

CHRIS KAUSCH began the meeting with The Pledge, with MARY ANN MADY giving the Invocation “from the heart,” since President CHARLIE BELLOMO asked her to fill in. It was probably BILL PETHICK or JACK WETZEL who led a chorus of *Happy Birthday* to JOHN CARLEVATTI.

Our Visiting Rotarian was Assistant Governor HERB GAUCH, for whom this would be his final quarterly visit over the past three years. KENN VAN DIEREN (Irondequoit Rotary) succeeds Herb effective July 1.

Also visiting was Linda Wojciehowski, guest of JACK BEST. Linda leads the Girl Scout Troop at St. Joseph’s. She told her lunch partners that Girl Scouting has undergone a 100 year overhaul, with a renewed interest in service projects rather than in earning badges. There could be many collaborative opportunities with Penfield Rotary.

TEAGHAN BUSCEMI also visited with her mother, Julie, to claim her \$200 prize from the District for her participation in the Oratorical Contest. JACK WETZEL served as her mentor during the contest period. He beamed with pride as he presented the check.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunshine report: Mary Ann reports that NORMA WEBER is recovering from her fall, is now able to eat regular food. Norma’s daughter is providing excellent help.

Recognition Luncheon Critique meeting: Wednesday, May 2, at noon, at Bill Gray’s/Panorama Plaza, in the private dining room.

Hole-in-One Tournament: Plans get finalized at 10:00 AM this Saturday morning, May 5, at Bill Pethick’s home: 41 Granite Drive. Rotarians plus family members plus members of organizations which we serve will be asked to staff at least one of the 84 “help” slots needed to make the contest a successful qualifier to the big shootout for \$100,000 for a hole-in-one at noon at the 18th hole on Tournament Day, June 4. BRUCE VANDERWARKER has the master staffing schedule. A copy of the available times is found on the club website: www.PenfieldRotary.org

Mary Ann spoke about a literacy project that provided reading materials at Penfield Library for adults who are learning English. In addition, she attended last Saturday’s Opening Day Ceremonies at Little League Park where she accepted on behalf of Penfield Rotary a plaque for 60 years of support. Among the Little Leaguers in that 1st year: NELS CARMAN! Other attendees from the club: SEAN PATTON and LINDA KOHL.

DON MILTON also received an invitation from the Boy Scouts to receive a plaque for 40 years of support by Penfield Rotary. That plaque will be awarded at a dinner on May 14 at Burgundy Basin.

Happy Dollars came from:

- John Carlevatti for both his birthday month (May) plus five years of outstanding relationships between Penfield Central and Penfield Rotary.
- Mary Ann, whose daughter wrote a letter about Mary Ann and the 12 Mady-related family members at the Little League grand opening.
- Nels, as a player in the 1952 Penfield Little League
- Bruce, who could have played in that 1952 Little League season

- President Charlie, who gave credit to the roadside clean up team on Saturday AM
- CHRISTIAN PAPPAS, proud mentor of Young Entrepreneur Corinna Filek whose request for \$480 from investors rated an even larger investment of \$520!
- Herb Gauch, Assistant Governor, for three excellent years of working with Penfield Rotary

TODAY'S PROGRAM: THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL BUDGET

Fellow Penfield Rotarian and school Superintendent John Carlevatti presented the upcoming school budget, with assistance from Assistant Superintendent Mark Sansouci. About Penfield Central School, did you know:

- 93% graduate in 4 years after beginning 9th grade. That's 23% above the State average and 9% above the county average.
- Class of 2011 graduates: 90% went on to college, earned 1,935 college credits in 2011 and collected \$1,254,506 in scholarships!
- Bay Trail Middle School was named a 2010 "School to Watch," accompanied by only one other middle school in Monroe county and 17 middle schools in the State.
- Business First Magazine ranked Scribner Road Elementary #1 in 2011 among Monroe County's elementary schools

John said that the school budget was devised with input from a Budget Advisory Committee, a Community Budget Survey and a Committee on Education. By and large, community members want reasonable taxes but rank quality education worth the extra tax levy. 84% of the community express satisfaction with Penfield Central. Mark pointed out that next year's kindergarten classes will be full days, at an additional cost of approximately \$250,000 paid for by New York State for the first year, then absorbed by the school district. He said that costs of special ed are increasing not because of more students, but due to the severity of their problems. The tax levy increase of 1.6% is about half of what the State would have allowed. Bottom line: John retires this summer and is leaving the school district in excellent educational and financial shape.

The Joker and his \$140 pot eluded WALLY ASHNAULT, who nonetheless won \$12 for his \$2 investment.

Next week: May 8: (2+2+2)

PROGRAM: Naomi Silver, president of the Rochester Red Wings

VOLUNTEERS:

Greeter: Iveth Reynolds

Reporter: Linda Kohl

Invocation: Iveth Reynolds

Pledge: George Gray

Pick up Joe: Marie Cinti