

With the absence of President Christian Pappas, President Elect Iveth Reynolds ran the meeting.

Greeter: Wally Ashnault  
Reporter: Linda Kohl  
Pledge: Mary Wojnowski  
Invocation: Mary Ann Mady  
Pick Up Joe: Marie Cinti

Today's guests were introduced: Jim (father) and Lee (son) Taylor. Lee is entering 11th grade at Penfield High School and has an interest in Rotary's Youth Exchange.

Jack Wetzel introduced one of the 2 scholarship winners: Helena Nichols, who briefly spoke. Helena thanked the club for the scholarship and spoke of her strong interest in helping others. She has entered the Nursing Program at Niagara University.

President-Elect Iveth made several announcements:

- Dave Sturtz agreed to be the club Sunshine reporter
- Penfield Rotary will hold a picnic at Jack Best's house on August 14 at 6 PM; no regular lunch meeting that day
- Camp Haccamo Carnival night is on August 18, arrive at the Sunshine Campus about 6 PM
- Penfield Rotary Day @ Camp Haccamo is August 21. See Don Milton for open slots to help out.

Iveth further announced that at last week's Rotary Board meeting, The Board agreed to support a Habitat for Humanity project, called the Rotary House. Volunteer opportunities to help build the house will be available a year from now.

**Program: *Building Minds in Sudan.***

Mary Ann Mady introduced Sebastian Maroundit, President & Founder of BMS. Accompanying Sebastian was Bonnie Lloyd, Public Relations Director. MaryAnn first heard Sebastian speak at a Spencerport Rotary Club meeting and was deeply moved by what he had to say.

Sebastian began by showing the Club an excerpt from a Dateline Program with Tom Brokaw, entitled "The Lost Boys." Sebastian went on to tell his story as he was a "lost boy" himself, In 1988 at age 9 he saw his 5 year old sister gunned down. Then Sebastian left on a journey with other lost boys, taking him to Ethiopia and Kenya, living for a time in a refugee camp. Sebastian came to Rochester in 2001. He worked at Strong Hospital, took classes at MCC and SUNY Brockport. And he became a U.S. Citizen in 2006. He then flew back to Sudan where he found his uncle, then his mother, after not seeing her for 18 years.

With Diane King at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church, he started Building Minds In Sudan and obtained a 501C-3 status in 2009. As of 2011, funds have been raised to build 4 classrooms in a single school setting. One of the fundraisers is to buy a brick for \$1.00. The 4 classrooms are used by 200 children.. In South Sudan, 83% do not read/write, 12% have a high school diploma, 5 % have a University degree. To learn more about the organization, go to [www.buildingmindsinsudan.org](http://www.buildingmindsinsudan.org).

**Happy Dollars:**

Steve-his house is on the market  
Jack Best-Joe left early and gave him his raffle ticket  
Jack W. his wife Carol was here today.  
Mary Ann-for Sebastian & guests

Iveth-for the great weather

Bill Pethick then pointed out our new 4 Way Test Banner was hanging up & no one had commented on it.

**Raffle:** As Marie left early, she gave Nels her ticket. So, Nels looked away and pulled the raffle ticket. **It was Marie's!** So then Nels looked away again and pulled a 2 of Diamonds. So, the joker moves on. Nels has Marie's \$6.00.

Next week, July 24: Official Visit by District Governor Gaven Hurley

Volunteers:

Greeter: Charlie Bellomo

Reporter: Bruce VanDerwarker

Invocation: Dave Sturtz

Pledge: Jack Wetzel

Pick up Joe: Jack Wetzel