THE PENWHEEL July 8, 2014
Jack Best, Reporter

BILL PETHICK began the meeting with The Pledge, and DAVE STURTZ gave the Invocation.

Rotarian guest: Paul Marinucci (Gates-Chile Rotary) who has moved to Penfield and is exploring changing his membership.

Visitor: Nick Davis, attorney with Cellino & Barnes, invited to attend by JACK BEST who met him at last June's Zoobilation. Nick lives in Penfield.

Youth Exchange: Paul Gillis and daughter, Beth, who returned on June 27 from a year in Hungary as a Rotary Exchange student. Sue Arguello and son, Lee Taylor, who departs on August 8 for his year in Chile as a Rotary exchange student.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the President: STEVE KETCH:

- reports that son Gavin is recovering well after an overnight stay in the hospital last week. Steve's mom is also out of the hospital.
- Distributed a calendar of events for the year that will provide many opportunities for members to get involved in service projects, raise funds to make them happen and enjoy the camaraderie associated with taking on issues for local communities everywhere. Find the calendar on the club website: www.PenfieldRotary.org

From members:

- MARY ANN MADY: dues are due. Club Secretary BILL PETHICK needs to reconcile the number of active members with the invoice received from Rotary International. Mary Ann also wants to publicly thank the Taylor family, above, for the beautiful basket of Rochester-related products auctioned at the District Conference for The Rotary Foundation.
- JACK BEST distributed a ***"Plus One"*** membership challenge: each member identify and engage at least one new Penfield Rotarian this year. Jack updated a flier produced by Rochester Rotary which resulted in 35 new members last year. **Find it on the membership page on the club website.** August is RI Membership month. Jack proposes that this year's first Induction Ceremony take place on August 29.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

JACK BEST: $1 for son JOE BEST who watched the Yankees defeat Cleveland last night in Progressive Park in Cleveland.
LINDA KOHL: $2: visited Heritage Square in Ontario, NY, as part of her Historical Society role.
NANCY AUMANN: $2 for Beth and Lee, related to her own encouragement of them in youth exchange
WALLY ASHNAULT: $2: encouraged members to watch the movie, "America," now playing at the Webster AMC and Pittsford Cinemas.
MARY ANN MADY: $2: pleased to provide a picnic meal for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program last week, plus she enjoyed driving her own car in last Friday's Penfield Parade, while JACK BEST, NELS CARMAN and JACK WETZEL (paid $3) walked. Oh, BILL PETHICK and JOE BEST rode with Mary Ann.

PROGRAM: Beth Gillis: "Last year in Hungary as a Rotary Exchange Student"

Beth returned to Penfield on June 27, extremely pleased with her year in Hungary. Beth sought out a youth exchange experience and found out about Rotary's on the Penfield Rotary Website. She had completed her Webster High School requirements by the end of her junior year. Beth lived in Miskolc, population about 150,000, She stayed in one family for the year, like "Grand Central" because it was a welcome place to be. Her host father is a veterinarian. Her Rotary Club hosted four students (Canadian, America, Australian, Argentinian). She attended meetings almost every week, went to a hockey game, took music lessons, experienced only ten days of snow, with none on Christmas. Beth is a vegetarian, but her father hunted for a turkey which she prepared around Thanksgiving time. Her takeaways:
1. can't always fight, because countries and peoples differ culturally;
2. her two most asked questions: America's drinking age (older than Europe) and gun laws;
3. learned a language, made new friends, travelled throughout western Europe, became more self-responsible;
4. Hungary and other Iron Curtain countries are about ten years behind the US in products on their store shelves.
5. experienced the culture of living in a 1,000 year old country.
6. Never say no to a legitimate opportunity
7. Be generous with your time
8."I don't know the word for "hate" in Hungarian—there was no reason for me to learn it."

Beth begins college at Case Western in August. Visit Beth on Facebook for photos taken throughout her year: www.Facebook.com/BethGillisz

Next week: Water for South Sudan, presented by Board member Angelique Stevens, a professor at Monroe Community College.

Offsite from July 22-August 5):

22: At Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf: its mission and a tour. NOTE: Brown-bag lunch (bring your own) with soft drinks and water provided. $2.

29: At Penfield Eastside YMCA: Report on new construction, association with U of R. Lunch catered by Mary Ann: $11.

August 5: At MacGregor's Restaurant, separate checks off the menu

Volunteers: through September 16 on website: www.PenfieldRotary.org

Next week, July 15:

Greeter: Wally Ashnault
Reporter: Nancy Aumann
Pledge: Dave Sturtz
Invocation: Christian Pappas
Pick up Joe: Nancy Aumann

View photos from today's meeting on www.Facebook.com/PenfieldRotary