



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

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This Week's Program: September 17, 2009

Speaker: Warren Callaway

Classification Talk

Arranged by Sue Casso Rogers

Next Week's Program: September 24, 2009

Speaker: Bill Ronayne

Chili Cookoff, Part One

Arranged by Bill Ronayne

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

After **President Dave Rayburn** opened the meeting, **Bill Ronayne** gave the invocation which focused on remembrances of September 11, 2001, whose 8th anniversary is upon us. He spoke of the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the Twin Towers as well as the many others whose lives and families have been changed forever.

Joe Kahn of WEGO was our lone visiting Rotarian. **Bill Ronayne** introduced his guest, Tom Mann, who is considering joining us; **Dave Biffen** introduced his father-in-law, Marty Connor, and his brother-in-law and Henderson football coach, Joe Walsh. **Pam Costanzi** introduced Stephanie, who is new to The Hickman's development team.

Speaking of football, **President Dave** shared some humorous quotes from several football players. He then, shared the sad news that 19-year-old Timothy, son of fellow Rotarian **Rick Dunlap**, died suddenly.

There were lots of Happy Bucks! **Jeff Sommer** donated \$1 in honor of the surgeons who operated successfully on his soccer playing son, and \$4 in celebration of the 4 goals his son made in a recent game. **Mark Sammarone** happily reported there have been over 1,000 hits from over 30 states on the Chili Cook-off site in the first 9 days of September. Our event is becoming regional and over 75% of the hits were from folks new to our site.

Bob Frame was happy to announce an October 7th benefit for the Timothy School which works with autistic children; attending would make his future mother-in-law happy also. **Faith Woodward** was happy to announce the Barclay Friends Garden Tour on September 12th, and the Daily Local article about the tour that featured **Sue** and **Bob Rogers** in their garden. **Mac Neilon** was happy about his son playing ball, and **Bruce Beadle** happily announced that applications for the next round of Community Philanthropic Grants, for which we have \$12,000 available, are due by the

middle of November. See our website for application forms and details.

More volunteers for the 3 vacancies and substitutes for the Rotary Readers program would make **Frank Helms** happy, and additional volunteers for the chili cook-off would also make **Becky Cacace** happy. **Joe Polito** was happy to invite everyone to the old courthouse tomorrow to welcome 40-45 new citizens from 13-14 countries at their naturalization ceremony. And **Charles Streitwieser** and his dog are happy to be participating in the Paws for People program.

Bill Winters won the 50/50, but with just 7 cards remaining, missed the elusive queen and the pot of gold, which contains over \$900.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Victoria Dow

Henderson High School Head Football Coach Joe Walsh was our speaker today. A WCU graduate, he's been coaching football at Henderson for 21 years and has 35 years of teaching experience. Joe is also in the WCU Football Hall of Fame. By way of introduction, Dave Biffen played part of a documentary about the Warriors' historic 2007 season in which the team was undefeated.

Joe said he's spent pretty much his whole adult life in West Chester, coming at 18 to attend WCU where Dick Yoder and Jack Wintermute were professors. Upon graduation he found his dream job right up the street at Henderson High School (he noted also that Dr. Poole was his family's physician until he retired). Now retired from teaching, Joe is the school's full-time football coach. Joe complimented and thanked the club for its service to the community and all it has done to help make it a better place for all.

In looking back at the last few seasons, Joe noted that the "miracle season" of 2007 was one in which everything came together, following on winning seasons from 2001 on and two ChesMont titles. The 2007 team had a great group of players,

who worked hard together. Many of them have now gone on to college and are doing great things there. This year Joe has a young team with a great future. He noted that Henderson prides itself as the original, dating from 1895, in a district that now has three high schools.

The renovations and expansion of the high school made many improvements in the building and facilities – much of it has totally changed. The outdoor facilities are now top notch; the field is wonderful artificial turf that plays like grass, but minus the weeds and need to water. The stadium, however, has not been changed. He and the players joke that it must be because it's an historical building dating from 1929.

Joe went on to talk about coaching the kids of today. They have many distractions in their lives – Xbox, Wii, and technology in general. The challenge is to get them to focus on an activity and to get them out and doing. Adults need to support extra-curricular activities for kids. It's critical to young people's health and fitness that they be physically active. Young children and teens need our leadership in this; we need to give them concrete ways to contribute, help them appreciate hard work and its rewards, and help them accomplish goals either individually or as a team. Sports especially can help kids learn the value of a team working towards a common goal.

Finally, Joe noted that although soccer (aka football) is a great sport, football has an advantage as it has a place for those who are big and a little less speedy. Joe is proud of the Henderson team – it reflects the community with members who are tall, short, fast, slow, rich, poor, and of many races and ethnicities. They all come together with their school mates and the community on Friday nights. Wouldn't it be nice if the whole world worked that way.

FROM THE CHILI KING

This week-end, Sunday September 20th is the restaurant Festival. As most of you know the Chili cook-off team has a booth to promote our Chili Cook-off.

I am looking for volunteers to help staff the booth, pass out information to the attendees and sell wristbands and tee shirts.

I will have sign up sheets on the table this week at Rotary but wanted to give everyone a heads up to check your schedule.

We are looking for 4 per shift the shifts are as follows

Shift one 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Shift two 1:45 to 4:00 PM

Shift three 3:45 to 5:00 PM and breakdown

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 8 Benefit for Rotary Youth Exchange

Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



EXCHANGE STUDENT

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