

The Penwheel

Reporter: Zac Dressner

June 12, 2012

Pledge: Joe Best
Invocation: Zac Dressner
Greeter: Norma Weber
Presentation: The School of the Holy Childhood

Guest Rotarian: Donna Dedee (Rochester Rotary)

Today is 222 Tuesday; members either brought in two food items or donated \$2 to the Penfield Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

President CHARLIE BELLOMO praised Rotarians for their work on the golf tournament, highlighting the contribution of WALLY ASHNAULT. Charlie also promoted "Pickin for polio," a western-music concert on June 16 with proceeds for Polio eradication. He also mentioned the Rotary District Changeover Dinner, when District Rotary officers are charged with their new positions, on June 20, at Inn-on-the-Lake in Canandaigua.

Penfield Rotary's changeover dinner will take place on Tuesday evening, July 3, at Shadow Lake Golf Club.

Member announcements:

NELS CARMAN: the Rotary band had another successful year. They will be opening the upcoming Rochester jazz festival.

President Charlie also mentioned that Salva Dut will be at the United Presbyterian Church on Friday evening to talk about Water for Sudan.

Happy Dollars:

MARY ANN MADY gave "just because."

MIKE DONNELLY said he was "happy to be here."

BILL PETHICK for his daughter, Laurie, who brought in her video projector for the club to use at this meeting.

MARIE CINTI was happy that the Penfield school budget passed, plus her being away on a European tour.

STEVE KETCH getting his house ready to sell.

President Charlie Bellomo gave for the golf tourney going well.

Program:

Donna Dedee is Chief Executive Officer of Holy Childhood, re-branded from School of the Holy Childhood less than a year ago. Donna told us that Holy Childhood began about 65 years ago, with a congregation of Sisters establishing a mission to serve with dignity the needs of developmentally challenged individuals. Donna reported that challenges abound, with government funding on the decline. The school started in the city and moved to their current location in Henrietta

The School features adult training program, including the Special Touch” Bakery that supplies pies to local restaurants and country clubs all over the greater Rochester area. It also sponsors a health clinic that serves Holy Childhood and the community. Its new programs include a transitional day habilitation that serves 37 school districts. New York desires that special needs programs steer as many clients to work as possible. Holy Childhood is poised to satisfy NYS desires because that has been their focus all along. Their new “Generosity Store” on South Goodman Street sells products made in programs for the developmentally handicapped. Holy Childhood’s new tag-line is “Inspiring Lifelong Success.”

JOE BEST won the **Raffle Drawing** winner for \$6, but left the pot for another week.

Next week (June 19):

Program: Rotary’s Group Study Exchange to the Philippines: Jamie Cronkwright

Volunteers:

Greeter: Jack Wetzel
Reporter: Jack Best
Invocation: Iveth Reynolds
Pledge: Jack Best
Pick Up Joe: Marie Cinti
Song leader: Jack Wetzel