



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: January 21, 2010

Fruit Sale Kick-Off

Speakers: Cristina Combee and Elizabeth Guman

Next Week's Program: January 28, 2010

Chester County Library System

**Speaker: John Vendetta
Arranged by Victoria Dow**

MINUTES by Gary Hess

President Dave rang the bell at 12:30 and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ken Hickman** provided the invocation, urging us to think of our brethren in Haiti.

Ash Smith was the only visiting Rotarian, extending his streak of perfect attendance to four weeks! Guests were Sue Greenburg in the pipeline and guest of **Faith Woodward** and Joe DiTolli with **Paul Woodruff**.

Mac Neilon wished his "boss" **Kate Decker** a happy birthday, followed by **Bert Volger**, who toasted webmaster **Bruce Beadle**. Does this mean Bruce is secretly Spiderman? I just can't imagine him in tights.

Happy bucks went out from **Bill Winters**, whose Collegium Charter School is busting at the seams. **Jim Langer** cued up a buck for the 110th anniversary of the Boy Scouts. A dollar for each year would have been nice, huh Jim? **Charlie Lyddane** encouraged us to steer prospective members to other clubs if our meeting time does not work out for them.

Linda Hicks had her kids home for the holidays, noting that her daughter is engaged and her son made the deans list.

In other announcements, **Frank Helms** is looking for someone to replace Bob Connolly. Please contact Frank for details of days and times.

Michele Parent updated us on her excellent "Needs and Leads" effort. Jim Langer

announced an opening in the Boy Scouts for an entry level executive. **Trish Johnston** mentioned an entry level outside sales job. **Gary Hewitt** mentioned that former club member Chuck Hawkins can put you to work in Kuwait. **Bill Winters** announced a supervisory level custodian job at Collegium. Michele followed up by reminding us that she and **Ken Hickman** are leading a career networking meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at her office on Paoli Pike near the Pep Boys. Details are available on the club's website.

Paul Woodruff closed by making an appeal to help the people of Haiti. Funds can be contributed to the club foundation and will be forwarded to any effort led by Rotary International. (Postscript: District 7450 is leading an effort to assist Haitian recovery to be administered by the Directors of the Gundaker Foundation. A similar effort was done successfully to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rotary International is also leading an effort to be administered by District 7020 in the Caribbean. See the RI website for details on how to contribute.)

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Bruce Beadle introduced representatives from six of the seven recipients of our club's Community Philanthropic Grant awards, announced just this month. (Betsy Billie of the West Chester Area Day Care Center was not able to attend.) Our club gave out grants totaling \$8,000.

- Rachel Houserman, representing the Chester County Division of Legal Aid for Southeastern Pennsylvania, explained that her group of volunteer attorneys handle cases only for those earning under \$12,000 per year. This past year her group has handled mostly foreclosure cases, helping people renegotiate their loans.
- Tracy Behringer, representing the COAD Group (Mental Health Speaker Forum), explained that her group has started a new program for young people, mostly students. The purpose of the program is to bring in speakers who have successfully combated mental health problems, so the stigma is removed from seeking help.
- Joan Snyder, representing Community Volunteers in Medicine, explained that her group provides funding for medical tests and procedures for working people without health insurance.
- Burroughs Mack, representing Family Services of Chester County, explained that his group addresses anti-social behavior among young people that results in criminal prosecution. This program offers an alternative to sentencing; the young offenders may participate in meaningful projects that will change their behavior. The recidivism rate is almost zero, but there is funding for enrolling on five percent of the young offenders in this program.
- Brian Tagilaferro, representing Handi-Crafters, explained that his organization helps remove employment barriers for the disabled. Last year over three hundred graduates from Chester County became employed in meaningful, paid work.
- Mary Pat Knauss, representing Wings for Success, explained that her program empowers employment among women by helping them obtain suitable clothing for the work environment. Last year this group experienced a fifty percent increase in the number of clients seeking assistance.

Concluding the presentation, **Bruce Beadle** talked about the criteria for awarding the grants. One of the most important is that our contribution can make a significant difference in the organization's success. This past year fifteen organizations applied for grant money.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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SAVE THE DATE

Feb 11 Board Meeting 7:30 AM
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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