



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: February 11, 2010
Why Charter Schools?
Speaker: Bill Winter
Arranged by Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: February 18, 2010
Rotary Day
Arranged by President Dave

MINUTES by Fran Luft

per session.

President Dave opened the meeting and **Bob Frame** gave the invocation.

There were four visiting Rotarians present at the meeting: Joe Kahn, Sandra Carr, Mark Redaker and Dale Yeager. Visitors today included: Joe DiTolli, Emily?, Tom, and John ?, Donna Urey, and Glen Fricke.

Due to the pending snow storm work on the Safe Harbor home is rescheduled until the following weekend, February 13th.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Frank Pancoast** by **Charlie Lyddane**. **Linda Hicks** wished **Fran Luft** a happy birthday and **Michelle Venema** extended birthday greetings to **Carl Werner**.

Happy Dollars: **Bob Frame** (**Katie Walker** citizen of the year event and **Dave Biffen** class of '70 beanie), **Dave Biffen** (**Ken Hickman** class of '70) **Geoff Baker** (exchange students skiing), Ash Smith (going back out west Tuesday- "Live every day as if it were your last, some day, it will be."), **Tom Spackman** (his daughter received an award from President Obama as the outstanding young scientist in the country), **Bob Poole** (bank).

Announcements: **John Schwab** announced that Rotary District 7450 is collecting canes, walkers, crutches, and wheel chairs for the Haitian earthquake victims. Please drop off your donation by Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Hickman. Thank you for participating in Helping Hands for Haiti. **Carl Werner** announced that Rotary Leadership Institute is having Rotary Enrichment sessions at the Radisson, Valley Forge on February 25th. Please see Carl. There are two sessions 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Cost \$10.00

Cristina Combee and **Elizabeth Guman** reminded us to keep selling fruit. The proceeds will go to The Barn at Spring Brook Farm. The following suggestions were made by Rotarians about selling fruit: sell during the super bowl game, contact Rotarians who are no longer members and steal their list, visit other Rotary clubs and sell fruit, no do not say NO. Please email any sales ideas to the Rotary website. Please write neatly when filling out the fruit sale slips.

50/50 **John Pancoast** picked the winning ticket. Today's 50/50 winner is **Michele Parent**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Wendy Hoffman gave us her classification talk for our program. It was complemented by a slide show with great pictures, so this review will not do the talk justice. Wendy began her life as Wendy Jo Cook. She married in 1984 and became Wendy Cook Seidel and had 3 children. In 1999 she remarried to Steve Hoffman and became Wendy Cook Hoffman. Steve had 3 children as well, so they considered themselves a version of the Brady Bunch. Sadly, Steve passed away of cancer in 2007.

Wendy grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, and then lived in Texas, Illinois, Lancaster and now lives in the borough of West Chester. She began her career as a broker in the financial services field. After a second career as a stay-at-home mom, she took on her current profession as the executive director of the Chester County Bar Association. She loves her job but said it has its challenges, involving 900 attorneys and judges, managing a staff of 6 and working with a new boss every year.

In 2008 Wendy traveled to Sicily and international travel became a new favorite hobby. In 2009 she was able to go to Spain and back to Italy. She also has a lot of occasion to travel to Camden, Maine, with the new special person in her life, Dwight Leper (who is very active in Rotary in NJ!). Gardening is another hobby and Wendy has learned to maximize food production in her small borough back yard through square foot gardening.

Cancer awareness has become an important part of Wendy's life. She serves on the board of the Kelly Hines Brain Tumor Foundation which offers support to families dealing with this disease. She also participates in two local cancer walk/runs. She is excited to have finally joined the club. She suspects she might hold the record for the longest person in the pipeline. But thanks to **Judge Paula Ott**, **Jeff Sommer** (who coached one of her sons in soccer years ago), **Bob Frame**, and others, she finally took the plunge last April and has loved being a member of the club. She was on the Chili Cook-off committee and writes for the Votary and has some ideas for future projects that she'd like to bring to the club. There is a lot more to know about Wendy...she left us with some teasers about her new passion for golf, her love of cooking, her weekly homemade ice cream, and her ability to do a headstand.

Thanks for sharing, Wendy. And welcome to the club.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

Host Parents: Dave Breen and Cyndi Skripak
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Home: 215-885-5195 Cyndi: 215-316-1431

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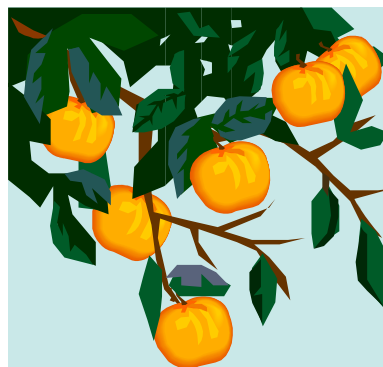
Feb 11 Board Meeting 7:30 AM
Feb 13 Brighter Futures @ Salvation Army
Feb 25 Rotary Leadership Institute at
The Radisson Hotel, Valley Forge

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

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