The Penwheel Reporter: Bill Pethick September 13, 2011

DAVE STURTZ greeted us on another beautiful day in upstate New York. JOE BEST led us in the pledge to the flag. ZAC DRESSNER gave us the invocation.

VISITING ROTARIANS: HERB GAUCH of Webster Rotary, FRANK MEHLENBACHER of Rochester Rotary and Past President of Penfield Rotary, and LIZ RICHARDSON of Greece Rotary were all on hand to greet District Governor NORMA MADAYAG-REILLY, our speaker for today.

VISITORS: CURTIS BAKER, a guest of ZAC DRESSNER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHARLIE BELLOMO

- President-Elect CHRISTIAN PAPPAS won the Chili Cook Off fund raiser put on by the Pen-Web Rotary. For that he took home $300 which he said he honestly had to split with his brother who assisted him in preparing the chili.
- Our next board meeting at 7:30 AM this Thursday at Wegmans 250/441.
- October 4 is the Eastern Cities Dinner at the Downtown Convention Center. We have reserved a table and have 6 people signed up so far. If you want to be a part of this very festive district event put on by Rochester Rotary and featuring RI President Kalyan Banerjee as guest speaker, you need to contact CHARLIE BELLOMO right away. The cost is $43 per person. After 9/15 the price goes to $47 per person.

NELS CARMAN

- The annual Town of Penfield chili cookoff is this Saturday from noon to 4:00PM at the amphitheater behind the Town Hall

LINDA KOHL

- The bike drop off with the town is October 1 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Penfield Recreation Center on Baird Road. They will accept any type of bicycle in any condition as well as bicycle parts. They will be fireman's exhibition, hot dogs and fun at this event. Canvas your neighbors for old bicycles they have been looking to get rid of.

CHRISTIAN PAPPAS

- Euchre tournament plans are well under way. The tournament will be at The Legacy at Willow Pond just west of Wegmans 250/441. There will be prizes worth $2500 with a Big Screen TV as first prize and game prizes for the next 9 places. There will also be Theme Pick-A-Prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Invite anyone you know that plays Euchre for a fun and possibly profitable afternoon.

DON MILTON

- Gave a financial report on Camp Haccamo to illustrate why the camp needs to raise funds to replace the $200,000 lost from the LPGA.
- For income, the camp receives $50.00 per member from all 17 clubs in the area that are responsible for the camp which totals about $26,000 each year. United Way contributes $10,000, RCSN contributes $20,000 for a total of $76,500.
- For expenses, the spends $91,500 on rent to The Sunshine Campus, $106,000 on staff, $56,000 on other for a total of $253,750.
- This leaves a gap to be made up of $177,250 from The Hike for Haccamo and other fund raisers.

PROGRAM

Today's program was the District Governor NORMA MADAYAG-REILLY and introduced by HERB GAUCH, the Area 10 Assistant District Governor who will be retiring from this post after this year.

Norma joined Newark Rotary in 1998, was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1979-1983, is a graduate of Syracuse University, was President of Newark Rotary in 2005-2006 and Assistant District Governor. She is a bequest Society member, Sustaining Foundation member, Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and has served on many club and district committees.

DG Norma declared we are a "Healthy District". We are her 44th club visit this year. She wants to spread the word of RI President Kalyan Banerjee's theme of "Reach within to embrace humanity". Each Rotarian is valued for their efforts, interests and aspirations to provide service. There are three areas to be considered Family – Continuity – Change. Family is important (Ours and others) and having fellowship within the club and having fun. Make a difference in lives. Continuity is important to preserve current projects that are viable. Change, so we are the instruments of change.

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's Life Blood and deserves the support of all Rotarians. Currently we are looking for a Rotarian team leader to accompany four GSE team members to the Philippines in February and March next year. The format of the Group Study Exchange will be changing next year.

The District Conference is going to be in Rochester next year at the Hyatt Regency May 18-20. This should make it easy for all Rotarians to experience a District Conference.

Lastly, she noted that public image is very important to Rotary to attract new members and tell the stories of what they do.

RAFFLE

DAVE STURTZ took home $10.

PROGRAMS

September 20 – Corporate leadership and Community Involvement: Julie Steron, President of Zweigles
September 27 – Long Term care Planning, Kevin Best from Best Times

UP-COMING ROTARY EVENTS

October 15 – Mini-Pets Foundation/Membership Seminar
November 12 –Rotary Leadership Institute at Canandaigua Inn On The Lake
November 13 – Foundation Brunch

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS:

Greeter: Steve Ketch
Reporter: Jack Wetzel
Invocation: Bob Smith
Pledge: Don Milton
Pick Up Joe: Wally Ashnault