

President-elect CHRISTIAN PAPPAS began the meeting at exactly 12:35 PM. JOE BEST led The Pledge and IVETH REYNOLDS gave the Invocation.

Rotarian guests: Scott Healy, CPA, and Dr. Jonathan Carey, DMD. Scott lives in Walworth/Gananda schools, while Jonathan lives in Penfield while his children go to Plank South. Both work in Newark and belong to the Newark Rotary Club, the home club of District Governor Norma Madayag Reilly.

Program #1: Scott and Jonathan came to promote **attendance at the District Conference**, to be held May 18-20 at the Rochester Hyatt Hotel. The District Conference serves as a showcase of Rotary outside the boundaries of individual clubs. It expands one's knowledge of projects and of Rotarian colleagues. Saturday afternoon activities feature options that many Rochesterians have not taken advantage of.

AGENDA:

- Golf (discretionary) on Friday at Mendon Golf Club, 9:00 AM shotgun start
- Informal Friday night dinner, get to meet new Rotarians and spouses
- House of Friendship all day Saturday, with club displays and refreshments
- Saturday morning breakout sessions, on the best of Rotary, including the involvement of both the inbound and outbound GSE teams to the Philippines
- Lunch on the Mary Jemison or at Artisan Works
- Formal Saturday night dinner:
 - Awesome Youth Exchange Parade of Flags
 - Inspirational speech by the RI President's representative
 - District awards
 - Vocal and Oratorical Contest presentations
- Sunday morning brunch
- Remembrance service

Plus: opportunities to meet socially at Rotary club hospitality suites throughout the hotel. Plan on a weekend of Rotary events at the Hyatt Regency, without the 6-12 hour round-trip drive often associated with the district conference.

Check this video link to learn more about the conference and the gas savings associated with attending a local conference:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=5839&pid=58358>

Program #2: Dr. Tom Putnam, Penfield High School principal, presented the course offerings available through the **Business Department curriculum**. The "umbrella goal" for all high school courses is to focus on real world applications. Annually, about 250 students take one or more courses in:

- Accounting I and II
- Business Law, Management, Business Today and Career/Financial Management
- Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA): Entrepreneurship with 3 college credits
- Sports Marketing

Tom and Rotarian/Superintendent John Carlevatti explained that the relevancy of courses has been enhanced by the district's "strategic abandonment" of obsolete courses (like home economics) and the introduction of more relevant courses like sports medicine, physiology and anatomy.

Animated conversation followed the presentation, with seeds planted to engage the professional skills and experience of Rotarians within the high school curriculum.

Announcements:

1. The Euchre Tournament Committee will meet on Thursday evening, February 2, at 7:00 PM at The Legacy at Willow Pond. P-E Christian and co-Treasurer CHRIS KAUSCH co-chaired the tournament last October and look to excellent club involvement to continue its success.

2. The Golf Committee plans for its 15th Annual Tournament on June 4 by gathering at Bill Pethick's house next Monday evening, February 6, at 7:00 PM.

3. Plans for the Service-above-Self/Outstanding Customer Service Recognition Lunch continue next Wednesday, February 8, over lunch (12:00 – 1:15) at Bill Gray's/Panorama.

4. Considerable interest is growing in having Monroe County members construct a "Rotary House" for Habitat for Humanity. Want to learn what eight clubs have in mind? Attend their planning meeting on Friday, February 10, 12:00 – 1:15, at the Habitat for Humanity offices, 755 Culver Road, near Atlantic Avenue.

Happy Dollars came from Christian: \$2, just thinking about the healthy and junk foods to be served during next Sunday's Super Bowl; John Carlevatti: \$2 for the success of the school year so far in all its phases; visitor Tom Putnam: \$5, glad that he could substitute for Business teacher Jamie Merna who delivered a baby girl last week; Iveth, \$2, who is excited about her son getting ready for sectionals in swimming; Visitor Scott Healy, \$2 for a warm Penfield welcome.

The **Joker** eluded John Carlevatti who won the 50/50 "for the first time in three years!"

Next week (February 7):

Program: Volker Hausin: Post-War Germany

Volunteers:

Greeter: Bruce VanDerwarker

Reporter: Christian Pappas

Invocation: Zac Dressner

Pledge: Dave Sturtz

Happy Birthday song leader: tbd

Pick up Joe: Craig Smith