



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 15, 2009
Speaker: District Governor Al Marland
Arranged by Dave Rayburn

Next Week's Program: October 22, 2009
Speaker: Malcolm Johnstone
The Ghost of Jesse Fell
Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Dave rang the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. **Cathy Palmquist** gave an inspiring invocation. There were no visiting Rotarians. Several members brought guests. Guests included Denise Wine, Sue Bresland and Frank Pancoast.

President Dave gave us more of his words of wisdom. He also read excerpts from a thank you letter from a recent monetary donor recipient.

Happy Bucks: **Bruce Beadle** (Chester County will be collecting household waste this Saturday 10/10/09 including old computers. If the computers work they should be donated to CECIL.); **Linda Hicks** (Son home from college); **Paula Ott** (Rotary pin and flag); **Bob Frame** (Fundraiser for Autism); **Rick Dunlap** (support for his family due to the loss of their son, Tim, and older son in navel flight school); **Joe Polito** (Adrienne Masak-Rozier introduced two guests last week who are working with AIDS orphans in Africa. She won on Pot of Gold and gave the \$1,000 she won to fight AIDS).

Gary Hewitt extended birthday greetings to **Don Stonestrom**. **Jeff Sommer** wished **Paula Ott** a happy birthday and **Linda Hicks** extended birthday greetings to **Deb Sparre**.

Jeff Sommer announced that there will be a district conference on October 17th. The deadline for registration is October 10th. See Jeff for more information and registration.

THE 50/50 winning ticket was pulled by **Bill Ronayne**, today's winner **Gary Hewitt**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Wendy Hoffman

By the time you read this, the (most successful?) 7th Annual Rotary Chili Cook-Off presented by Infiniti of West Chester will have already taken place, but here are the highlights on how the planning committee showed that they had their dogs in a row...I mean ducks in a row. (more on the dogs later) "Chili Chair", **Bill Ronayne** opened the session with an attempt at humor by asking what the Colorado Rockies and the late Michael Jackson have in common...they both wear a glove for no apparent reason. Baseball fans laughed – others looked dazed and confused. Now on to Bill's power point presentation. His most important message: HAVE FUN! ☺

SPONSORS: We have \$25,500 in sponsors thanks to the amazing efforts of **Tony Colantonio, Marjorie Wentz, Jim Gasho** and **Jeannie McGinn**. We also have received another \$35,500 of in-kind contributions.

VENDORS: Nobody will go hungry thanks to Dan Cosgrove! In addition to all the chili teams, we will have 32 food vendors...ice cream, hot dogs, pizza, you name it, we got it!

TEAMS: Sue Karr may have broken a record this year – 67 TEAMS have entered the Rotary Chili Cook-Off this year! Plop plop, fizz fizz, oh what a relief it is...

DASHBOARD: Techies know what this means, but in laymen terms, it means our website kicks butt. Mark Sammarone has been tracking how many people have hit our website and in just two days this week, almost 800 folks went to it, each looking at 2-3 pages

AND about 75% were new people – from all over the region. Who says Rotarians aren't on the cutting edge of technology?!?

MAPS/COMMUNICATIONS/RADIO

ASSIGNMENTS: Bill gave details on all – and all is under control!

TRAFFIC: Traffic Captain, Katie Walker, will be seen from miles away with her bright orange vest (and whistle?) The East Goshen Fire Department will drive their truck up Church Street (the wrong way!)...but that's ok because they are bringing their scrumptious homemade cider donuts!!

EAGLES FANS: We gotcha covered! There will be several 42" TV's at the corner of Church and Gay Streets. It may be the first time some folks watched football without beer!

DOG FANS: Stay home. Yes Jeannie, that means even you can't bring your adorable little pooch. There is now an official ordinance prohibiting dogs at these types of events – so please don't sell wristbands to folks with dogs. LOTS of people, LOTS of Chili, LOTS of food...and dogs . . . not a good combination. Bill clearly showed his love of domestic animals throughout his presentation – I only hope nobody from the SPCA or Animal Humane Society was at our Rotary meeting. Can you say Michael Vick.

WRISTBANDS/WOODEN COINS: **Gary Hewitt** and **Jeannie McGinn** selling wristbands to anybody and everybody – maybe even dogs.

“SPECIAL FORCES”: **Bob Frame** will ever so gently tell folks that happen to get into the event without wristbands that they need to purchase bands in order to sample chili. Nothing's free folks.

JUDGING: **Mark Sammarone** and **Bruce Beadle** will man the post. **Bill Bunch** will open the event as our “Master of Ceremonies”. People's Choice voting ends at 3:00 pm and the awards ceremony will take place at 3:30 at the corner of Church and Gay.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: HAVE FUN! (and please don't forget to return the \$2.67 thermometers or **Bill Ronayne** might charge you!) (Oh, and did I say NO DOGS ALLOWED?!?) ☺

Thank you everyone for a successful Chili Cook-Off!!!

EXCHANGE STUDENT

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THANK YOU

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

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 17 District Conference
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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