

THE BEGINNING: President CHARLIE BELLOMO welcomed us all on a beautiful spring day. Greeter CHRISTIAN PAPPAS made sure to touch everyone. LINDA KOHL led the Pledge, MARY ANN MADY performed the invocation, and STEVE KETCH served as reporter. This week's meeting was a club assembly, updating members on Rotary happenings.

VISITING ROTARIANS: RUTH CRONKWRIGHT from the Fairport club graced us with her presence.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: President CHARLIE BELLOMO reported that the club's Board of Directors voted to continue supporting Camp Haccamo, and to disband the RCSN Board.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JACK BEST filled the club in on the details of the "Service Above Self" luncheon, which is coming up at next week's meeting. We will be honoring 13 local businesspeople who have been nominated by their employees for representing the quality of "Service Above Self". We are expecting a large turnout for this event, so our meeting will be in the upstairs dining room. Members are reminded that the cost of lunch will be **\$13** (to pay for the cost of dessert), and that lunch will be served promptly at **12:00**. LINDA KOHL has volunteered to serve as a greeter, but we could use more.

MIKE WHITTEMORE will be serving as MC for the luncheon, and he and Jack have worked very hard to put together a nice program. Attendance at this meeting is highly encouraged, and members are also encouraged to dress a little extra spiffy to represent our club well. The event is being generously sponsored by Paychex and Fairport Savings Bank.

BRUCE VANDERWALKER reminded us that the annual Penfield Town Cleanup will be on Saturday, April 28. As usual, our club will be cleaning up the stretch of Penfield Road from Route 250 west to Harris Road. We will be meeting at the community center at 8:45 a.m. Should be done by 11:30.

Also upcoming is the first annual Hole-in-One contest. There will be six days of qualifying at Harris Whalen Park. Ten finalists (five from each weekend of qualifying) will each get one attempt at a hole-in-one at the club's golf tournament. If any of the finalists gets a hole-in-one, they will win \$100,000. The contest is sponsored by Bob Hastings Buick/GMC (thanks CRAIG SMITH). We will need members, their friends, family members and friends of Penfield Rotary to fill the 70 slots needed to staff the qualifying contests on May 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27.

RUTH CRONKWRIGHT gave an update on the landscaping at Camp Haccamo. The Fairport, East Rochester and Penfield clubs have agreed to pool their talents to do landscaping around part of the train tracks. Ruth, SEAN PATTON from Penfield, and Sue Cimicata from East Rochester are coordinating the efforts. They have decided to install a farmscape with wooden animals, a split rail fence, and wildflowers. They need some help painting the animals over the next few weeks and are looking for volunteers. Also, they will be having a work morning (9:00 – Noon) at the camp on May 12 to put in the fence and animals. Penfield Rotarians are invited to work that day with their colleagues from East Rochester and Fairport.

JACK WETZEL announced that the scholarship application is now available on our club website. This scholarship is for high school seniors living in the Penfield school district. The schedule of awarding the scholarship has been compressed so that the winner can be announced at graduation or at the honors ceremony.

JACK BEST reminded the club that our YEA (Young Entrepreneurs Academy) student would be pitching her business idea on April 18 at 5:00 p.m., at the Interfaith Chapel at U of R.

LINDA KOHL discussed the social media session she attended at the District Conference. LinkedIn and Facebook are good ways to advertise your club, attract members and speakers, and engage club members beyond the meetings.

MARY ANN MADY saw a video by one of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan named Sebastian which she felt was excellent, and feels would make a good program for the club.

RAFFLE: MARY ANN MADY won \$8 in the small pot but failed to pull the Joker. The \$119 big pot of greed moves on to next week!

Next week (April 24):

Program: 12:00 NOON: Penfield Rotary’s first Service Above Self Recognition Luncheon,
100+ attendees, including representatives from 13 Penfield businesses, organizations

Volunteers:

Greeter: Sean Patton
Reporter: Jack Wetzel
Invocation: Dave Sturtz
Pledge: Steve Ketch
Pick up Joe: Craig Smith
Four-Way Test: Marie Cinti