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Wayland FD to Run with Potato Festival

If the previous Tuesday had been disappointing in terms of springiness, last Tuesday really bounced. The day had been gorgeous, and in spite of it all, we had enough members come to break even.

There were no rolls with the salad, so we were quietly wondering if The Miller House was going to serve Hot Roast Beef again. It turned out to be pulled pork in a barbecue sauce instead, all tucked in between nice rolls with potato salad and corn on the side. The dessert featured chocolate pudding on top of an Oreo type crust. Whipped cream topped the whole thing.

A very tanned face stood out among the pale face members around the table. President Don didn't miss it. Janine Miceli was fined \$2 for a trip to Disney World with the whole family. They did the entire thing, and while the kids had a good time, Janine would have preferred a beach.

Sharon Vogt threw in a happy dollar, having narrowly escaped an encounter with New York's "Finest" on the way home from last meeting. She was accused of flashing the trooper in question, which is better than hand signals, if you ask me.

Pat Lysell's imagination got the better of her, obviously missing half of Sharon's story, she thought the trooper had flashed Sharon instead. She found it odd that they would be wearing trench coats.

Wayne Hunt had reached the Senior level of 65 the very day of the meeting. He graciously offered to \$5 in spite of the enthusiastic, but musically questionable performance we put on. He then added a happy buck to it for actually making it, as he put it.

President Don then asked Pat Lysell to report on the PETS she attended two weeks ago in Binghamton. She found it to be very interesting and potentially also useful for her upcoming presidency. It had focused on membership development and retention of members, but she also found sessions on fundraising, etc. Patrice was glad she went, and thanked the club for the opportunity, promising to put the information to good use. On the subject of the size of our club, she came away from the seminars with this way to look at it. We all contribute, large or small, "doing what we can." She also showed the theme pin for next Rotary year, and presented Don with a sample.

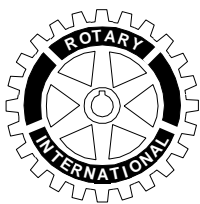
Business

Some penny contributions came in, but Don had brought no students this week to collect them. Since this was to be the last week of the "Pennies for Patients" drive, he would deliver them to the Interact club, and would also report on the result next meeting.

Sharon Vogt has an inside to what gets published in the Genesee Country Express. She advised us to look carefully in the next issue, where Art Traphagen will be featured. It was 40 years ago he took his first office in the Wayland Rotary club as vice president.

President Don said he was going to have tried to get School Supt. Mike Whetherbee as a speaker last meeting, but he changed his mind when he received a letter, which he thought was important enough that we dedicate most of our efforts to it instead. Don is going to try next week instead.

The letter I mentioned above was from the Wayland Fire Department. They had heard that we were going to "drop" the Potato Festival. The update from the Community Chest was that the greater number of organizations didn't share the enthusiasm shown by the people who visited us. In other words, it was dead with them. If we intended to drop the



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Festival, the Wayland Fire Department is very willing to pick it up as their fund raiser. They requested that we inform the mayor about our intentions, so that they could proceed with his blessing.

There was no interest from the WFD to run the Festival together with us, and personally, I would have to agree that it would be complicated, and a good recipe for nonproductive discussions, etc.

President Don was authorized to write a letter to the mayor, but he will first contact the WFD to make sure that they would extend the same courtesy to us, as we had to them in the past, namely not to charge us booth fees. He will also remind them that we will make further improvements to the electrical system in the next month (grant), to further stress the point. We were otherwise very happy to hear that WFD wants to pick it up, and we shall endeavor to help them in any way to make it a success. Bob Radell will give them our mailing list, for example.

Tom Didas mentioned that we might be eligible for a food tent at the CFFF, Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival, subject to a lottery procedure(?). Go for it, was the decision.

We also discussed the Tractor Pull possibility, and its possible integration into the Potato Festival. Tom Didas thought most people brought their own food to the event, but a food tent should nevertheless be considered.

Art reported on our grant application for 6th grade Thesauruses and 15 scientific calculators, to be used as loaners at WCCS. The application deadline had been extended to April 15.

Two round trips on Air Tran had been received as a prize for the golf tournament. Good news!

Bob Radell won the 50/50 for the second time in the three years we have run it. He's on a streak!