



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 22, 2009

Speaker: Malcolm Johnstone

The Ghost of Jesse Fell

Arranged by Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: October 29, 2009

Internet Boot Camp (Part 1): Structure

Speaker: Paige Miller

Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Charlie Lyddane

President Dave rang the bell promptly at 12:30. The orchestra under the baton of **Dr. Bob Poole** accompanied the Rotary Chorus in performing the first verse of "America the Beautiful". It brought tears to everyone's eyes. **Rev. Frank Helms** followed with the blessing in which he encouraged all to "break the rules".

No birthdays or Happy Bucks today because of the crowded agenda.

Visitors included Bill Gotwals guest of **Bill Gotwals**, Frank Pancoast (**Charlie Lyddane**), Trisha Johnstone (**Jeannie McGinn**), Tom Mann and Rich Waymeyer (**Bill Ronayne**) and Catherine Balweir (**Frank Helms**)

Visiting Rotarians- Joe Kahn (Wego) and DG Al Marland

President Dave recognized **Jeannie McGinn** and **Bill Ronayne** for the super job they did organizing and running the Chili Cook off. **Bill Ronayne** announced that the cash gate on Sunday was \$37,588. This added to \$30,000 plus of pre-cook off funds raised plus \$30,000 of in kind gifts added up to an excellent day.

Rick Dunlap and Mike Ortiz presented the Students of the Month from each of our high schools. These kids are amazing.

Terry McGrath asked for help on Tuesday October 20th at 7 PM. He will be running the North Hills Food Drive. Meet at the North Hills Medical Building.

Al Marland awarded a District Governor's Citation to **Jeannie McGinn** and **Bill Ronayne** for their work on the Cook- off.

District Governor Al also had another special award with him. He awarded our own **Bill Gotwals** a citation for 66 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE !! Congratulations Bill! Bill gave a few remarks and concluded with a statement truly reflecting the type of person he is, "I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve". For those who don't know, Bill skipped the second grade and never missed a day of school from Kindergarten

through high school. He also had perfect attendance in Sunday School his whole time there.

The 50 /50 was won by **Deb Sparre**. No queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Joe Polito

District Governor Al Marland attended our 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off and felt it was one of the best run events he has ever witnessed. He recognized **Past District Governor Bob Poole**, **Assistant District Governor Gary Hess**, the many District Officers and Committees, and **President Dave Rayburn**. He then reminded us that the Rotary Team introduced by **Rotary International President John Kenny** is "the future of Rotary is in your hands." and that **President Kenny** noted at the International Meeting in England that the future of Rotary would be determined every day in every Club by Rotarians. **President Kenny** called for no new programs; no new goals; but simply indicated reliance on the Club Members to have more qualified members at the end of the year and also that retention is as important as recruitment and that new members are needed to continue with Rotary's objectives of world peace, humanitarianism and health programs.

Governor Marland reiterating the comments of **International President Kenny** stated that he would rely on the membership to do their best mentoring of the newest members. He pledged to support the 54 clubs of District 7450 to help them to achieve their goals and noted that our **President Dave Rayburn** has the future in his hands and that all of us as Rotarians have the future of Rotary in our hands and also asked that we support our **Assistant Governor Gary Hess** in supporting the six Clubs that he oversees. He asked that we not hesitate to call on him or **Gary Hess** for any help needed.

Governor Al noted that it was the internationality of Rotary that drew him into the organization because of their mission of World Peace

and the humanitarian and health programs. He then asked, why are we Rotarians? One Past President said, "a Rotarian is an ordinary person who wants to do something extraordinary to rise above the daily routine to make a difference in the community and in the world and 'takes on a small task with unusual enthusiasm; has a vision of a world at peace, brought about by goodwill and understanding; sees three million children each year die from disease and asks why.

Governor Al then took time to recognize and give Citations to three of our own members, they being: **Bill Ronayne, Jeannie McGinn and Bill Gotwals** recognizing both **Bill Ronayne and Jeannie McGinn** for the effort the two of them had put into the Chili Cook-Off event and noted that he had visited and participated in the judging. He also then called upon **Gary Hess** to join him and be recognized for his contributions to the District by serving as Assistant Governor.

Governor Al then noted that there would be a Governor's Newsletter every month. For the time being it is being sent to Club Presidents but the hope is in the future that it will be available for every member.

It was also noted that August was Membership Month in Rotary and recognized our Club for the efforts to support and encourage the Down-Town Club in its formative years and noted that we are still the largest Club in membership in the District and commended us for our membership growth and did ask that the Club report attendance every month as soon as possible after the last meeting of the month. September was New Generation Month and it covered Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotoract and Earlyact and asked the Club to support all of those programs noting that we had an Interact Club in the local high school.

October is Vocational Service Month. Many of the problems our world is facing today have been caused by failure to observe such standards in business affairs as the high ethical standards promoted by Rotary since 1905.

Please support Rotary Foundation and assist the District Rotary Foundation Committee raising funds for TRF for the Annual Fund, Permanent Fund and Polio Plus Challenge. We have two Ambassadorial Scholars going out from our District next year and we have committed to at least one a year in the future. It was noted that our TRF contributions last year were at a respectable \$35.00 a member on the average. October 24th, is the World Polio Day and noted that **Trustee Chair Glenn Estess** stated "it is time to reflect on the progress we have made and to strengthen our resolve for the world ahead. It is time to raise awareness of our efforts to eradicate polio, and to help to meet Rotary's Two Hundred Million Dollar Challenge." He also noted the Rotary Foundation Workshop scheduled for October 17th as an opportunity to learn more about Rotary. It is scheduled at the Crown Plaza in King of Prussia.

It was noted that the District Service Projects Committee with **Chair Joe Hetherington** is hard at work to assist the Clubs in areas such as Community Service, Health and Hunger, Literacy and Water.

This year, on or about April of 2010, a team from our District will go to Southern Greece District 2470

and participate at their District Conference on the Isle of Crete. The team from Greece will be visiting our District May of 2010. Suggested we give some interest in recommending a Team Leader and possible members for the team.

Our District Conference this year is a cruise from New Jersey to Bermuda departing May 8th through the 13th. It is designed to be a celebration of the year.

He also noted Rotary Leadership Institute with a session scheduled for Saturday, October 31st at Santicon in King of Prussia. Leadership succession is a critical issue in Rotary and asked what organization or company do we know that changes all managers and officers every year and expects to succeed in the business world.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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Copies of the Votary are provided by **Faith Woodward** of Barclay Friends.

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