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Candygrams and Gaffneys

The Miller House got very busy last week. Apparently, we had not advised them about our big drawing card, PDG Bob Gaffney and Pat, who always draw a crowd. Fifteen members and seven guests came, which is impressive considering the storm over the weekend. It was nice to see Don Griffing again, and he brought three Interact members to sell Candygrams. We also had the regular guests, Ellen Stephens and Jim Burns.

We started with tossed salad and rolls to be followed by ham with mashed potato, gravy and corn. The dessert was a very creative dish of vanilla ice cream with fresh raspberries and granola(?) Yummy!

Reverend George's Rotary minute was a challenge to the membership to bring at least one prospective member guest per meeting during January. That's three to four guests in total between us.

Happy Bucks

Sharon Vogt was waving several happy ones, so she got first attention. If you follow NFL, you would know what one of them was for. The Redskins got lucky and won. Then she was pleased with the attendance, which is alright, but then she mocked the majority at the meeting, still mourning the Bills loss of play-off chance, offering her third buck for that. President

Bob rapidly called attention to himself, narrowly avoiding a riot.

Our master photographer Bob offered a five for having one of his photos be the cover of this year's Livingston county travel guide. Way to go, Bob!

It was also good to have Tom Quinlan back. He spent a month in Florida after surgery, but had been back a couple of weeks. Tom looked very good. He offered a couple of HB for the sojourn, which drew laughter around the room. President Bob thought ten bucks would be more like it, and Tom willingly complied.

George Smith was happy that his medication against the arrhythmia seems to be working.

Pat Lysell offered a happy one for Don Griffing and his three Interact girls.

PDG Bob Gaffney put in an HB to be with our club again.

Roy Robinson put in a buck for the call, which had delayed his arrival at the meeting. It was from the widow of a colleague, with whom he had served up in Newfoundland in 51-52. They had kept in touch until his friend's death in August.

Jim Burns won another turkey!!!

With Bud StGeorge absent, who normally pays for Bob Radell's jokes, Bob

agreed to tell one if each table came up with a buck. It brought in about six HB.

Announcements

The Waylandaires will come again in January. I think January 8 is the date, but I will double check. If I don't e-mail you a correction, then I am right.

Candygrams

For many years, the Wayland-Cohocton Interact club has sponsored two high school students in Malawi. Without their help, these students wouldn't be able to attend. One of the fundraisers they use is the Candygram, which has become very popular at the school. You purchase a Candygram to be delivered to a student at WCCS on a special day. Students purchase them for their friends, but parents have also joined the fray, and have expanded the giving outside school. We wish the club all the luck! I took photos of the girls, but my camera acted up, unfortunately.

PDG Bob Gaffney

Deanie Traphagen introduced Bob and Pat Gaffney, looking back at a long friendship, starting when Deanie was asked to be area representative about ten years ago. She asked Bob to talk to us about the Foundation.

Well, we have had many plugs for

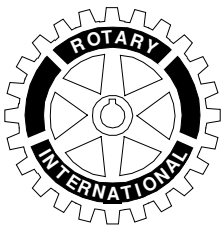
the Foundation this year. It is the kind of subject that often makes many Rotarian's eyes glaze over, but Bob Gaffney had his unique way of presenting it. First just the rough outlines of what it does, very quickly, - nobody fell asleep, - great!

Bob then proceeded to tell about how the Foundation activities had touched him and Pat personally. This brought life into the subject, and Bob is a good storyteller. Their trip to South Africa on a matching grant mission to a school was especially interesting. I learned a lot.



50/50 now stands at \$107

President Bob jokingly asked Pat Gaffney to pull his ticket, and she did, of course. Bob found the 9 of diamonds.



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