

## **The Penwheel**

**Reporter: Jack Wetzel    December 6, 2011**

**Opening Ritual:** GEORGE GRAY was the assigned Greeter, STEVE KETCH led the pledge and MARY ANN MADY offered a thoughtful invocation.

Visiting Rotarian Frank Melanbacher (Rochester Rotary) was welcomed again into our midst, along with Alex Schreiner (Rush-Henrietta Rotary). Also joining us were visitors Suzie Dillon and Lukun Yu (she will come again soon to be our guest speaker).

A birthday round of applause in absentia was given for SALVA DUT who is busy preparing for another drilling season in South Sudan

**Presidential Pronouncements:** PRES. CHARLIE BELLOMO called on CHRISTIAN PAPPAS to report on the Golf Committee meeting held the night before at JACK BEST's house. BILL PETHICK had prepared an exhaustive list of activities to be addressed, and members volunteered to handle many of the areas of concern. The next full committee meeting will be held on Jan. 9, 2012, at 7 PM at Jack's house.. Subcommittee meetings will precede that date. Of note is the decision to conduct a **hole in one contest** qualifying event in the weekends leading up to the tournament with the final contest at Shadow Lake on tourney day.

The PRC Christmas Party will be held at the Dolomite Lodge off Atlantic Avenue on Tues. evening, Dec. 20. CHARLIE will advise if start time will be 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. The traditional competition for best appetizer and best dessert will be featured, while consideration is being given by the committee to purchasing a main dish (pasta) to satisfy the hungrier among us.

**RocTheDay** is a United Way effort to enable many different charities to accept donations by links to their website. RocTheDay is December 8th for making donations in this manner and is the suggested way to contribute to Camp Haccamo/ Sunshine Camp. If you were prepared to support RocCityUncorked for the price of two tickets, or at any level, you are urged to give at this time. Look for "Rotary Clubs for Special Needs".

**Member Announcements:** DON MILTON informed that the Hike for Haccamo this year netted some \$31 thousand. Kudos to all who helped achieve this splendid result. MARY ANN MADY suggested that we each consider beefing up next week's 2-2-2 by, instead of giving \$2 or 2 items, maybe giving a special Christmas offering of \$5 + \$5. WALLY ASHNAULT reminded that the annual caroling at Tops at Panorama Plaza is scheduled for 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 12/17. He also strongly endorsed the Penfield Symphony Orchestra, which he had attended the previous evening. NELS CARMAN seconded MARY ANN's suggestion with the thought of taking a box or shopping bag to your cupboard and contributing generously with products. He also mentioned that Rotary Hockey Night is Friday, Dec. 30th.

BILL PETHICK noted that the “Give-me-Five” collection for the Rotary Foundation yielded donations from 50% of our members. Some 34 clubs in the District had 100% participation, with one doing so at \$10 per member.

**Happy Dollar\$:** Mr. Tools, in happiness at the near ending of the Dictionary Project for this year, put in \$1.00; Guest Speaker Steve Sink added something for the joy of being a grandfather for the first time; MARY ANN MADY was included in a picture in the Penfield Post, along with NELS, so contributed a publicity buck or two; GEORGE GRAY was very happy to have a new computer which he has armed with software. PRES. CHARLIE’s car is finally being repaired after a recent accident, and he added \$1 for the good work that MR. TOOLS does. DON MILTON and the entire first class of MCC, which graduated some time in the middle of the past century, was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame.

**Our Guest Speaker:** Steve Sink is the Business Editor of the Democrat and Chronicle. He took over that job some 8 years ago after prior assignments in Miami and Long Island. He has amassed 41 years in print media. He lives in Geneseo. He does, as all smart people do, talk with lots of people who are smarter than he is and uses their input to write his weekly column in the Sunday D&C.

His is a positive take on the sad, recent history of Kodak. Drawing on the experience of having observed the demise of the two major employers in “company towns” and seeing how these cities prospered in rebirth, he noted that Rochester is widely known for its high quality, well trained work force. That, combined with excellent housing values here as compared with many parts of the country, have made it possible for the Rochester area to defend itself better than most during the current recession. With Kodak’s shrinkage, skilled workers and excellent facilities have become available to support new ventures in an entrepreneurial atmosphere. As we come out of the recession, this area will rapidly grow.

NELS CARMAN let it be known that the “big” pot was re-started at \$50 after ZACH DRESSNER drained it last week. But this week’s winner took only \$8, leaving the new pot to grow by that much for next week’s hopefuls.

**NEXT WEEK, December 13:**

**Program:** Rochester Foodlink, speaker Jim Krohn

**Volunteers:**

Greeter: VANDERWARKER

Reporter: PETHICK

Invocation: MADY

Pledge: STURTZ

Pick Up Joe: CRAIG SMITH