

Beautiful day at Shadow Lake, at 69° on December 4 and golfers in shorts! JOE BEST led The Pledge and MARIE CINTI gave the Invocation.

Today's guests: Luke Stuart and Roger Zaenglein from Pittsford Rotary, and speaker John Odenbach, plus prospective members NANCY AUMANN and SHANNON STAUB. Both of them will be inducted into Penfield Rotary next week, December 11.

Luke and Roger promoted the **District's annual conference**, to be held next May 3-5 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Lake Placid. Veteran Penfield Rotarians will remember the District Conference at The Sagamore on Lake George in 2001. The conference celebrates the accomplishments and highlights of the current Rotary year. Plus, it brings together Rotarians and spouses/partners who really like the camaraderie that comes from association with members across the district's 68 clubs. Registration is \$60 per person, discounted to \$35 if made prior to February 1. The hotel registration is \$605 per couple, and includes Friday and Saturday night lodging, plus dinner on Friday and Saturday night, and full breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. Note: the meals each evening are preceded by hospitality bars found in the rooms of one member from each club. Awesome!

Announcements:

1. Penfield Rotary will match up to a total of \$500 for any cash gifts directed toward Hurricane Sandy Cleanup in New York/New Jersey, by December 18.
2. The Penfield Rotary Ringers and Warblers are needed on 12/15 for our annual Salvation Army bell ringing and singing event. We will need ringers from 12 noon to 3 pm and singers from 3 pm to 5 pm. Inform President Christian no later than next week's meeting of the time slot you can fill. Friends and family members are also welcome to participate.
3. Tuesday 12/18 is the Holiday Party: 6 PM at Dolomite Lodge. WE need to take back some trophies from Pen-Web so get your best holiday recipes out and do a few test batches to perfect your holiday fare.
4. No meetings on December 25 and January 1.
5. PRC Board meeting on Thursday, December 13, at 7:30 AM, at Penfield Wegmans Market Café.
6. BILL PETHICK reported that about 15 of the club's 28 members took advantage of the club's offer to match up to \$50 per member their contribution to The Rotary Foundation during November.

Happy Dollars were numerous, but unrecorded. Even speaker John Odenbach made a contribution.

Program: The “Skinny” on the Quarries of Penfield.

John Odenbach is the third “John Odenbach” to be associated with the quarries of Penfield. His grandfather, John, purchased his first quarry, in Gates, in 1920, then bought 270 acres of sand and rock quarry land in Penfield. He established the Dolomite Company, derived from the dolomitic rock under the ground surface. The “skinny” on the four acre pond at Shadow Lake Golf Club is that John Odenbach had developed it, but the farmer who owned the land would not sell it to him. So, he purchased the farm across the street whose rock strata actually extends from Walworth to Cleveland. One can see its extension just north of the Thruway close to the Clarence Rest Stop. The quarry filled with spring water and attracted skinny dippers and regular visits from the Sheriff until the Odenbachs eventually bought the land and developed the golf courses, Shadow Lake in 1979 and Shadow Pines in 1985. The golf courses were natural offsprings of depleted sand and rock quarry beds whose spring-fed lakes provide all the water needed to keep the fairways lush. The Shadow Lake pond is about 35’ deep and includes two cars deposited by rowdy kids in the 50’s and 60’s. The bottom is carpeted with golf balls from both the 9th green and the “get the ball in the boat” contest. The second “pond” is about 70 acres and is easily seen from Blossom Road as one drives through Ellison Park. It’s about 120’ deep and was originally a sand quarry. That pond and its adjoining land is zoned for multiple use and will eventually be developed with homes, boating, swimming and related uses.

The Joker and his \$106 pot eluded Joe Best who collected another \$6.

Next week (December 11):

Program: Rochester’s Career Mentoring Charter School, now with only a freshman class of 80 students, but regents curriculum-driven with a special focus on mentor-relationships with the greater Rochester community.

Volunteers:

Greeter: Jack Wetzel

Reporter: Linda Kohl

Pledge: Charlie Bellomo

Invocation: Dave Sturtz

Pick Up Joe: Jack Wetzel