



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: August 20, 2009
Rotary Program
Arranged by: President Dave

Next Week's Program: August 27, 2009
Speaker: Trudy Heller, PhD
Investment Opportunities In Local Green
Businesses
Arranged by: Ed Malet

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Dave Rayburn rang the meeting to order at 12:30pm. Pres. Dave thanked **Stuart** for accompanying our singing. The invocation was given by Adi Masak Rosier, now a visiting Rotarian. She shared the story of the origins of the 4-Way Test.

Guests today were Megan McGinn who was introduced by and praised for organizational abilities by **Bill Ronayne**; and Gabrielle Neville, DC aide to Congressman Pitts, who was introduced by **Charles Streitwieser**.

The visiting Rotarian was Adi Masak Rosier from Twin Valley (we miss you Adi!).

Pres. Dave noted **Paula Ott's** recent nomination to PA Superior Court and congratulated her on that achievement. He then shared an a propos quote from Sir John Maynard, who upon being taunted by Judge Jeffreys for "being so old as to forget his law," retorted, "I have forgotten more law than you ever knew; but allow me to say I have not forgotten much." In other news, the PECO sign in Philly will run short messages about Rotary to help increase public awareness about Rotary.

Birthdays wishes today were extended to **Tom Spackman** from **Joe Polito**, and to **Al Filano** from **Steve Quigley**.

Happy Dollars abounded. **John Schwab** picked up on Adi's review of the 4-Way Test by noting that this club sponsors a high school essay contest on the 4-Way Test and also sponsors the school district's pocket calendars which feature the test as well. **Cathy Palmquist** showed us CVIM's latest newsletter, prominently featuring the photo taken when they accepted the club's donation. Adi Masak Rosier invited us to join the Twin Valley club on a visit to Handicrafters for their meeting next week. She also let us know about an upcoming fund raiser to support out-bound exchange students. **Charlie Lyddane** thanked John Schwab for all his assistance and support for the Rotaract

Club (Charlie's daughter is Secretary of the club); the Rotaract would also like to get involved in the Chili-Cook Off and several people are helping make that happen. **Winnie Stroup** was happy to have been involved in a project to get wells dug in Sudan. **Terry McGrath** pointed out that **Charlie Lyddane's** lack of sartorial panache today actually made him, Terry, look well-dressed. **Bob Poole** congratulated **Bunny Welsh** on her mention in the Inquirer where she did note her involvement in Rotary. **Paula Ott** noted that that mention was on the occasion of Bunny's election as the first female president of the state Sheriffs' association; Paula also thanked Bunny for moving her nomination for Superior court. **Pam Costanzi** noted the Hickman's annual Art of Caring auction is coming up fast.

Sue Casso Rogers announced that the Chili Cook-Off logo shirts will again be available for purchase this year. Women's sizes are a new feature! Buy a shirt, wear it and promote the Cook-Off. Sue will be happy to take orders; orders can also be placed online from the club website. She has sample shirts, too.

Terry McGrath noted that a recent visit to the Salvation Army brought to light the trouble they are having keeping their food pantry stocked. To help them and the many people they help with food distributions, Terry suggests a monthly canned food drive at a regular lunch meeting. Therefore, the third Thursday of every month Terry will collect our canned food and non-perishable items donations (diapers are especially needed) and deliver them to the Salvation Army.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Did you know that West Chester has eleven parks? Dick Shea, a retired project manager who has "turned his vocation into his avocation," spoke with us about Friends of West Chester Parks &

Recreation, Inc., a non-profit that was formed in 2007 to coordinate the efforts of the five existing park "friends" groups and to advocate for the six parks that do not yet have support groups. In addition to looking out for the parks, the group helps with Recreation Department projects and the Shade Tree Commission.

The Friends of West Chester Parks & Recreation Board includes a seat for each of the five existing "friends" groups (including Everhart, Marshall Square, Hoopes and Veterans), a representative of the Park & Recreation Department, and community members. By-laws define what a Friends group would be, allowing for members from the other parks. Activities of the Board include getting the word out about the organization, running a 50/50 at Swinging Thursdays, and approaching businesses to help the parks near them. Each parks group and the Parks & Recreation Department submit priority lists and the corporation helps them achieve their goals. In Marshall Square Park, for example, there are efforts to restore the Swish Cottage and the Civil War Memorial.

Descriptions and histories of the eleven parks can be found on the Department of Recreation page of the Borough web site: <http://www.westchester.com/recreation.php> (see the list of "other files" on the right hand side).

To contact the Friends of West Chester Parks & Recreation, Inc.: friendsofwcpr@gmail.com

THANK YOU

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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



CHILI COOK OFF

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

This popular Chester County community event is the perfect marketing event for your restaurant, business, neighborhood group, fire department, non-profit organization or club to have loads of fun, form a team, cook some chili and get up close and personal with 5000 thousand-plus fellow chili fans. Many groups hold mini-cookoffs so that the winner can represent their organization at the official West Chester Rotary Chil Cookoff each fall.

Chili fans come from all over the Delaware Valley to compete and enjoy the Best Darn Chili in Chester County! Over 60 teams regularly compete in this fall festival, as well as dozens of vendors and sponsors. Teams will compete within one of

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