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DISTRICT GOVERNOR GAVEN HURLEY MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT

19 Rotarians and guests welcomed District Governor Gaven Hurley for his Rotary-prescribed official club visit. Club President CHRISTIAN PAPPAS introduced Gaven, with a bit of his history, from the military and Columbia University to his presidency of the Morristown, New Jersey Rotary Club, to his work bringing him to Rochester in 1993. He served as Pittsford Rotary President in 2001-2002. Wife Kathie is Professor of Harp at the Eastman School.

Peace through Service is Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka's theme this year. He saw war devastate Japan and he has seen peace bring it back to prosperity. His Rotary theme pin includes a cherry blossom plus an origami crane, the Japanese international symbol of peace.

District Governor Gaven enlightened members about The Rotary Foundation's *Future Vision*, to be implemented in the 2013-14 Rotary year. Among its changes: far more money from the Foundation for grants to be administered by local districts. In our D-7120, this current year will see approximately \$12,000 awarded to individual clubs for community projects. Next year, that amount will increase to \$43,000 and to \$62,000 in year 2014. That amount will reflect the amount of dollars donated by district Rotarians to the annual programs fund of The Rotary Foundation. Penfield Rotarians can look for local projects that could be funded by those grants.

DG Gaven asked members to ask two questions: 1) What Rotary means to them? 2) What does Rotary do in Penfield? The answers to those questions will impact the passion and commitment of members and reflect community awareness of the club.

The Governor also referenced a survey that recently reported that Habitat for Humanity, The Red Cross and the Salvation are the three most recognizable organizations world-wide. Rotary's six areas of focus may dilute its message, but it "give members an opportunity to work on projects that are important to them, from the ground up, rather than from a top-down directed focus."

The Governor concluded his remarks by reminding members to continue to build club membership. He talked about the family of Rotary as broad enough to include Rotarian's family members plus Interactors, Group Study Exchange members, youth exchange students, in fact any person impacted by Rotary. He encouraged members to take part in the annual Rotary Leadership Institute in Canandaigua on November 3. He looks forward to welcoming members at his District Conference at Lake Placid on May 3-5, 2013.

The meeting began with JACK WETZEL leading The Pledge, while DAVE STURTZ delivered the Invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included Fairport members John Fisher, Vin Barone and Awak Malich, plus Assistant Governor KENN VAN DIEREN.

Penfield Rotary's second scholarship winner also attended. Jillian McCord plans to attend Boston College in September and intends to become a teacher.

Past President CHARLIE BELLOMO took a moment to recognize NELS CARMAN for his outstanding work as the club's Sergeant-at-Arms. Charlie also thanked Mary Ann Mady for her work in helping to organize the Moving-up Dinner. She quickly jumped up to accept his desire to "kiss her" for all the work she had done.

HAPPY DOLLARS came from:

- \$2: STEVE KETCH, who sold his house this week
- \$10: BOB GENTLE, to make up for some missed meetings
- \$2: MARY ANN MADY, to welcome the DG and Fairport Rotarians
- \$5: PP Charlie who missed three meetings due to travel and a bought with pneumonia
- \$2: visitor John Fisher who enjoyed meeting two fellow Fairport Rotarians at this meeting
- \$2: WALLY ASHNAULT who found room for 10 family members to join him at his Sodus cottage
- \$2: JOE BEST, who said that his parents, Jack and Kathy , cooked a chicken barbecue for him and his nine apartment mates this past Sunday
- \$2: LINDA KOHL, to welcome the DG and Assistant Governor Kenn Van Dieren
- \$10: Pres. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS, with \$4 related to the four walleyes he ate on a fishing trip seven hours north of Toronto, and \$6 related to today's celebration of his and Jennie's 6th wedding anniversary

The JOKER did not elude Joe Best who won not only today's \$8 pot, but the grand prize of \$224. The cycle resumes next week!

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 7: Penfield's Vehicle Charging Stations, by Bob Kanauer
- 14: Club picnic that evening at the Best's home, 604 Embury Road. No club meeting at noon that day. Beer, pretzels and other hors d'oeuvres at 5:30, barbecue at 6:00. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. The entrée: grilled Italian sausage (made from chicken, not pork), carmelized onions and peppers, assorted rolls and a garden salad, along with potato salad and bowls of assorted chips. PARKING: either along Embury Road, or even better, the grass lot along Embury Road at Qualtrough, associated with Rochester Lawn and Garden Center. Invitation to be emailed on July 30.
- 18 (Saturday evening): Rotary/Rochester Red Wing Night: 6:00: Picnic: all you can eat, including a game ticket, at \$20 per person (\$15 if ages 4-12). Or game alone at \$7. \$1 per ticket goes to the Rotary District Literacy Program. Fireworks afterwards. Opponent: The Empire State Yankees. Tickets must be purchased by August 3. Find the order form on the District website: www.Rotary7120.org.
- 21: Penfield Rotary Volunteer Day at Camp Haccamo. When can you come out to help for an hour or two? Check with Don Milton.
- 28: Habitat for Humanity: program by Teresa Bianchi, Program Development Director: "The Collaboration among Rotary/Habitat/Monro Muffler."

Next week (July 31):

Program: "Security Identity Protection," by Geralyn Ferrari

Volunteers:

Greeter: Jack Best Reporter: Bill Pethick Invocation: Marie Cinti Pledge: Norma Weber Pick Up Joe: Jack Best