie is putting some "umph" into each week's schedule: weeks 1) birthday celebration; 2) 2+2+2; 3) monthly song, 4) Four Way Test recital.

Mary Wojnowski gleefully won \$10 for the 50/50, but left the big pot for another day.

**Next week (January 17)**

Program: Lukun Wu: China: 5,000 years of civilization

Volunteers:

- Greeter: Don Milton

- Reporter: Jack Wetzel
- Invocation: Marie Cinti
- Pledge: Sean Patton
- Song leader: Bill Pethick
- Pick up Joe: Jack Wetzel

**Note: January 24:** Channel 8 sportscaster John Kucko will talk about the upcoming Super Bowl