



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: December 24, 2009
TBA

Next Week's Program: December 31, 2009
At Westtown School

MINUTES by Sue Casso Rogers

President Dave rang the bell at 12:30. An invocation was read by **Mark Sammarone** penned by John Greenleaf Whittier. Visiting Rotarians were Chris Doyle and Larry Whittaker. Many guests joined us today: **Mark Sammarone** introduced Dick Kent; **Sue Casso Rogers** introduced her mother, Gwen Haines; **Joe Polito's** visitors were former member Ash Smith and Joe's secretary, Jane Anthony; **Chuck Swope** introduced Bob McComsey; **Terry Weber** introduced Diane Wosniak. Former member Jack Cording came to hear the Forty-Niners. Additionally there were several unannounced guests - Sue Greenberg, Christine Wildaur, Tom Mann, Frank Pancoast and Tricia Johnston - all in the pipeline for membership.

Happy Bucks - Ash Smith informed us that he is happy to be visiting from Montana where it was 30 below, so he is enjoying the "tropics" of Pennsylvania. **Pat Barron** was happy that our own **Katie Decker** is a very devoted Rotarian having used a vacation day to organize the distribution of the poinsettias, **Deb Sparre** (with her first ever happy buck!) is happy that her daughter, a senior at Gettysburg College, has a J-O-B! **Dave Biffen** announced a new granddaughter, **Chuck Swope** thanked everyone for their help with his wife's request for volunteers for her autism program, and **Bob Poole** is happy to be married for 60 years!

Jack Wintermute thanked everyone who rang the bells for the Salvation Army. Jack also informed us that he was fortunately able to intercept a letter from Rotary International

addressing the issue of **Jeff Sommers'** recent attack on **Jack Wintermute**. And while Jeff was to be awarded the Golden Throat Medallion for his outstanding presentation last week about the Rotary Foundation (and it was very good!), there is a concern about Jeff's "scurrilous behavior" in this attack on Jack and, therefore, Jeff has been demoted from the Golden Throat to **Ken Hickman's** Rowdy Table group. A sad state of affairs.

Our meeting on Dec 24 will be a served meal, no buffet. A show of hands indicated those planning to attend. Our Jan 31 meeting will be held at Westtown School.

Students of the Month from Henderson were introduced as Jeff Wallace and Aparna Raj, and from East High School Julia Falcone and Corey Carney.

John Schwab announced the winners of the 4 Way Test Essay Contest - Danielle DeFelippe and Laura Callahan. The essays centered on Truth and Fairness being qualities for building a good Rotary Club.

SINGERS REVIEW by Victoria Dow

Forty-niners Holiday Music Program

Once again we welcomed the Forty-niners for a music-filled program. Director Greg Givler hoped some of us had attended one of their concerts in the past week. Today's program featured only part of the full group and highlights from their full program. The group will perform at Longwood Gardens in the Grand Ballroom at 7 and 8pm on Saturday, December 19.

To start off they sang "African Noel" in honor of a former member who recently passed away. Before launching into the next song Greg introduced their accompanist Janet Taylor who has been with the Forty-niners for over 30 years.

The next piece offered a new take on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" with the baseline provided by the classic rhythm made famous by Dave Brubeck:



Greg introduced the next section as their "show" half of the full program, written by several members. This year's show dealt with a pending lawsuit, so very little could be said on record about the matter. Salient facts included: "Grandma (allegedly) Got Run Over By a Reindeer and is Suing the Pants Off Santa," You're (allegedly) a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and "(caution contents may be) Hot Chocolate."

A gospel number followed all the legal stuff: "Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child." The next piece was a particularly nice version of "The First Noel" with interesting harmonies provided by the singers in duet with the piano. Their last number contained a quiz (to follow): "Various Themes on Fa La La." Did you get them all? 1. The Lone Ranger, 2. BBC WWII radio call signal, 3. 2001 space docking scene 4. Napoleonic Wars. There, aren't we smart!*

*William Tell Overture, Rossini; 5th Symphony, Beethoven; Blue Danube Waltz, J. Strauss II; 1812 Overture, Tchaikovsky.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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SAVE THE DATE

Dec 31 Meeting at Westtown School

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

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Tricia Johnston- Daily Local News;
Classification: Newspaper Advertising.

Sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**

Sue Breslin- Neighborhood Health Agencies;
Classification: Senior Care.

Sponsored by **Sue Casso Rogers**

Tom Mann -All Event Party Rental;
Classification: Party & Equipment Rentals.

Sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**

Frank Pancoast- Pancoast and Clifford;
Classification: Commercial Construction.

Sponsored by **Charlie Lyddane**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

THANK YOU

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