

The Penwheel Reporter: Linda Kohl October 23, 2012

Meeting presided by President Christian Pappas.
Special Tribute to Wally Ashnault, Penfield Rotarian for 50 years

Greeter: Don Milton
Reporter: Linda Kohl
Pledge: Chris Kausch
Invocation: Marie Cinti
Pick Up Joe: Jack Wetzel

President Christian thanked -
-Jack Best for organizing the tribute,
-Marie Cinti for designing the invitation
-Jack & Carol Wetzel for addressing and sending out the invitations
-MaryAnn Mady & Bill Pethick for getting the Paul Harris Award material
-Charlie Bellomo for organizing the food

There were many guests today among the 52 attendees:
District Governor Gaven Hurley and Assistant Governor Kenn Van Dieren:

Wally's friends: Colleen Ockenden, Cheryl Gentile, Fran and Jerry Hahn,
Doug Ahern and Eileen Yancey

Bruno Sniders
Dick Horwitz
Zane Bollinger
Bob Beedon
Bob Sandholzer
Geoff Brede
Carol Turner
Jim and Kaen Lynd
Mary Nannini
Tony LaFountain
Michael Bloch
Bethany Young
Carol Wetzel
Britt Carpenter
Rose Pethick
Jack Beaston

President Christian asked that current Penfield Rotarian stand, then asked former Penfield Rotarians to stand.

Christian introduced District Governor Gavin Hurley and Assistant Governor Kenn Van Dieren.

After lunch Jack Best said that Wally joined Penfield Rotary in September, 1962 and asked for "Wally Stories."

- 1) Bob Sandholzer commented that Wally was a great Rotary recruiter and that he recruited him during Penfield Fair Days in the 4 Corners. Bob could not say "no".
- 2) Norma Weber said she met Wally in 1962 when she and Warren moved to Penfield. They needed an attorney-Wally, who recruited Warren into Penfield Rotary. After Warren passed, Norma was recruited into Penfield Rotary.
- 3) MaryAnn Mady-MaryAnn went to a District conference at Sagamore. She had her photo taken next to a stuffed bear. After that Wally consistently asked her whether she has had her picture taken with a bear.
- 4) Charlie Bellomo-during his first year in the club, Wally asked him to participate in the Salvation Army bell ring/singing at Tops. Charlie arrived. Wally gave him the bell and said "ring it." Then Wally left for three hours, returning for the singing.
- 5) Don Milton-when Don was thinking of running for Penfield Town Board, he spoke to Wally who told him to speak to Guy McGowan. Don told Guy he was interested in running for Town Board to which Guy replied "Why the hell for?"
- 6) Volker Hausin-said Wally was a gentleman and conservative. He also said he was the only person he knew in the Club who had read "Mein Kampf."
- 7) Nels Carman said Wally recruited Nel's Mom to have Nels attend his alma mater, Dartmouth College. Nels also said that Wally was a major ticket seller for the old Rotary Shows as he is now for the Golf Tournament.
- 8) Bruce VanDerwarker said that Wally is a fine athlete, golfer. He sometimes golfed with Wally in Sodus and went back to Wally's cottage for Tomato & mayo sandwiches.
- 9) Bill Pethick- Bill spoke of the old Rotary Show Chorus line and that the principal reason people attended was to see Wally dance.
- 10) Zane Bolinger- Zane said he was Wally's friend, minister and Wally was also his lawyer. He never asked Wally for additional help after he helped secure his house at 18% interest in 1971. He also served on church session with Rotarians Wally, Ron Brown, Nels Carman, Sr.
- 11) Rose Pethick-She spoke of the Rotary Show and how she dressed the dancers (Wally)
- 12) Bob Gentle-Bob asked Wally whether Sally asked him why he wore those black shoes. Wally responded: "It had to be a black sheep. " Bob also commented that, no matter what the weather, Wally always said "it's a beautiful day."

After the Wally Stories, there was a Wally Slide show, narrated by Jack Best. District Governor Hurley pinned a Paul Harris pin on Wally, his 5th Paul Harris recognition. Eileen Yancey, his son Richard and son-in-law Michael Gulnac were also honored with Paul Harris Recognition through Wally. President Christian presented a crystal plaque to Wally celebrating 50 years in the club.

Wally thanked everyone and said it was a beautiful day (as it rained outside).

District Governor Hurley spoke . Then Town Supervisor Tony LaFountain presented Wally with a service pin and a pen set from the town.

Nels asked Wally to pull the ticket for the raffle. The first time no one came forth, the second time Michael Bloch won the \$43.00 but donated back to the Club.

Don Milton thanked those who help at the Camp Haccamo Clean Up
Bill Pethick announced there were still volunteer opportunities at this Sunday's Euchre Tournament

Michael Bloch (Popcorn Charlie's) donated a bag of popcorn with Wally's face on it, entitled "Wally corn." Bruce VanDerwarker won it with a bid for \$20.00 and the money was donated to Rotary Foundation.

Wally thanked everyone again. The meeting ended at 1:30 PM.

Next week, October 30:

Program: BOCES Superintendent Dan White: Today's Vocational School Curriculum

Volunteers:

Greeter: Sean Patton
Reporter: Jack Wetzell
Pledge: Bob Gentle
Invocation: Joe Best
Pick up Joe: Jack Best