

Meeting presided by President Christian Pappas.

Greeter: Linda Kohl

Reporter: Linda Kohl

Pledge Linda Kohl

Invocation: MaryAnn Mady

Pick Up Joe: Wally Ashnault

**Today's guests** were introduced: Fairport Rotarian Heinrich Fischer and guest Carlo DiPisa.

**Sunshine Report:** MaryAnn reported that Joyce McChesney had back surgery

October Birthdays: Jack Best, Mike Donnolly and Bob Gentle. Bob was the only one of the three present so Happy Birthday was sung to Bob..

Christian made **several announcements**.

Christian had a good trip , stayed at a villa on a mountain with 32 rooms.He spoke of his trip to Italy last week and his appreciation of roads in the US made for 2 cars and the USA flat lands. He thanked Marie for presiding over last week's meeting honoring John Carlevatti.

Linda reminded everyone of the 2nd annual joint Penfield Rotary/Town of Penfield Bike Drop off to benefit R Community Bikes. Flyers were at each table. We will be at the Community Center from [9:00 AM-2:00 PM](#) on Saturday, October 6. Any assistance is appreciated.

Jack Wetzel reminded everyone of the tribute for Wally Ashnault's 50 years in Penfield Rotary-October 23

Christian reminded the Club of next week's meeting at the Nucor House on Embury Road for lunch.

**MaryAnn needs a head count.** She is preparing chicken cutlets, stuffed shells and brownies!

There will be a brief meeting, a tour and lunch at 12:15.

There will be no 2-2-2 next week. It will be postponed a week.

Chris Kausch announced that he has tickets for sale to the Club's October 28 Euchre tournament at the Penfield Legacy. Bill Pethick reminded everyone to let him know if they get prizes-so to add to the sponsor's list.

Iveth will meeting with the PHS Interact Club.

Heinrich Fisher announced that Fairport Rotary is having their Pasta dinner benefiting Honor Flight Rochester on October 29.

Nels announced that tonight is Rotary Big Band night at the Community Center.

Mary Ann reminded the Club that we need to make reservations to the Eastern Cities Dinner on November 4 by October 15.

Mary Ann further announced that the annual Rotary Foundation Brunch is on November 11, at Belhurst Castle in Geneva: noon to about 3 PM.

Rotary Leadership Institute is on November 3rd. Let Chris Kausch know if you plan on attending it.

**Happy Dollars:**

-Christian: \$5.00 for his trip to Italy

-Bob Gentle-\$10.00 for his birthday

-MaryAnn-\$2.00 for the Literacy Seminar she attended on Saturday and for her grandson running in the Town/Family First 5 K Race, coming in 30 minutes.  
-Marie-\$2.00 for the speaker and her upcoming trip to NYC with her children.  
-Jack Wetzel-happy for his trip to Buffalo taking his granddaughter & her boyfriend out to dinner.

Marie Cinti introduced the **Program**: Community Supported Agriculture(CSA) at Wickham Farms, Rt. 250, Penfield.

Speaker Bill Wickham, Wickham Farms

Bill brought fresh veggies and donuts to the meeting to share. Marie passed out donuts.

Bill briefly explained his background, growing up on a farm, going to Cornell University, began by selling pumpkins. Bought Wickham Farms in 2001, constructed the building in 2005. The Farm is now open April-October 31.

This year was the first year for the CSA program, a 20 week harvest share membership program. He bought the 100 acre Willmis/Casa Larga property across the street from the Farm in March. He took 65 acres of the vineyard out. Planted a variety of 60 types of vegetables, one fruit: melons along with remaining grapes. He will plant garlic next year. Planted under black plastic mulch. First pick up with recipes for CSA members was on June 15.

The Farm used drip irrigation. With 8 acres of vegetables the Water bill was still \$2,800!

When taking down the vineyards, posts, wires, they ended up with 4 and 1/2 tons of wire, 20,000 posts that were taken to Alco to be recycled.

Several dozens of vineyards were kept-Niagara grapes.

CSA Membership:

\$595.00 full share

\$395.00 half share

Members pick up produce on Monday or Thursday.

There is a U Pick Option-pick veggies, endless amount of cherry tomatoes/pick flowers, herbs

Bill spoke of families picking at the farm-leads to healthy eating habits for the young.

He advertises through emails lists, the YMCA information night sessions..was very successful getting out the word with ads in the "Super Coups."

Bill picked the **raffle ticket**. Chris Kausch won but did not pick the joker.

The meeting ended at 1:20 PM.

**Next week, October 9:**

Meeting: Nucor House, 285 Embury Road

Pick up Joe: Jack Best

October's programs:

October 16: Club Assembly

October 23: Wally Ashnault Tribute: 50 years in Penfield Rotary

October 30: Dan White, BOCES Superintendent: Vocational Education

NOTE: "THE PENWHEEL" WAS NOT PUBLISHED LAST WEEK (SEPTEMBER 25)