

THE BEGINNING: President-Elect CHRISTIAN PAPPAS presided over the meeting, although GEORGE GRAY gets credit for ringing the dinner bell. LINDA KOHL led the Pledge, and ZAC DRESSNER performed the invocation. STEVE KETCH served as reporter.

VISITORS: Our Club's GSE applicant DAVID YI was in attendance and thanked the Club for backing his application. Other visitors were our speakers JIM RUNYON, DON DUCHARME, and TOM SERGENT from the Webster Toastmasters.

SUNSHINE REPORT: NORMA WEBBER reported that ELANORE WADDEL passed away recently.

BIRTHDAYS: CHRISTIAN PAPPAS announced our birthdays for the month of October: JACK BEST on 10/8, BOB GENTLE and MIKE WHITTIMORE on 10/12, and MIKE DONNELLY on 10/30. Wish these fine folks a happy birthday if you see them around!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A reminder that the Hike for Haccamo is this coming Sunday, October 9th, at Camp Eastman on Lakeshore Blvd. Club members Sean Patton and Don Milton will be walking this year and could use your donations! You can make a contribution at www.firstgiving.com if you wish (do a search for Sean or Don's name on the site). Contact DON MILTON to volunteer at the event. There will be a Josey Waverly concert after the Hike, and Penfield Rotary members can get free tickets to the concert from CHRISTIAN PAPPAS.

The **Rotary Leadership Institute** will be taking place in Canandaigua on November 12th. Contact CHARLIE BELLOMO ASAP if you are interested in attending.

The **Fall Euchre Tournament** is coming up on October 23rd. We need to collect more prizes for the tournament. We are organizing the prizes into various categories for gift baskets. Contact JACK WETZEL if you have solicited a prize for the tournament, and make sure to fill out a donor form. There is also a need for workers at the tournament, and a volunteer sheet will be going around at the next few meetings.

LIND KOHL announced that the **bike collection last Saturday** was a great success despite the miserable weather, collecting 216 bikes to be donated to needy individuals.

CHRISTIAN PAPPAS gave a summary of the **Camp Haccamo meeting** of last week. Camp Haccamo needs to be the #1 focus of Monroe County Rotary clubs in order to be sustainable. The Roc City Uncorked event has the goal of replacing the lost LPGA tournament funds. In order to achieve this, each club will need to pledge a contribution of 2 tickets or \$80 per member to the event. The clubs are being asked to carefully consider whether they are willing and able to make this large commitment, and give a decision by October 19th. President CHARLIE BELLOMO will be discussing this more with the club in the coming weeks.

GEORGE GRAY has reached out to the staff at PHS in regards to the **oratorical contest**. The high school has moved their public speaking class to the fall semester, which gives us a better opportunity to find candidates for the contest. We are very fortunate to have the support of the high school for this.

NELS CARMAN reminded everyone of the **Penfield Rotary Big Band**, performing on the first Tuesday night of every month at the town recreation center. Also, don't forget – **next week is 2+2+2 Tuesday**.

IVETH REYNOLDS attended the **Interact Club** meeting last week. They are looking for ways to get involved in Haccamo fundraising.

BILL PETHICK reminded everyone to fill out **donor sheets** for any prizes collected for the Euchre Tournament. Also, please donate to the End Polio Now Box.

HAPPY DOLLARS: \$2 from SEAN PATTON for showing up
\$2 from JOHN CARLEVATTI – thankful for the success of the athletic teams at homecoming and an exciting pep rally
\$1 from GEORGE GRAY – feeling responsible for the Bills' loss
\$1 from DON MILTON celebrating the success of Aquinas football
\$2 from MARY WOJNOWSKI for her daughters' success in cross country and her 14th marathon
\$1 from DAVID YI, who successfully fixed a machine he was working on yesterday

PROGRAM – ZAC DRESSNER introduced Don Ducharme. Don teaches public speaking at Zac's private school and volunteers for the chaplain's program at the prison. Don is a member of the Toastmasters Club of Webster. **Toastmasters** is an organization that focuses on speech-making and leadership development. Also attending from the club were Jim Runyon and Tom Sergent.

Jim Runyon is one of the newer members of the club. He gave a prepared speech titled "Don't Procrastinate", about dealing with problems ("bugs" as he called them). Jim was a math professor at RIT for 38 years and now works at Baywinde teaching Bible study.

Tom Sergent is a retired Kodak worker and current adjunct professor at Empire State College. He is also a member of the Penfield Players and has achieved the highest level at Toastmasters. He gave a speech comparing Rotary to Toastmasters. He liked Rotary's Four Way Test, but felt that Toastmasters would have to add a 5th test: "Will there be food?"

Toastmasters was founded in 1934 by Ralph Smedley. They began allowing female members in 1973, which has been a great addition to the club as approximately 75% of their members in Webster are now female. Prominent local Toastmasters include Maggie Brooks and Ursula Burns.

RAFFLE – MARY WOJNOWSKI won \$12 but pulled the ace of hearts – the big pot moves on to next week.

Next Week:

Program: Club Assembly

Greeter: Mary Wojnowski

Reporter: Jack Best

Invocation: Iveth Reynolds

Pledge: Marie Cinti

Pick up Joe: Bill Pethick