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Rotary Club of Wayland, New York, D7120

Don Griffing, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

Grace Robinson Sings for Wayland Rotary

It was the first evening of the season with any significant snow. There were lots of snowmobiles in Miller House's parking lot, and quite crowded inside.

We were 11 Rotarians and 3 guests. President Don had invited the president of the Interact club, Randy Mehlenbacher to the meeting. He had also invited another Interactor, Grace Robinson, who brought her mother, Katie to the meeting.

The Miller House served a cup of hot vegetable beef soup instead of the salad. Very appropriate, considering the weather and they followed with their famous meatloaf, but a different twist this time, - rice instead of the customary mashed potato. It worked, especially with the gravy on top. A frosted piece of cake with coffee finished the meal.

President Don could see it in Pat's poker face, there was a fine waiting. She had won the football pool at the Naples elementary school, and volunteered five happy dollars. It was accepted.

Marty Kimmel was also happy, and offered a buck for another grandchild on the way. It was Betsy, which came as a surprise to her employer, Tom Quinlan, who was happy too.

Business

We received a big pile of thank you letters from the recipients of the dictionaries. President Don let them go round among the members. Very nice stuff, and there was even a letter with a student expressing his desire to become a Rotarian in the future.

There was also a thank you letter from Kelly for the Christmas Gift Card.

There was an invitation from the district for the annual Amerks event on March 11 (Saturday). Contact president Don if you're interested.

Officer Chris Black of the Wayland PD had contacted us regarding the revival of the DARE program at WCCS. They were hoping for support toward tee-shirts. At the same time, we received a communication from the Lions club, which suggested that we share the total expense of \$500 between our clubs. Marty moved and he was seconded by Tom, that we contribute \$250 to the cause. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Art Traphagen told us about hosting two district governor elects.

The Qureshis and Traphagen are hosting DGs from Australia and India. On Tuesday, February 14, the Dansville and Wayland Rotary clubs will have a dinner in DGs honor at New Madrid restaurant. It is a spouse night. The cost is \$18.50 per person. Wayland Rotary club will subsidize its members by \$5, but not the spouse. This is Valentine's Day, so what an ideal event. Art wants to know who is coming, and which of four menu choices you desire: Prime rib, Haddock, Chicken French or a Vegetarian dish. Please call no later than Friday, February 10. This means that the regular meeting is replaced by this event. Cocktails from 6 to 7 p.m., then dinner at the New Madrid.

We also talked about encouraging students to apply for the Best (?) scholarship the district offers.

Bo won the 50/50 and donated it back.

Cooperative Project with Interact.

Randy Mehlenbacher gave us updates on the Interact club activities. The annual Pennies for Patient campaign is coming up. Art Traphagen challenged the rest of the members that he had the biggest penny jar, which he was going to donate. Nancy Levesque and Tom Quinlan offered to let the Interact club keep collection boxes at their businesses. The Patient for Pennies goes to the Lymphoma. and Leukemia societies

Now, the above wasn't the group project that Randy had in mind. It is a Bowl-A-Ton at Brae Burn in Dansville on one of two possible dates, March 5 or 12. The proposal was received well by the members at the meeting. I think we need to think about the date right away. They are not far away! This project would go toward Gift Baskets of some kind. It sounds like a lot of fun. The Interactors had originally thought about a through the night event, but president Don ruled out that. A Sunday was selected to prevent that?

Grace Robinson Sings

President Don invited Grace to tell us about her experience with the district's vocal contest. Unfortunately, she was not one of the top three, but she found it to be a very nice experience anyway. If she had to do it again, she would have brought her own accompanist. Tonight she brought her mother Katie, a teacher at WCCS. They enthralled us with two songs. The first was a song of praise to the Lord, and the second was an Irish song. Grace has such a beautiful voice, that a mike and amplifier could only detract. It was breathtaking. Thank you so much!

