

The Penwheel

Reporter: Bruce VanDerwarker February 28, 2012

DAVE STURTZ, freshly returned from the Sunshine State, was this afternoon's official greeter. GEORGE GRAY led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, JOE BEST gave the invocation and the venerable, but still youthful, JACK WETZEL waved his arms as we sang "America, the Beautiful."

In the Sunshine Report BILL PETHICK reported that former member ART MEADOWS' grown grandson tragically died in Virginia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spring Euchre tournament is Sunday, March 11, at The Legacy at Willow Pond. Registration is at 1:30. There will be a meeting of the committee at The Legacy this Thursday evening at 7 for final preparations. There will be numerous volunteer opportunities for food service the day of and each member is asked to sell or buy at least 2 tickets at \$20 each. Contact President-elect CHRISTIAN PAPPAS.

JACK BEST has a leadership role in Rotary's endeavor among the Monroe County Clubs to build a house in Rochester for Habitat for Humanity. On Saturday, March 10, members who wish to actually work one day on a house are invited to wear old clothes, no tools needed, and come to 419 Orange Street from 8:45 AM - 4:00 PM. Members who simply want to learn more about Habitat and its opportunity for hands-on help are invited to arrive at the same site at noon to actually see the work being done. At 12:20, both the morning and noon crews will be treated to lunch in the hall of Miracle Deliverance Church, 69 Whitney Street. Let Jack know by next Tuesday's meeting, March 6, if you plan to participate.

BILL PETHICK says time is winding down to contribute to the change box for polio.

Fairport Rotary's Savor the Flavor is this Sunday.

JACK BEST announced that we will be awarding up to 12 Service Above Self honorees at the regular club lunch meeting on April 24. Invitations are being mailed to 100+ companies and organizations that serve the Penfield area.

There will be a golf tournament committee meeting next Monday evening, March 5, at 7:00 PM at Jack Best's house. All members are deemed members of this committee so please plan to start attending as you are able.

HAPPY (AND GUILT) DOLLARS

CHRISTIAN, MARY ANN, and STEVE all expressed guilt pangs of one sort or another and it seemed that JACK WETZEL just got swept up in the fervor as he didn't really seem to have a reason for his contribution. DAVE STURTZ paid for a trip to Florida.

PROGRAM

GEORGE GRAY introduced JOHN WILLIAMS (no, not that John Williams but if you get him, George, we will have to set more tables). JOHN is Director of Development for Literacy Volunteers of Rochester. He in turn introduced his boss, Executive Director BOB MAHAR. BOB gave us an excellent overview of the workings of LVR along with a short video describing the impact of their services on two of their clients. LVR is an organization of trained volunteers dedicated to providing one-to-one or small group tutoring in English to functionally illiterate adults and, in general, to fostering literacy in and around Monroe County. LVR currently have 350+ volunteers serving over 500 adult students with a list of approximately 90 people who may have to wait from 2 to 6 months for a tutor.

LVR will be holding their first ever, and hopefully annual, Book Sale fundraiser from May 31-June 3 at their headquarters at 1600 South Ave. They will welcome any and all donations of books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes at their offices.

For more information about Literacy Volunteers of Rochester or about their book Sale, please go to www.literacyrochester.org.

RAFFLE

CHRIS KAUCH won in absentia. I think it was for \$16 but I saw NELS stuffing \$8 into his pocket so CHRIS is probably only going to get \$8. I guess that must be the way they worked it out.

Next week: March 6

Program: Penfield firefighter Jim Stranz will talk about his preparations for the Scott Firefighter Climb in Seattle on March 12 to climb 69 flights of stairs in full firefighter gear, to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Volunteers:

Greeter: Mary Ann Mady
Reporter: Steve Ketch
Invocation: Iveth Reynolds
Pledge: Norma Weber
Happy Birthday: President's choice
Pick up Joe: Jack Wetzel