

The Penwheel Reporter: Jack Wetzel May 15, 2012

Today's meeting was held at Unistel, a division of CDS Monarch. This is where JOE BEST has worked for about 20 years.

Our greeter, CRAIG SMITH, was not present but, of course JOE was; he offered the Invocation. BOB GENTLE led the pledge to an imagined flag.

We were greeted by Amber Johnson of the CDS staff who is their marketing and p.r. person. She gave us a very quick snapshot of the structure of CDS Monarch and some of its components: Unistel, Wolf Center in Webster, the CDS Warrior Salute program -- all supported by the Wolf Foundation. She reflected the pride in the organization that was evident throughout the visit.

A luncheon of various wraps accompanied by tossed salad was prepared by Flutters, the food-service operation managed by CDS. It served as the unifying element of a somewhat unstructured business meeting, prelude to a guided tour of the spice packaging facility.

PRESIDENT CHARLIE announced that a replacement date is under consideration for Moving Up Night as there are several conflicts with June 26, the previously selected date. He will let all know as soon as possible of the new date. He highlighted the great work done by members of our club in conjunction with others from the Fairport and East Rochester clubs at Camp Haccamo at Sunshine Camp on the previous Saturday. Much was accomplished on the installation of wooden farm animals along the path of the train at the Camp. NELS CARMAN will continue to develop that project as he carefully prepares for the fence which is part of it. Fresh topsoil and flowers will provide the crowning touch. Also mentioned was the May 29th Veterans' recognition meeting which will honor people who have served in the US military. In addition to invited guests, members are encouraged to invite family members who served and to try to wear some item of their own old uniforms to the lunch at our usual site. Members who are Vets will also be guests of the Club that day.

BRUCE VANDERWARKER made a heartfelt presentation on behalf of members who contributed to a \$190 gift card for JOE BEST to buy things he will no doubt need as he moves on May 17 to an apartment on Jefferson Ave. in Fairport. We all wish you the best in this new experience, Joe. Bruce also made a final plea for those who have not yet stepped forward to fill staffing positions for the Hole-in-One Contest to be held at Harris Hill Park the weekends of May 18th and 25th. Response has been very good, but there are still a number of good opportunities for service above self. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS added that set-up will begin on Friday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m. when materials are delivered. All are invited to help. Those Shift Captains who will be responsible for set-up or take down on other shifts would especially benefit from attending on Friday. Rush-Henrietta Rotarian Charlie Lookup is loaning many of the materials needed for the event in response to DON MILTON's request.

MARY ANN MADY reported that **NORMA WEBER**'s rehab is proceeding well. Norma was selected as the "model" to star in a video promoting the new Rehab Center at St. Ann's.

When someone mentioned July 4th, **PRES. CHARLIE** advised that the float will be available on that date and that **BOB GENTLE** will drive the vehicle to pull it once it has been decorated under the direction of **VOLKER HAUSIN**. It was noted that it is vital that more members ride on the float than in prior years. Last year was embarrassing as only two or three people rode that large float – a fact which was evident in the TV coverage hosted by Don Alhart. Please contact **CHARLIE** if you can ride along.

PROGRAM: Joe Perdicho, proud member of the management staff at Unistel, gave the group a tour of the spice packaging center. Three sections handle manual, semi-automated and fully automated operations, as required by the spices being packaged. It was near the end of their 6 hour operations day so that clean up was already underway in some areas. Very high standards of cleanliness are maintained in the operation whose production is geared largely to military and industrial clients. A test of potential in the retail arena is to start soon with product test sales at Eastview Mall. Look for it! Joe explained that the operation is run as if it were a for-profit business. In some cases, placement in a regular commercial business can come from experience here. This is a big business; sales of Unistel in 2012 could come close to \$30 million. As a specialized operation, they can produce certain items very efficiently, offering out-sourcing opportunities to other operations. A win-win for all, especially for the many developmentally challenged people who work there.

Because of the uniqueness of the meeting and its locale, there was no 50/50 raffle nor were happy dollars collected. (We can make up for that next week.)

Next week (May 22):

PROGRAM: A report from club attendees about the District Conference

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 5/22/12:

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