



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 John Kenny, International President 2009-2010
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This Week's Program: July 16, 2009

Speaker: Matt Bradley
West Chester Friends School
Arranged by Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: July 23, 2009

Speaker: Jeanne Edwards.
Arranged by and introduced by
Linda Hicks

MINUTES AND SPEAKER REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Master of Ceremonies **Sue Casso Rogers** had a tough time convincing Rotarians and friends to get their dinner and be seated to start the program for the President's Gala Thursday evening. Rotarians and friends always have such a good time socializing, and the added bonus of the Gala is viewing all the fabulous items on the auction table.

A special treat was having District 7450 Governor Al Marland give the invocation. District Governor Al spoke to the new Rotary International President's theme for the year, "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands," after acknowledging **Assistant District Governor Gary Hess**.

Auctioneer extraordinaire **Bob Frame** auctioned off several rounds of golf, which enticed golfers with free lunches and even cocktails, as well as a colorful painting coveted by Carolyn Rayburn, wife of our incoming president. [John Sikorski won golf and lunch for 3 with **Craig Kalemjian, Jim Gasho** won golf and lunch at the Blue Bell CC with **Rob Feenan, Jeannie McGinn** won dinner for 6 at the Casso/Roger's, **Dave Rayburn's** son-in-law won golf at Applebrook. -E. Guman]

As they finished dinner, diners scurried to check the auction tables and up bids on their favorite items before outgoing president, **Steve Karp**, thanked the club for support during his presidency. He mentioned his vision of a year ago and cited achievements related to that vision: a 10% increase in membership and diversity of our members, increased exposure of our club through our updated

website, the establishment of an endowment for our scholarship program – so many Rotarians coming together. "From \$2,000 to \$10,000, every contribution makes a difference and has an impact on this country and the world," he said.

President Steve gave recognition to several Rotarians who he felt made special contributions of time and talent, and introduced the 12 Rotarians of the Month. He then announced the results of a recent membership poll showing **Bill Ronayne**, our Chili Cook-off Czar, being named Rotarian of the Year, which merited a plaque from President Steve.

Asked by incoming **President Rayburn** to do the induction, **Past District Governor Dr. Bob Poole** began his remarks by reiterating the Rotary International theme for the year and then, describing four events that lead him to consider the importance of a sense of identity. He then called forward the officers and members of the board for the coming year and inducted them into office before inducting the 88th president of our club, **David Rayburn**.

President Dave began his acceptance comments by introducing a number of special guests, including his daughters. Among his efforts this coming year will be to reach out to other groups, such as the Women's Referral Network, whose president and director were in attendance. He also noted that we need to continue to talk up the message of Rotary, and be ready to tell what we do as a club – which is extensive! He also mentioned in a recent article he read, Bill Gates (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) was at the site of a Rotary project and someone asked why the Gates chose to support Rotary projects. Gates

replied, "With Rotary I know where the money goes!"

The gala evening ended with Senator Andy Dinniman presenting a citation to incoming **President Dave**. In his brief remarks, also reflecting on the Rotary International theme, Sen. Dinniman added, "the future of this county, state, country and the world, as well as Rotary, is in your/our hands."

RI PRESIDENT

RI President John Kenny urged Rotarians to take steps toward making the world a better place during a visit to the Rotary Club of Chicago on July 7.

Noting that the world faces immense challenges, he quoted the Chinese philosopher, Lao-tzu, who said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

"We know how to take that step," Kenny said. "We will take that step through our Rotary emphases. We will take it through projects in water, health, and hunger, and literacy; through club and district projects; and with the help of our Rotary Foundation."

"The future of Rotary is, to a great extent, in the hands of our incoming officers, who will have so much new responsibility in the year ahead," said Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland. "It is in the hands of the outgoing officers...who will continue to serve as a guide and resource for others. And it is, most of all, in the hands of every member of every single Rotary club."

"I have said before that I believe it is time to give Rotary back to the Rotarians," he added. "I believe very strongly in the autonomy of each Rotary club, and in the power of the individual Rotarian to make a difference."

Kenny's message and the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*, resonated with the attendees.

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THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided by **Michele Parent** of Makemie Ridge.

NEW MEMBERS

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated her desire to become a member:

Terry Weber - First National Bank of Chester County;; Classification – Banking, Investments, Sponsor: **Linda Hicks**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for her induction.

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 11 Chili Cook Off
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Dave Rayburn; President-Elect, Bill Ronayne; Vice-President, Mark Sammarone; Past President, Steve Karp; Secretary, Patricia Kotsay; Treasurer, Rob Feenan; Sergeant At Arms, Katie Decker; Directors-at-Large: Bruce Beadle, Cristina Combee, Elizabeth Guman, Jeannie McGinn, Terry McGrath, Bob Rogers, Bert Volger

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