



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 18, 2010
Rotary Day
Arranged by President Dave

Next Week's Program: February 25, 2010
Following the Drum:
The Women of Valley Forge
Speaker: Dr. Nancy Loane, author
Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

If you didn't make it to the Rotary meeting this week, you were in the majority. Barely three tables of Rotarians made it to the Country Club and three of those people were guests! Even **President Dave Rayburn** was snowbound, so **Bill Ronayne**, our able president-elect, presided over a different but fun meeting that gave us a chance to get to know each other better.

Since there was no keyboard available, **President-elect Bill** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by **Charlie Lyddane**, filling in for snowbound **Dave Biffen**. **President-elect Bill** couldn't find an appropriate joke to share so told a humorous (and true) story about his sister, who was told by their dad that if she got stuck in the snow (she did) to follow a snowplow (she did).

John Saling was the lone visiting Rotarian who also contributed five Happy Bucks because our caring treasurer, **Trish Kotsay**, gave him a ride when she saw him walking to the meeting. **Bruce Beadle** introduced his wife Sandy, and **Bill Ronayne** introduced his son, Billy (who drives a mean snowplow!). **Bob Frame** wished birthday greetings to "that man of few words," **Joe Polito**.

John Schwab kicked off the announcements by reminding members to bring crutches, canes, wheelchairs and the like to The Hickman to be sent to Haiti. Items need to be taken to The Hickman no later than March 2.

Elizabeth Guman, one of the fruit sale chairs, said this year's sales are behind last year's, which she attributes to folks' preoccupation with the recent snowstorms. She reminded members they will get a point if they sell even ½ case more than last year. She again asked members to share good tips for selling fruit. **Joe Polito** keeps a list of those to whom he has sold in the past, makes up a letter and sends it, along with a copy of the order form to 100 people. He also said it's good to get the lists from members who have moved or are no longer active. For example, he got Sid Rabin's list.

President-elect Bill says he buys extra fruit and repackages it into small bags which are delivered to customers. Other suggestions included putting a note on all the emails you send out or better yet, sending the link to the Rotary Fruit Sale on the website.

Billy Ronayne, followed in the tradition of his father by winning the 50/50 (\$7), but unlike his dad, did not pick the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Since our speaker was snowbound, **Elizabeth Guman** led us in an ice breaker (ha ha) that she uses in her business groups.

Several members stood up and told us three things about themselves that we wouldn't know but one thing was to be untrue and we were to guess which one that was.

I was so engaged in the game, I forgot to take notes. So this is from memory after it was all over.

Elizabeth began the game. She did

become engaged on the top of the Empire State Building, I don't remember the other true one but she did not win the competition for most pull ups in the second grade (she won for push-ups).

Joe Polito had been a grave digger but he didn't drive a tractor for the highway patrol (it was a truck).

Pete Thompson did not make 8 goals as a soccer player (he made no goals)

Charlie Lyddane did shake hands with two US presidents and he was an extra in "The Way We Were", but he wasn't born on the banks of the ? River. (It was the Potomac)

Gary Hess does not speak four languages fluently (he does pretty well with the one we usually hear).

Bill Ronayne did play ice hockey but he doesn't cross-country ski.

Shaunna Yeldell does play the violin, piccolo and flute, she did grow up in Mississippi, but she doesn't have three children (she has two).

Jeannie McGinn had been a blond with long, flowing locks (we all believed that) but she didn't work in a Congressman's office (it was a Senator's).

Stuart Brooks didn't play the trumpet in the Chester County Band (it was the trombone).

Mac Neilon was an extra in a Martin Scorsese film ('Age of Innocence") and he did meet a Mafia Don. Who remembers what he didn't do?

We really had a lot of fun and thought we should play games more often...

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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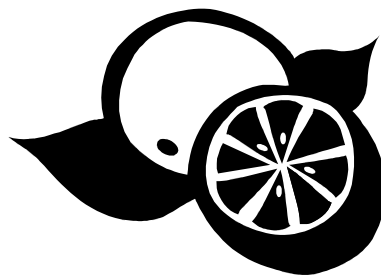
Feb 25 Rotary Leadership Institute at
Valley Forge Radisson

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