

This was it, the long-awaited Service Above Self Recognition Luncheon. 105 Rotarians, guests and sponsors of the 13 Honorees filled the upper meeting room at Shadow Lake to near capacity.

SEAN PATTON was on hand as official greeter and guide. After **PRES. CHARLIE** opened the meeting with greetings to all, he noted that there were numerous visiting Rotarians in attendance: Ruth Cronkwright and Terry O'Neil of Fairport, Frank Mehlenbacher and George Shaw, long-past members and Past Presidents of Penfield Rotary and Bob Schwartzing of Penn-Yan Rotary who started this special recognition event in the Syracuse area some 20 years ago.

STEVE KETCH led the assembly in the pledge to Old Glory and **DAVE STURTZ** offered the invocation. **MARIE CINTI** led (more like soloed) the recitation of the Four Way Test..

MARY ANN MADY'S Sunshine Report was that **NORMA WEBER** continues to heal through rehab at St. Ann's. She sent flowers to Norma from the Club.

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS: **PRES. CHARLIE** called attention to the flyers located on each of the 12 tables concerning the upcoming PRC golf tournament and hole-in-one contests. He also mentioned that 1 or 2 more volunteers to join those who will clean-up our section of Rte.441 on Saturday, April 28, would be most welcome. Contact **BRUCE VANDERWARKER** if you are able to participate. **BRUCE** observed that there were several sponsors of our past golf tournaments among us and highlighted opportunities for sponsorship which remain for the June 4 event. **NELS CARMAN** promoted the day's special 50/50 and **BILL PETHICK** plugged the polio "loose change" box which is going into its last two weeks.

PRESIDENT CHARLIE gave some background of the history of recognition events in other places, especially Penn-Yan, and lauded **JACK BEST** for the hard, effective work he did to Chair the day's event, our first. **JACK**, in turn, introduced the Master of Ceremonies, our own **MIKE WHITTEMORE**. **MIKE** did a professional, masterful job at his assignment. His great experience and humor kept things moving at a good pace.

PROGRAM: **MIKE** introduced the Honorees and presented a brief profile of each. Those so honored represent a broad spectrum of the Penfield community. As might be expected, they were strongly supported by family, friends and co-workers. Following is a list of the men and women honored:

Lyle Foltz: Baker Commodities, Customer Relations, Driver

Vince DiPrima: Bill Gray's, Food Service

Tara Bator: The Charles Finney School, Director of Admissions

Cyndi Henwood: Eastside YMCA, Health and Wellness Coach

Peggy Estrich: Fairport Savings Bank, Bank Teller

Jean Sweet: Family First Federal Credit Union, Consumer Loan Manager

Robyn Cargill: M&T Bank, Assistant Bank Manager

Angela Fortunato: Paychex, Online Services

Andrew Nye: Penfield Fitness, Director of Fitness

Eleanor Czarnecki: St. Joseph's Church, Receptionist

Dawn Wagner: Seneca Financial Advisors, Client Services Manager

Maria Rickner: Southeast Bible Baptist Church, Office Manager

James Costello: Town of Penfield, Director of Development Services

After the applause died down and the flashes of picture-taking faded, **JACK BEST** spoke briefly about the luncheon's sponsors, Paychex and Fairport Savings Bank. and the connections PRC has with them. JoAnne Pollock, HR Online Operations Manager of Paychex, offered a few words about her company, its scope and values acknowledging the vast contributions of Angela Fortunato. Dana Gavenda, President of Fairport Savings stated that they agreed to be a sponsor because of their strong commitment to customer service.

JACK then introduced a four minute DVD entitled "This is Rotary." It focused on Rotary's goals with emphasis on Service Above Self. It is a powerful presentation which held the attention of all concerned.

In view of the success of the Service-Above-Self Recognition Luncheon, an annual repeat would appear to be in order.

Town Supervisor Tony LaFountain won the 50/50 drawing and promptly donated the money back to the Penfield Rotary Club.

NEXT WEEK: MAY 1, 2012

Program: John Carlevatti: the 2012-13 Penfield School Budget

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 1st:

G	PETHICK
R	KETCH
I	DRESSNER
P	KAUSCH
P UP	ASHNAULT

IN TWO WEEKS (May 8, 2012):

Program: Naomi Silver, President: Rochester Red Wings