



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: September 24, 2009

Speaker: Bill Ronayne

Chili Cookoff, Part One

Arranged by Bill Ronayne

Next Week's Program: October 1, 2009

Speaker: Debbie Hess

Chester County Day

Arranged by Jean Oakes

MINUTES by Gary Hess

President Dave Rayburn rang the bell promptly at 12:30. Clearly, Dave has been working on his forehand as his bell-ringing skills are much improved over recent weeks. **Bill Winters** provided the invocation, from memory. With such a fine memory, it's a wonder he misplaced his original invocation! You may want to up your intake of ginkgo biloba Bill.

Visitors were Frank Pancoast, Aaron Grubb, and Tom Mann, who is the newest candidate in the pipeline. There were no visiting Rotarians this day.

The Happy Bucks flowed like beer at a fraternity party. Sadly, your minutes-taker imbibed so deeply on the good news being imparted, he forgot to take detailed notes. The Happy Ones were (in order of appearance) **Paul Woodruff, Terry McGrath, Bob Poole, John Schwab** and **Matt Bradley. Mac Neilon** kept the happiness rolling by wishing **Jeannie McGinn** a Happy Birthday. No word on the number of candles on Jeannie's cake, but there are unsubstantiated reports of a wax shortage in China.

Jack Wintermute presented a 'Pot of Gold' check in the amount of \$374 to Jim Ford, executive director of Good Works, a faith-based non-profit helping low income homeowners. To date, they have helped 500 families in Chester County. Interestingly, Jack and Jim go way, way back, as Jack was Jim Ford's supervisor. Despite Jack's help, Jim actually turned out ok!

In announcements, **Chris McCawley** pinch hit for Frank Helms (any relation to Matt Helm?) and put out the call for 2 readers for East Bradford elementary school. **Gary Hewitt** had his sales hat on and was selling Chili Cook-Off wristbands 3 for \$25. What a deal...epic heartburn at a 20% discount! **Terry McGrath** thanked all who contributed canned goods this week. **Becky Cacace** implored all to clear their calendars for October 11 and volunteer for a shift or two at the Cook-Off. Slots are going like hotcakes, with **only 150** open spaces remaining. Please see Becky ASAP. Trust me, I know you'll look *absolutely fabulous* in a green Chili t-shirt! **Jeannie McGinn** followed Becky with more Chili updates, including some huge news...we are already at 60 teams and could hit 70 by the event date! **Gerry Morgan** announced a dinner at the Salvation Army on 9/26, and would welcome a deputation from the Rotary. Let Gerry know if you plan to attend.

Assistant Principal Mike Ortiz, introduced the two students of the month from Henderson High School. They were Ben Herman and Sheila Quintana, ranked number 2 and 1 respectively in their class.

Jack Wintermute won the 50/50, taking home \$49. The queen proved elusive once again.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Gary Hess introduced Warren Calloway for his Classification Talk. Warren began by sharing how warm and welcoming our club has been to him. He then began the quiz to see who of us who has had the opportunity to meet and talk with him has been listening well. The humor

won't translate well here, but I'll use the quiz question format to capture the flavor of the talk. "Where am I from?" Georgia (many people knew that. . .it went downhill from then on!). "Where did I go to school?" Georgia State U for a BA and Masters. "What branch of the armed forces did I serve in?" The Army – he was drafted. And he served as a medic. Ok – you get the idea. Back to a more narrative format. After the Army, Warren stayed in the medical field and spent a large part of his career running hospitals. That work took him from Georgia to Alabama, then Texas, then Florida. After 30 years he has recently retired.

Our club is the 7th Rotary club he's belonged to. He first joined in 1977 and the most recent club he was a member in is in Danville Virginia. He got the Rotary bug from his father, who served as president of the Atlanta club.

Flying airplanes had been a hobby for Warrant for many years. As part of his transition to this current chapter of his life, he sold his airplane 5 years ago so he and his wife could travel more. Some of his travel has been on mission trips through his church, including a trip to Kenya and Japan.

Warren didn't retire fully, just from health care. He now owns a business in Parksburg that sells wheat flour. The wheat comes by rail from the Midwest, they package it and sell in around the region.

And lest I forget one of the most important aspects of Warren's life – I need to mention that he has a grandson who is 14 months old. He lives in Georgia, so they travel there frequently and also chat weekly with him on Skype. He will eagerly show anyone who asks pictures!

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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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

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE BENEFIT

A Charity Sporting Clays Tournament will be held October 8, 2009 at M & M Hunting Preserve 2 Winslow Road, Pennsville, NJ.

Proceeds benefit the Harry C. Rosenberg Scholarship for Rotary Youth Exchange For more information contact 610-688-9100 or MelanieSmith@suretybond.com



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