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Don Griffing, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

WCCS Interact Alive and Well.

The attendance was once again up there in the "black," especially when the winner of the 50/50 donates back the winnings. It was Tom Quinlan, - for real this time.

We had guests as you may have gathered from the headline above. Elise and Megan, president and treasurer, respectively of the Wayland-Cohocton Central School Interact club. (Megan is Tom's daughter.)

We had Italian food in the form of Veal Parmesan, spaghetti and sauce. There was also vegetables on the side. The dessert was blueberry pie with whipped cream on top.

Janine Miceli confessed to a birthday and was fined \$1. There were no other confessions.

Business

Tom Didas heads up the Halloween parade. He reported that the route will change this year, and that he wants the judges to start looking at the parade kids already at the starting point. Hopefully, this will streamline the process at the "goal." The parade is scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween and features

the Middle School Band. Stay tuned for more information about help needed, but Tom wasn't very concerned. He intends to "stumble through it." I wonder if he spoke literally?

We had some preliminary results from the Potato Festival. There is a bill from Rogers & Tenbrook and we owe Dale Lindsay for some trailer tires. The net should be just shy of \$3,000. President don wants to hold a meeting within the next month to discuss the future of the festival.

Next meeting we will meet District Governor Eric Parker.

Past president Bob Radell suggested that we organize a community service project together with the Interact club, which we will look into. Everybody thought it was a good idea, that is if the students will want to have us involved.

WCCS Interact Club

President Don left the floor to the young ladies from the Interact club. Elise did a lot of the talking but got help from Megan. She started out by listing the many projects that the club takes on to raise funds.

One is of particular interest for them helping 2 students in Malawi. This projects gets its funds from the Candygrams, which I think all of us have heard of and used to show our appreciation for those special students and/or teachers.

The Interact club took over our Christmas lighting contest judging a few years ago. The biggest sponsor, NYSEG, pulled out. (Maybe conflict of interest there, energy conservation, etc. How about wind powered lighting, Bob?) Other Wayland businesses stepped up to the plate, Quinlan Pharmacy, Steuben Landscaping and Shure Fine.

Pennies For Patients is a big project, which they have done very well with in the past. Pat Lysell has a huge collection if we can just get a dump truck according to Bo.

Walk For Life will have 5 participants from the Interact club. I didn't get the connection but there was some talk about the Vincent House. Tom Quinlan reported that they have a problem to get volunteer help with the right certification.

One project they hope not to have to do this year is the planting of memorial trees. The Interact club also provides the plaques. Bud StGeorge promised to help them get bronze instead of plastic.

The Interact club is responsible for the flower planting on Main Street in May. The variety is important according to president Don, when the subject of their longevity was brought up. You have to match the type of flower with the sun light, etc.

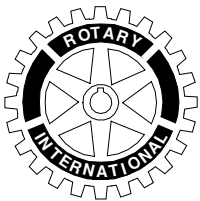
Last year, the club was very involved with district projects. These seem to be located exclusively in Monroe county, a distinct hardship for students who have to travel in excess of an hour. District activities will be curtailed for this reason, and efforts concentrated locally.

The Interact club currently counts about 20 members. They had twice that number last year, but attendance was not very good then. They meet every other week on Fridays. A 60% attendance requirement seems to be achievable when they typically have 15 members per meeting.

We had a short question and answer session in which the young ladies performed admirably.

President Don in thanking our guests came up with a surprise. The Interact club had placed 2nd in the world for the Walk For Polio. He will present it next week.

Again, Governor Eric Parker next week!



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