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Patrice Lysell, president

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Faith In Action GHA and Don Saw a Sign

Another great meeting last week with thirteen members and two guests, Ellen Stephens and Dick Russell, both from the Hornell Rotary club. Ellen didn't need introduction since she visits us often. Dick was George Smith's guest, who was going to present tonight's program.

The coleslaw instead of salad could suggest a fish dish to come, but it was another new dish. Kelly informed us it was pork, but it appeared attached to a pheasant bone according to Don Griffing, who should know these things. It didn't matter what it was, I think. It tasted good with the scalloped squash and rice with mushrooms that came with it. We finished with a cherry pie and coffee.

Bob Radell started the Happy Dollar session. He was grateful that a son had broken up with his fiancée. You had to be there to fully appreciate Bob's description. I think you know what I mean.

Sharon Vogt contributed her happy buck in honor of a visit by her daughter from Virginia.

Sally Smith is planning to take some college courses again. She was amazed by the school's efficiency, when she found herself on the dean's list already. They must know with whom they are dealing!

Bo Lysell contributed ten happy ones for not having to buy hats.

Business

Art had received two complimentary tickets to a dance on Saturday 19 at the Corning high school. Deanie and he were not able to attend, so he suggested we auction them off at the meeting. Our members appear to be uninterested in dance (no surprise to me, personally), so Art asked Pat to hang on to them, should someone change their mind.

We had an invitation to the D7120 golf tournament, taking place at the Lima Country Club, September 8 at 1 p.m., shotgun start. Entry fee is \$70, which includes a steak dinner. It's a bargain compared to the Rochester club's tourney at \$300 per person

Don Griffing was busy randomizing tickets again. Pat and Bo had supplied him with the fresh batch for Sunday. We each received twenty tickets for this day, but it was suggested to concentrate sales on Saturday's round first. We can then sell Sunday's at the festival. Use your own judgement, of course.

Art won the 50/50, not George!!

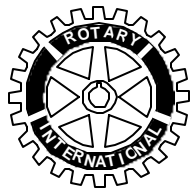
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Dick Russell started by giving a background. In 1995 it started as "Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program" but changed name in 2003. Until 2004, the activity was concentrated to the Hornell Area, but gradually has expanded into Wayland-Cohocton, where they now have five volunteers. This should be compared to the total of 150 volunteers in 2005.

The mission is to provide services for free to the frail and elderly, so that they can stay in their own homes rather than have to move to nursing facilities. FIA provides transportation to doctor's appointments, shopping and other activities for those who can no longer drive. They also offer companionship and sometimes perform housework, and even minor home repair.

Many of the volunteers are senior citizens in good shape, who have the spare time, but there is also room for volunteers in the evenings, and or the weekends. Funding is received from NYS Administration on Aging, and Steuben County Office for Aging. United Way is also contributing, and the Community Chest in Wayland.

Dick Russell gave us a couple of heartwarming stories of what the



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program meant to some people. Miracle was one person's conviction, and it was pretty compelling evidence for it.

For the members interested in more information, Dick circulated a sign up sheet. He also brought handouts and brochures. After a question and answer session, George Smith took over and he stressed the importance he thought this activity had as a community service activity. George plans to have Dick Russell come to church and present the possibilities for service to its members.

In closing, Dick Russell encouraged us to spread the word, both to volunteers AND the needy, who may be served by the FIA. Thank you Dick for a nice job!

