

Greeter BRUCE VANDERWARKER arrived at noon, in plenty of time to greet today's attendees. DAVE STURTZ did double duty: pledged The Flag and gave the Invocation.

Guests today: Eileen Yancey, guest of WALLY ASHNAULT

The cavernous halls of Shadow Lake echoed NOT! with strains of Happy Birthday. Birthday boys CRAIG SMITH (client appointment) nor CHARLIE BELLOMO (frolicking with the crawfish in Biloxi) were not on hand. The collective decision was to sing when either attends their next meeting. Speaking of birthdays, presider and President-elect Christian Pappas told us all that Charles Dickens today turns 200!

Announcements:

PE Christian told us that:

- RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) is conducting a Saturday class in Owego at the Treadway Inn on March 31. Penfield Rotary will pay the tuition for any member who attends the Leadership Institute. Most of our local Rotarians take the course on the first Saturday in November at Inn-on-the-Lake in Canandaigua. But more than a few of our southern New York colleagues travel east to Owego, about 20 miles west of Binghamton. Check it out at <http://www.rlinea.com/Calendar.htm>
- The Euchre Tournament is all set for Sunday, March 11, at The Legacy at Willow Pond, the same site as last Fall's. The tournament will be limited to 100 players. Invitations will be hand-addressed to approximately 400 players from previous tournaments on Saturday morning, February 18, from 9 – 11 AM. Will you help address them? Site: at Bill Pethick's home, 41 Granite Drive, off Route 250 across from Eagle Vale. Coffee, Danish and pens will be provided. Tell either Christian or Bill that you plan to help out.

Rotarians told us that:

- NELS CARMAN: Penfield Rotary's Big Band plays tonight and the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Guess what they play—big band music that can't be replicated on guitars and other stringed instruments. Bruce later commented positively on the musical traditions of that band.
- BILL PETHICK: 1) members who solicit prizes from local merchants for either the euchre or golf tournaments are asked to complete a "prize donation card." That information helps us to maintain contact with townspeople who have supported us in the past and have become Penfield Rotary Partners. 2) Although Rotary International has met its match of \$200M with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, additional monies collected through June will help fund the final clean-up, monitoring jobs that led the Gates to donate an additional \$50M. Bill welcomes your spare change in the polio box.
- JACK WETZEL reported that the golf committee met last night. Among their plans: to mail out "save the date" postcards to several hundred players over the past 14 years. Former Rotarian and Past-President Ed Summerhays has volunteered to serve on the committee. Ed has a list of all the players through the 2007 tournament. Wally

Ashnault has asked his office manager Eileen Yancey, today's guest, to work with his office staff to update the list with the players from the 2008-2011 tournaments. The committee meets again on Monday, March 5, at 7 PM at Bill Pethick's house.

- STEVE KETCH invited Rotarians who are working on any committees to provide him with any updated information that he can place on the club's website. By the way, Steve plays trombone with the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra. They will perform for a Venetian Ball, to be held this Saturday evening, February 11, from 8:00 PM – midnight, at Ventosa Vineyards, on Route 96A just south of Geneva. Proceeds will benefit the Phelps Art Center. Check out this link in the Finger Lakes Times: www.fltimes.com

HAPPY DOLLARS came from Jack Wetzel: \$2 for playing golf yesterday—February 6! Dave, \$2 to cover him for two weeks in Florida; Bruce, \$2, happy for fellow golfer Jack; Wally, \$2, who prayed for snow last night and saw little flakes today! Wally's three granddaughters 8, 12 and 14 have each participated in competitive downhill ski races throughout the country this Winter; VOLKER HAUSIN, \$2, to warm up attendees for a song at the beginning of his program today; \$1 from JOE BEST, whose Giants won the Super Bowl.

Today's Speaker: fellow Rotarian Volker Hausin: "Memories of post-war Germany"

Volker began with a song which he later translated when asked by Bruce. The song tells about a lady with "lips like roses..." you had to be here. Volker was born in Hamburg, Germany in 1942. He remembers noise associated with the war, particularly with the bombing of Hamburg in late 1943. His grandparents raised him during the war. They moved into the Black Forest area, where sustenance came from cattle during the summer and foresting in the winter. He remembers brown-laced shoes and green pants, with no one in the streets, not even dogs. One day he remembers getting fruit from someone near a fence, perhaps in Morocco. Inflation was horrible: a paycheck might buy 12 loaves of bread in the morning, but purchase only 6 loaves later that day. His father was a surgeon whom he did not meet until sometime in 1948. Although "Father" wanted Volker to return home with him, he chose to stay with his grandparents, the only family at age 6 he had ever known.

Volker feels that Europe today is worse than it was in the '40's. The traditional "staked" territories have been eliminated, with a lessening of patriarchal values. He and most immigrants, he said, are conservative political thinkers because they recognize the values of America. He closed by saying that "law and opportunities for trade" make for survival.

The Joker and \$58 eluded Jack Wetzel who took home \$8 from the 50/50 pot.

Next week: 2+2+2

Program: Kathleen Zicari, local sales manager for Paychex: "New for 2012"

Volunteers:

Greeter: Christian Pappas

Reporter: Zac Dressner

Invocation: Mary Ann Mady

Pledge: Linda Kohl

Pick up Joe: Jack Best