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DON MILTON was our official greeter, a function which he *exercised.* MARY ANN MADY offered the invocation followed by CRAIG SMITH leading the pledge to Old Glory and BILL PETHICK conducting the singing of *God Bless America* for our monthly song.

Visiting Rotarian Frank Mehlenbacher of Rochester Rotary again joined his many friends of PRC. Other visitors included Alice Hoffman and, from AAA, Bill Narsiff.

PRESIDENT CHARLIE BELLOMO launched into the business portion of the meeting with a message from MARIE CINTI. Please visit her blog by going to the Messenger Post website, then click on her name. It's important that a goodly number of hits be registered, but Charlie also noted that Marie is a very good writer who treats topics of interest. Charlie also noted that President-Elect CHRISTIAN PAPPAS will be attending PETS (President Elect Training) on March 9-10 in Syracuse. It was further commented that an e-mail was sent by the District Governor to highlight the fast-approaching District Conference which will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Rochester from May 18-20, 2012. PRES. CHARLIE offered to send that e-mail to our members.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: DON MILTON reported that "Savor the Flavor," sponsored by the Fairport Rotary Club, will take place at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport on Sunday, March 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All the food you want to eat from stations offered by numerous restaurants will be complemented by wines from a large number of wineries. This fundraiser costs $40 per person or $75 per couple. Don also up-dated the club on progress on the sale of the old Camp Haccamo site to a buyer interested in developing senior housing. Right now, discussions are underway to obtain an easement from Thermo-Fisher (formerly Nalge).

HAPPY $: DON MILTON remained on his feet to lead Happy $ with $2 for recent absences owing to his involvement with the C.H. sale (see above); IVETH REYNOLDS kicked in $5 for missing meetings owing to taking final exams at Simon School and for them being finished; MARY WOJNOWSKI celebrated her daughter's 97% rating as trumpeter at a recent NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) competition; CRAIG SMITH is somewhat happy that his youngest daughter plans to marry soon; MARY ANN MADY is $2 lighter for her happiness at seeing Craig at the meeting, and CHARLIE BELLOMO chipped in $2 in anticipation of his upcoming month in Mississippi, at which time P.E. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS will lead our meetings.

JACK BEST introduced the **GUEST SPEAKER,** Lukun Yu, who offered an inspiring presentation on SHEN YUN, a cultural theatrical performance meant to bridge the gap between East and West while reviving 5,000 years of Chinese performing arts. Note: Shen Yun is <u>not</u> sanctioned by the government of the Peoples' Republic. Much of the history or China celebrates the spirituality of the people over the millennia. As communism rejects any form of spirituality, the government has banned Shen Yun.

The dance presentations comprise form, technique and bearing (or essence). Our speaker noted that dance moves evolved from martial arts moves. They have become much more graceful. There is great regional diversity to represent some of the 50 ethnic groups that make up China. While treating ancient themes, modern technology is employed, including the use of digital lighting. Check out the website at www.ShenYun2012.com

IVETH REYNOLDS won the raffle and recouped $6.00 of her lunch money, but drew the 4 of Clubs.

NEXT WEEK: January 24:
Program: John Kucko, Channel 8 Sportscaster: Super Bowl XLVI
Volunteers:

Greeter	Kohl
Reporter	Pethick
Invocation	Joe B.
Pledge	Carman
Pick-up Joe	Pappas