# The Penwheel Reporter: Christian Pappas November 1, 2011

Greeter- Mary Wojnowski Pledge- Craig Smith Invocation- Bill Pethick Reporter- Christian Pappas

Guests- Judy Ann West, Bethany Young, Michael Molaire, Eileen Yang

#### Announcements:

Charlie Bellomo- RLI 11/12/11 @ Canandaigua Inn on the lake, Rotary Foundation Brunch 11/13/11 @ Belhurst Castle in Geneva, Penfield Rotary X-mas Party 12/20/11

Nels Carmen- Rotary Dictionary project 1. 11/14/11-2pm-Scribner 2. 11/18/11-9:10 am- Harris Hill

## Happy Dollars:

Bob Gentle- \$1 Cell phone Fine; \$5 62nd Wedding Anniversary; Nels Carmen- \$1 For an inventive telemarketer; Mary Ann Mady- \$1 Don't know why \$1 for her hair; Jack Best- \$2 for leftover Halloween candy; Mike Whittemore- \$2 for being at the meeting; Christian Pappas- \$1 Cellphone fine/\$2 for not having to deal with east coast winter storm; Linda Kohl- \$2 for the week leading up to election day; Charlie Bellomo- \$1 Bills Win!/ \$1 for sons 48th birthday; George Gray- \$2 for leftover candy

### Speaker: Curt Smith

Former speech writer for Bush 41, Author and authority on the history of baseball announcers, U of R English Professor and Political columnist for the Post newspapers.

How did the Tea Party come to be? 3 acts: Act 1 George W Bush not living up to the ideals of compassionate conservatism and tar and feathering the Republican party which lead to Act 2' the election of Barack Obama. Neither Obama and Bush 43 had resumes befitting of a president which lead to Act 3, the response of the American People in the formation of the Tea Party. The Tea Party and the American Middle class show a large overlap and have 4 ideals that they share:

- 1. Sane tax and spend policies from our government.
- 2. Limited Government
- 3. Culture of responsibility: meeting general interests vs. special interests
- 4. A belief of American Exceptionalism

He felt that the Republican party needed a candidate that met these ideals and was the most electable. He felt Mitt Romney fit that bill the best.

#### NEXT WEEK: NOVEMBER 8

Program: George Gray: Insights into The Rotary Foundation

Greeter: Don Milton Reporter: Jack Best

Invocation: Mary Ann Mady Pledge: Mary Wojnowski Pick up Joe: Wally Ashnault