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Don Griffing, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

Foundation Grant For Victory Park Improvements.

It was a well attended meeting last week, and because the theater group was running behind in their rehearsals, we had to pack in to the smaller side room. There were 15 members and guests at one point. President Don had to leave early since he is also going to assume some elevated duties in a Masonic lodge.

It was nice to have Ellen Stevens (Hornell club) back to visit us (she was here for the Community Chest meeting). She may come more often since her work schedule usually prevents her from attending her own club's meetings these days. Rev. George Smith will transfer from his previous club "First Flight" of Kill Devil Hills, NC, and so will Sharon Vogt (from Dansville, of course).

Before he left, president Don gave us an update on Grace Robinson. He drove up to Roberts Wesleyan for the event, and though they weren't allowed to be in the audience room, he could hear enough to think that she "blew'em away." The contestants will be notified by mail of the results. He was unaware of any results yet, but he was very proud of this Interactor of three years. It was the first time that a student from Wayland participated in the vocal competition.

The Miller House served us nice veal parmesan over pasta with some green beans on the side. Then we had blueberry pie for dessert and coffee.

President Don left the reins to Art Traphagen. Several members anxiously wanted Don to hear their confessions, but alas, he didn't have time and left them at Art's mercy.

The first victim was Bud StGeorge. He didn't stop talking quickly enough after Art hit the bell, apparently, so there was the first dollar. Fortunately, Bob Oswald started with a hilariously delivered confession about his trip to Florida, which eased the tension a little. Bob had spent most of the time waiting while Cindy and her mother were shopping. He did get in some bird watching and brought gorgeous photos of them (the birds). \$3, I believe.

Tom Quinlan went skiing in Colorado. I think that cost him \$3 as well.

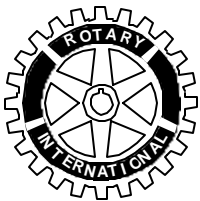
Roy Robinson had taken the train to Poughkeepsie for a visit with their new great grandson. The trip took much longer than scheduled because equipment problems on the way down. The trip back was uneventful, however. I think a couple of bucks were levied.

Then there was Bob Radell. He had installed a very robust foundation for his mailbox, maybe to stop the bears from tampering with it. He came to regret this when he accidentally set course for it with his van. This caused him to have to get a new car, a Plexus RX4000, or something. I'm not sure about the exact model, but some kind of Japanese wanna-be luxury car with all the latest electronic gadgets. A voice recognition controlled radio was one of them, but after the whole story, it was clear that Bob had built up a clever hoax. Very funny! His inimitable delivery is becoming a legend. Bob also took the opportunity to thank Art and Deanie for the fantastic party we had. We all agreed!

Business

Janine Miceli reported that the dictionaries had been delivered last week. She had enlisted the help of her children to put stickers in them. Great job!

Marty Kimmel and Bo Lysell were the head hunters (nominating committee), which president Don had appointed to find future leadership for the club. They had convinced Pat Lysell to be president elect for next year, and Janine Miceli vice president. Janine is also willing to become president elect for the year after. The nominations were well received by the members, I thought.



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Art Traphagen reported that our club had received a grant of \$1,000 from the Foundation for improved lighting at Victory Park. The whole project will cost \$2,900 and it will be started in the spring when poles can be set, etc. The grant was the result of an application last year. The deadline is March 31st this year.

This was an example of how we get some of our money back from the district. Ellen Stevens chimed in with an example from Hornell, where \$2,600 was received for their program for underprivileged kids.

Wayne Hunt thought that the Pavilion roof would need a new coating this year. Bob Radell had a dream that we could get more use of the pavilion if we had our own picnic tables there. So there seems to be several things we could do in that department.

Ellen Stevens was full of ideas. One was a blood test program that we actually could make a little money on, while providing a service for the uninsured.

Art Traphagen brought LPGA hats. \$20 gets you one with a chance to win one of 18 prizes, - a car the grand one.

For the third meeting in a row, George Smith won the 50/50. He must have some special powers or connections. Only raffles, he said, - not the Lottery!