



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: October 1, 2009

Speaker: Debbie Hess
Chester County Day
Arranged by Jean Oakes

Next Week's Program: October 8, 2009

Speaker: Bill Ronayne
Chili Cook-Off Part II
Arranged by Bill Ronayne

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Dave called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. **Sue Casso Rogers** gave the invocation that she found on scribble.com for the first meeting of a new Rotary Club in 1999.

Our lone visiting Rotarian today was John Saling. Visitors to our club included Meghan McGinn, Lisa Dorsey, Nancy Keefer, David Kieffer, Seth?, Bob ? and Mary Bingham.

President Dave has a fascination with tall ships he saw them in the N.Y and Boston harbors.

Happy Dollars: **John Schwab** (new building approved and pedestrian walkway), **Terry McGrath** (ride to Rubinstein's); **Jeff Summer** (?) [ed. Yes, he is a puzzling guy], **Steve Quigley** (vacation in Ireland and Scotland), **Cathy Palmquist** (looking to buy dry firewood) **Pam Costanzi** (auction), and **Bob Poole** (grandson).

Announcements: **Becky Cacace** is recruiting volunteers for the Chili Cook Off. Please sign up to help. There are good time slots available. Confirmation notices are being emailed to individuals who have already volunteered.

Dave Biffen thanked **Sue Casso Rogers** for the new Rotary mug for this year. The first one was given **President Dave**. **Gary Hewitt** announced that pre sale cook off tickets are available for \$25.00. See Gary to purchase your tickets. John Saling announced that his Rotary club is having their annual pancake breakfast Saturday October 17th at West Minister Presbyterian Church, time 7- 11 a.m.

Cost \$8.00. **Matt Schwab** announced that the 4th Dine About will be held October 1st from 6-9 p.m. this is a progressive dinner. Communities That Care will benefit from this fund raiser.

President Dave announced that nominations for District Governor are being accepted until October 15th.

Kate Walker won the 50/50. The big pot for over \$1,000 is still out there.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Matt Bradley

In preparation for the 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, we were treated first to a trivia contest conducted by **Jeannie McGinn** with assistance from Vanna 1 and Vanna 2 (**Dave Biffen** and **Ken Hickman**). If you weren't here, see how you would have done (answers below):

1. How many types of meats have been used in our cook-off since the beginning?
2. How many Rotary teams (from our club) are cooking this year?
3. How much money has been raised since the first cook-off?
4. How many hits has the web site received since September 1?

Chili King **Bill Ronayne** refuses to wear the crown, but did don an apron and introduced the mantra to Have Fun, Have Fun, Have Fun!!! He also reminded us that "We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen." **Mark Sammarone** reported an impressive web traffic report. It has received hits from across Pennsylvania as well as from

3/4 of the United States. Traffic has peaked over the past few days with more than 150 hits each day, 75% of them coming from new visits, and even greater traffic is expected between now and October 11. All of this helps to prove that the Cook-off is truly a regional event.

Bill then went through a detailed report of the many, many details that go into preparing for such a huge event, as well as the many, many Rotarians who are working hard to make it another great success.

Important points: Clean up before and after is crucial; teams can start cooking right away; there is one release time (noon); judging is at the YWCA; volunteer check-in is at DNB; Com 1 radio pick-up across from the volunteer center; we are using Church Street to Market Street.

Trivia answers:

1. 13 (steak/ground beef, turkey, chicken, sausages, car, moose, venison, elk, bacon, lamb, duck, scrapple, spam)
2. 11 (Westtown School, The Hickman, Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank of Chester County, Buckley Brian, Brandywine Valley HVAC, William Bunch, Comcast, Knights of Columbus, West Chester University, and the newest team, West Chester Rotaract)
3. \$114,000
4. 2,012

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

Host Parents: Dave Breen and Cyndi Skripak
229 Forest Avenue Elkins Park, PA 19027
Home: 215-885-5195 Cyndi: 215-316-1431

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

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided by **Bob Crow**.

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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