

DON MILTON greeted, DAVE STURTZ led The Pledge and JOE BEST accepted President CHARLIE BELLOMO's invitation to give the Invocation.

**Today's visitor** was Susie Dillon who attended last week's Rotary Information meeting. She wants to learn more about Rotary.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. President Charlie gave Kudos to Mister Tools, aka NELS CARMAN, for his efforts in involving members to help distribute dictionaries to third graders this year. So far, 344 books to the Penfield School District, 45 to be distributed at St. Joe's and 10 to the Southeast Christian Academy (Zac Dressner is president and pastor). 25 dictionaries will be forwarded to SALVA DUT in South Sudan.
2. CHRISTIAN PAPPAS reports that the Spring Euchre Tournament will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 18, with the site to be selected from The Legacy (this year's tournament), Penfield Fitness Center or the showroom in Bob Hastings Buick.
3. JACK WETZEL said that the Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, June 4, at Shadow Lake Golf Club. Tentative plans include a hole-in-one tournament that will precede the tournament, with the preliminary finalists shooting their final ball for \$100,000 at the 18<sup>th</sup> green immediately before dinner. All club members who want to help in the planning of the golf tournament are invited to attend the Committee's next meeting: Monday evening, December 5, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Jack Best.
4. Don Milton reported that RocCity Uncorked will not be held next Spring. The RCSN (Rotary Camps for Special Needs) Board will continue to explore options regarding the provision of camp experiences to persons with disabilities. Don said that 320 campers are expected to attend Camp Haccamo next summer. Among them will be an outreach to persons with disabilities who are older than 18.
5. IVETH REYNOLDS told club members that the Penfield HS Interact Club raised \$475 for polio. Among its fund-raisers was a floor hockey(?) game that pitted boys against the girls.

#### **Happy Dollars** came from:

1. GEORGE GRAY, whose son will be home for Thanksgiving
2. NELS CARMAN who has learned from listening to "all-night radio" about conspiratorial themes that never get reported during the day.
3. Iveth, who recently returned from Europe in travels that included Switzerland
4. Christian, who uttered some comments about Thanksgiving
5. Don, who apologized for the hacker who sent out requests for \$2,500 to bail him out in Spain
6. Charlie, who is happy that his left rear fender suffered only paint damage while parked in a lot in Buffalo
7. WALLY ASHNAULT, whose son is home for Thanksgiving and whose granddaughter has already spent two weeks on Colorado snow.

#### **PROGRAM**

JACK WETZEL introduced Cori Zerfas, our Rotary District's Ambassadorial Scholar who spent the 2009-2010 academic year at the Universidad de Salamanca, in Spain. Jack was on the

district team that selected her to receive The Rotary Foundation scholarship, worth approximately \$25,000. She earned her Masters Degree in teaching Spanish. Approximately 50% of her classmates were from Spain, with the remainder from China, Iran, Italy, Cyprus, South Africa, Greece and more. Their common language was Spanish. That environment met Rotary's objective of fostering positive international relationships. Typical American thoughts about Spain were led by bull fighting, while the Spanish viewed Americans as "always in organized lines when waiting to purchase something." Cori's observation of substantive cultural differences between Spain and the US:

1. They work to live, while Americans live to work
2. everyone gets four weeks vacation
3. Siestas and fiestas become inconvenient when wanting to purchase something---the stores close during siesta time!
4. Young adults live at home until their late 20's, were surprised when Cori's fiancé came for a visit and proposed to her, at age 23. Her wedding date: this coming December 31.
5. Environmentally, Spaniards turn off the lights when they leave a room, even if they plan to return momentarily.
6. Public transportation is readily accessible.

Rotary clubs existed in Spain from 1920, but were outlawed while Franco was the dictator. Rotary remerged in 1975 upon his death.

Cori is an excellent representative of the value of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program. Those funds come from 50% of the Annual Program Fund contributions that Rotarians in our District 7120 make each year. Cori gave three talks on The Rotary Foundation on a single Saturday in November 2010 and was a featured speaker at the Annual Foundation Brunch that Fall.

**THE JOKER:** Iveth took \$10 home from the 50/50 but left the Joker and \$472 for another day.

**Next week (November 29):**

Program: Brett Miller, the Executive Director of Monroe County Boy Scouts

Volunteers:

Greeter: Linda Kohl

Reporter: Steve Ketch

Invocation: Joe Best

Pledge: Nels Carman

Pick up Joe: Christian Pappas