

***The Penwheel Reporter: Bill Pethick January 24, 2012***

LINDA KOHL greeted us all. NELS CARMAN led us in the pledge to the flag and the invocation was given by JACK BEST for JOE BEST who was a bit late to the meeting.

**VISITORS:** BOB BEEDON, former Penfield Rotarian and Finance Director for the Town of Penfield, DR. PETER BELL, guest of LINDA KOHL, and RICK KASPERSKI, CPA.

**SUNSHINE:** MARY ANN MADY notes she is trying to work through the Medicaid paperwork for former member JIM KUHN

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHARLIE BELLOMO**

- He will be in Mississippi for the next 5 weeks so CHRISTIAN PAPPAS will be leading the meetings and getting in practice for next year's presidency.
- Vote for incoming officers and directors will be coming soon. Three positions are open, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Director of Service Projects. Please let President-elect Christian know if you are interested in assuming one of them.
- Start thinking about this year's District Conference which will be held in Rochester, May 18, 19 and 20, at the Hyatt Regency downtown. With it being so close, we should have a big turnout. A conference representative will visit us with details in February.
- Likewise, the District Conference is Saturday, April 14, from 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM at Canandaigua High School. This is a must for any new members and any older members who have not attended. There is no better place to learn about Rotary and what is going on in the district. It's your Rotary, get involved. The club pays for the registration.

**GEORGE GRAY**

- We are sending JOEY MULVEHILL and TEAGHEN BUSCEMI to the District Oratorical Contest semi-finals, sometime in February.

**STEVE KETCH**

- Now that we have gotten our website going up to speed, we are asking members to forward any comments they have on how to make it better.

**NELS CARMAN**

- Our Penfield Rotary band has been signed to play June 22 at this year's Jazz Festival in Rochester. Quite an honor considering this event is one of the biggest in the country.

**DON MILTON**

- Sale of Camp Haccamo has cleared most of the hurdles and the final sale should happen shortly.
- The Patty Mendick Putting Challenge will be held on LPGA Media Day, May 14, at Locust Hill Country Club. Teams can start to register now. Players are \$75 each. Penfield Rotary has also supported a disabled children team as well. You get a chance to play with a local celebrity or maybe even an LPGA player. The Wegman's LPGA Champion Week is June 4-10.

**WALLY ASHNAULT**

- CAROL TURNER and JOANN NULTON have agreed to start a club history. Their spouses are deceased Penfield Rotarians.

**CHRISTIAN PAPPAS**

- A Youth Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) student has been chosen from Penfield Central: Corrina Filek, a fifth grader and extremely bright. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS along with JENNIFER ALLEN from the Pen-Web club will be mentoring her.

**HAPPY DOLLARS**

CHRISTIAN PAPPAS for picking the Giants to win a spot in the Super Bowl, NELSON CARMAN for being back, NORMA WEBER for a successful conclusion of mass confusion at her house last week, LINDA KOHL for her guest and classmate PETER BELL for being here, DON MILTON for Ohio State now regaining the top spot as the college with the most students on its main campus, CHARLIE BELLOMO for the rest he will be getting for the next month in Biloxi.

## ***PROGRAM***

CRAIG SMITH introduced JOHN KUCKO, head sportscaster for Channel 8. John was brought up in Binghamton and took the job at Channel 8 in 1989. He moved here in 1992. He does sports reporting for 35 affiliated stations across the country. He will be going to the Super Bowl in Indianapolis. He had the pleasure of sharing a Monday Night Football booth with Howard Cosell and Don Meredith. He had also met John Lennon.

He is looking forward to the PGA Championship coming up at Oak Hill. There is some question about the future of the Buffalo Bills when Ralph Wilson passes away. There is no successor in place. The high profit boxes are hard to sell in western New York as the greater number of small companies can't justify the expense in today's business climate. The Toronto games have helped financially and it is likely that two games a year will be scheduled.

John notes that all the new social media has been good for sports. He thinks Belichick and Brady make an excellent team. He thinks Tim Tebow is getting a lot of bad press. He is really a good guy even if not the best quarterback around.

The situation with Joe Paterno is terrible considering all the good that he has done for the students and school. He has been a model for other universities. There seems to be more support for him as time goes along but it is still sad that this career goes out this way and he will not have a chance to clear his name.

## ***RAFFLE***

NORMA WEBER after some hesitation decided to claim the \$10 prize today. No such luck for the big pot.

## ***NEXT WEEK (January 31)***

Program: Dr. Tom Putnam, Principal Penfield HS: The high school business curriculum

Volunteers:

Greeter: George Gray

Reporter: Jack Best

Invocation: Iveth Reynolds

Pledge: Joe Best

Pick up Joe: Marie Cinti

## ***UPCOMING PROGRAMS***

February 4 – Volker Hausin, Post War Memories of Germany

February 14 – Kathleen Zicari – Paychex: What's new in 2012

February 21 – George Gray – The Rotary Foundation: Rotary beyond the club

February 28 – John Williams – Literacy Volunteers

## ***UP-COMING ROTARY EVENTS***

March 18 – Spring Euchre Tournament, Legacy at Willow Pond

April 14 – District Assembly, Canandaigua High School

April 24 -- Service above Self Recognition Luncheon

May 18 –20: District Conference at Hyatt Regency, Rochester

June 4 – PRC Golf Tournament at Shadow Lake Golf & Racquet Club

June 26 – Moving Up Night, Location TBD