

Our Greeter was DON MILTON, Invocator: MARIE CINTI and pledge leader: MARY WOJNOWSKI

This being **Group Study Exchange week**, the list of guests and visitors was impressive: Visiting Rotarian: Frank Mehlenbacher. Former GSE team members Alan Hanford (Philippines, 1974), Emily Hamilton (Mexico 2011), Phoebe Reynolds (Brazil 2009) and four candidates for next February's GSE team to the Philippines; Mark Campbell and David Yi, both Engineers, Tiffany Paine who works for Habitat for Humanity and J.B. Afoh-Manin, an attorney and president of the Rochester Black Bar Association. Also in attendance was prospective member Martha Parker.

PRESIDENT CHARLIE opened the meeting with a recognition of **September birthdays** with two of them falling on the very day of the meeting: DON MILTON and MARIE CINTI. Also present for the singing of Happy Birthday were JOYCE MCCHESENEY, VOLKER HAUSIN and IVETH REYNOLDS.

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in Canandaigua on November 12. There are various levels of training provided from beginner to graduate. More information to come.
- Our club has two foursomes enrolled in the District 7120 Golf Tournament slated for 9/9/11. Bee-in-the-Garden, a gift shop located at 2488 Browncroft Boulevard, donated a handsome book on grilling for the Club's contribution to raffle prizes for the golfers.
- Prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11:40 a.m., Board members will meet with District Governor NORMA MADAYAG-RILEY, whose official club visit will take place that day.
- Other up-coming meetings include: Sept. 20 Julie Steron, President of Zweigles, will give a hot talk on "corporate leadership and community involvement".
- October 1st, Saturday, will find PRC joining with the Town of Penfield from 10 AM – 2 PM for a bicycle drop off/ pick up at the Recreation Center. Rehabbed bikes are donated to needed persons or sold to less needed. Goal: 100 bikes that day.
- Tuesday night, October 4th is the Eastern Cities Dinner featuring Rotary International President KALYAN BANERJEE
- Sunday, October 9 is the date of the Hike for Haccamo starting at 10:00 a.m. at a single location, Camp Eastman at Durand Eastman Park. The walk, (go on line to sponsor DON MILTON if you are not walking yourself), will be approx. 4 miles and will be followed by a party featuring the music of Josie Waverly and her band. Volunteers for that day are much needed.
- DON MILTON noted that there will be a meeting for all club presidents in late September to discuss the future of financially strapped Camps Haccamo and Sunshine. New sources of funds are essential to the continuation of the Camps.

BILL PETHICK reminded members of the coin box on the sign-in table for loose change for the **final fight against polio** which is “99.8% won”. Also, he requests that all fill out donation slips for all providing donations for the Euchre Tournament or any other Club cause.

The treasury scored abundant **Happy Dollar\$**: SEAN PATTON-\$5 for the first day of school, “National Parents Sigh of Relief Day;” JACK BEST-\$1 each for him and Joe for completion of staining the deck at home; DON MILTON for the (fingers crossed) sale of the old Camp Haccamo campus; MICHELLE STOKES and FRANK MELENBACHER for some good reasons; JACK WETZEL for a memorable visit to Cooperstown; J.B.Afoh-Manin, guest, for a rare 3-day weekend with his wife; IVETH REYNOLDS for the start of her 2nd year in the MBA program; STEVE KETCH for a trip to NYC with his wife; MARIE CINTI for the start of school, (huge sigh); JOYCE McCHESNEY for enjoying participation in many Rotary activities; VOLKER HAUSIN for continuing to swim in daughter DORIS’s swimming pool; PRES. CHARLIE, \$2 for having so many guests/visitors in attendance today.

PROGRAM: JACK BEST introduced today’ program which consisted of the presentation of four candidates for the 2011 GSE team and three former GSE team members. The “alumni” spoke first with Alan Hanford taking the lead as the senior alumnus. Alan highlighted his vivid memories of 40 years ago in the Philippines with a colorful telling of the rock-star status accorded the team of five, at least one of whom he still maintains contact. Emily Hamilton spent a month in Mexico last March, primarily in the state of Vera Cruz. A Peace Corps veteran and fluent speaker of Spanish, Emily is now a specialist in housing for the poor. She was able to compare and contrast her earlier experiences in Guatemala and Paraguay with the impact of Rotary in Mexico. Phoebe Reynolds, who is affiliated with the U of R, compared her extensive travel in Brazil to visit health care facilities to what she does in Rochester. She stayed with at least 10 different host families during her GSE experience. As with Alan and Emily, she remains in contact with GSE team members. JACK called upon members for comments, whereupon BILL PETHICK offered the observation that the GSE program is fully part of the Rotary objective of World Peace and Understanding. VOLKER HAUSIN cautioned candidates that, however they see themselves, as family members, professionals etc. they will be seen primarily, maybe only, as Americans with all of the prejudice that that may involve.

PRES. CHARLIE announced that there will be a Board meeting on Thurs. 9/15, at 7:30 AM at Wegmans (250/441). NELS CARMAN reminded that next week will be 2-2-2 Tuesday and that the 58th season of the Penfield Rotary Band is underway.

VOLKER won the 50/50 at \$11 but missed the “big one” at \$359. Worth winning folks!

Next week (September 13):

Program: District Governor Norma Reilly: official visit

Volunteers:

Greeter: Dave Sturtz

Pledge: Joe Best

Invocation: Mary Ann Mady

Pick up Joe: Jack Best

Reporter: Bill Pethick