



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

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**This Week's Program: July 2, 2009**  
**Rotary Readers**  
**Arranged by Frank Helms**

**Next Week's Program: July 9, 2009**  
**President's Gala**  
**7 PM**

## MINUTES by Victoria Dow

**President Steve**, in flip-flops, rang the bell at 12:30; **Bob Connolly** gave the invocations.

**Pres. Steve** welcomed us all to his last meeting as club president. He said he's had a wonderful year; more about that at the Gala on July 9 when he gives his debriefing.

In the mean time, we welcomed two guests. **Linda Hicks** introduced **Terry Webber**, soon to be a new member. And, **Shauna Yeldell** introduced our exchange student Anri who will be leaving to tour the western part of the US before heading home to Japan later in the summer.

Our perpetual visiting Rotarian was with us again – John Saling, who may have made up at this club more often than **Pres Steve** was here this year (so says Pres Steve....).

**Ed Malet** wished a happy birthday to **Chris McCawley** who was a great help in planning the International Students' Picnic. **Jeannie McGinn** wished a happy birthday to a fashion plate, super athlete and our very own Ringo Starr – **Jim Gasho** (there seemed to be some soto voce remarks regarding the fashion plate comment). **Ken Hickman** wished a happy birthday to someone not quite as handsome as the previous birthday boy (this correspondent does not make things up) **Bob Frame**.

Happy Bucks celebrated two wedding anniversaries, a grandchild and a club meeting. Having established that **Sue Casso Rogers** had his badge, **Paul Woodruff** put in a dollar for his upcoming trip to NYC with his wife to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He put in another dollar for a granddaughter who was accepted to Michigan State – representing the third generation of his family attending there. **Dave Biffen** was just happy to have found a date for the club's annual pilgrimage to Westtown School for a meeting – New Year's Eve, though at noon, not midnight.

**Don Stonestrom** put in 6 dollars, one for every decade of his marriage, and noted the anniversary was today (why was he at the meeting? Wife's watching Wimbledon...).

Announcements followed. The 2009-2010 club budget passed this morning; look for a new fundraising event to take the place of Brian's Run involvement. **Bob Frame** was pleased at the response to the target shooting outing set for July 22 at Targetmaster in Chadds Ford. Cost will be \$35 to \$40; dinner to follow. **Jeff Sommer** reminded us that the deadline for Rotary Foundation gifts is June 30 for this year; and thanks to everyone who has responded. **Ed Malet** asked that Gundaker donations for the year be in by June 30 as well. **Pres. Steve** pointed out the club's spiffy new 4-Way Test banner.

**Sue Casso Rogers** updated us on the President's Gala on July 9. First, there will be a regular lunch meeting on July 2; however, no lunch meeting on July 9. Second, please sign up soon so that Sue can make reservations! Sue will send out an email to which you may respond to make your reservation. She will send out another email soliciting items for the auction. **Bob Frame** will be our auctioneer.

Speaking of which – **Pres, Steve** called on Bob to auction off the old 4-Way Test banner. One of our newest members **Pam Costanzi** won the bidding, netting \$85 for the club coffers. **Bill Gotwals** won the pot o' gold, but left the Queen behind for the next winner.

## SPEAKER REVIEW by Sue Casso Rogers

Today's Classification Talks were presented by **Pam Costanzi**, Senior Development Director at The Hickman and **Gerald Morgan**, Commander of the Salvation Army in West Chester.

Pam grew up in Wilmington, DE where her parents still reside and attended Tower Hill School where her mother was on the faculty. From an early age she enjoyed the outdoors and was encouraged by her parents to volunteer. She became a Candy Striper and worked in the Psych Ward of the hospital where she learned the skill of listening to others' problems. Her first "real job" was a waitress in a retirement community which was

great training for her work today. Pam attended George Washington University and enjoyed life in DC, all the fun free things to do, the international flavor of the University, and she became interested in politics. During college she had a date with Alec Baldwin who regaled her with tales of how he was going to become an actor (who knew!). She worked for the Clean Water Action Project canvassing door to door to raise awareness. She even canvassed James Watt who called the police! After college Pam worked on several campaigns and decided it was time for a real job so she took a teaching job in a private African American School in Philadelphia teaching African American Literature. From this experience she learned the valuable lesson of what it is like to be the different one in the room. Pam ended up in a short-term telemarketing position which led to career moves in the marketing world including production, work with printers, copy writers and the like. Personally, she has a son, Ben, who is spending the summer in Maine with the Agriculture Department studying blueberries, and she just moved to a new home in Willistown Township. Pam is actively integrating into the community and is on the board of Habitat for Humanity, Chester County, and the board of Okehocking (sp?) Preserve. She is active with Rushton Farm and is joining Willistown Friends Meeting. She also enjoys golf, scuba diving and felt that joining Rotary was a natural evolution in her interest in giving back to her community. Welcome Pam!

**Major Gerald Morgan** hails from Brockton, MA and is the middle of 3 children. He joined the Salvation Army band at 11 years old. He tells us that the Salvation Army has really great bands and really bad bands! But it is better to teach a child to blow a horn than to blow a safe. His Salvation Army activities helped him become the man he is today. In 1980, Gerald joined the Army and worked with NORAD helping the various branches of the service communicate. He spent time in Germany while the wall was still up "protecting the fence." Additionally he completed his theological studies. In 1984 he married his wife of 25 years and they have 3 children - the oldest is at Penn State Medical University, 2nd is in college and the youngest is 15 and enjoys performing magic. In 2001 while in New Bedford, MA Gerald established a disaster team was discharged to ground zero after 9/11. His task was food preparation where they served over 24,000 meals a day. Following that assignment, he was sent to Mississippi after Katrina again to establish food service sites where they went from 2 food sites to 24 sites feeding

26,000 meals a day. Eventually he ended up in Biloxi serving with the Rotary where his group was instrumental in securing needed supplies. And finally he spent 2 months with Katrina victims who were flown to Cape Cod. In 2007 Gerald was named one of the 10 most influential people in New Bedford, MA. (congratulations!) And in 2007 he relocated to West Chester Salvation Army. Gerald explained that the Salvation Army is first and foremost a church where he performs marriage ceremonies, funeral services and prayers. He is the CEO and Administrator. The West Chester location is a 20 bed facility where they serve meals to the homeless and assist people with rentals, mortgages, medication and food. Gerald believes that the Rotary ideals are very much in sync with the Salvation Army ideals in that both are organizations which make people better. In closing he reminded us of the founder of the Salvation Army, William Booth, who in one word characterized the mission of the Salvation Army (and perhaps of Rotary): OTHERS. Welcome Gerald!

### THANK YOU

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Oct 11 Chili Cook Off  
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