



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: March 11, 2010
Field Trip to Rare Book Room at West Chester University
Speaker: Frank Helms
Arranged by Dave Biffen

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

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Dave opened the meeting and **Bob Poole** gave a very thought provoking invocation given in 2009 at the state legislature in Kansas.

Our visiting Rotarians included Ross Andrew? Bill Walsh, Hermit Kirby and Adrienne Masak . Rotary guests included Sandi Carr, Nicholas Falconer, Rick Gallagher and Scott Schaeffer.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Marjorie Wentz** by **Elizabeth Guman**. **Rich Kauffmann** wished **Dave Biffen** a Happy Birthday, **Charlie Lyddane** extended birthday greetings to **Jack Wintermute**, **Charlie Swope** wished **Dick Yoder** a Happy Birthday and **Dave Biffen** extended birthday greetings to **Steve Founds**.

Happy Dollars: **President Dave** (happy to be out of the house after 7 days snowed in from the last storm), **Carl Werner** (Dan Knuepple in attendance today), **Terry McGrath** (wife's throat biopsy negative), **Elizabeth Guman** (caring and support from the club due to her brother's passing), **Don Stonestrom** (grandson won PI contest in school), **Katie Decker** (Working with fellow Rotarians in Salvation Army building project), **Ken Hicks** (spent time with grandson), **Bob Frame** (\$90 collect for fundraiser for school for his stepson).

Announcements: **Elizabeth Guman** announced that the Fruit sale orders are behind due to the storm. She will send out an email with the results to date. So far 32 Rotarians have participated in the fruit sale last year 87 Rotarians participated. The following Rotarians have sold more fruit then they sold in 2009 **Paula Ott**, **Mel Joseph**, **Sue Breslin**, **Terry Webber**, **Jim Langer** and **Terri Schaeffer**.

Greg Radford announced that assistance

is needed this Saturday, March 6th for the Salvation Army building project. Help is needed to sand, paint and put up tiles.

President Dave announced that the District Governor nominee for 2012-13 is **Dave Ellis**. **Mac Neilon** announced that next week's Rotary meeting will be held at WCU Phillips Memorial Hall. There is ample parking. Please check the website for directions and parking information.

50/50. The speaker **Nicholas Falconer** pulled the ticket. Today's winner **Adrienne Masak**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

What an enlightened view we get of the U.S. hearing the experiences of folks from other countries who come here to study and/or visit! Such was the case listening to **Nicholas Falconer** of New Zealand, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, attending the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

One of his counselors in the U.S., **Rotarian Bert Volger**, introduced **Nicholas**, who grew up near Wellington, New Zealand's capitol, a town of 5,000 people, and studied civil engineering at the University of Auckland before coming to the U.S. While the financial assistance is great (better than that of a Rhodes Scholar, he says), having the opportunity to get involved in the community during his two years here, such as meeting with Rotary clubs, greatly adds to the experience. In addition to seeing different communities, club members also put **Nicholas** in contact with folks who could be of assistance in his studies and career.

He is impressed with the close relationship and support he has gotten from **Bert**, who invited him for Thanksgiving dinner, an interesting experience meeting **Bert's** family and having so much food to eat. In addition, **Rotarian Adrienne Masak**, a native New Zealander, took him to a 76ers game.

Another highlight was attending Rotary Day at the United Nations and learning that many programs that have been around for years were started by Rotary, such as the polio eradication project. (Nicholas' grandfather had polio).

In New Zealand, rugby and soccer are very popular. Exports include a number of agricultural products such as lamb, wool and wine. He showed pictures of spectacular scenery and an active volcano in Auckland.

New Zealand is about 800 years old, occupied by Europeans for only 300 years, and has a population of just 4 million on 100,000 square miles. While NZ has a great lifestyle, young people go to the United Kingdom or the U.S. seeking greater opportunities.

With 78% of NZ population Europeans, the U.S. is more culturally diverse. Nicholas had not met a Jew and only one or two African Americans before coming to the U.S. He especially enjoyed visiting Washington, DC and seeing buildings he has only seen previously in books and on television. Seeing Washington helped him understand the history and uniqueness of how the U.S. was formed and is governed.

Pictures of Christmas in NZ, which is warm in December, were quite different than his photos of Philadelphia. He has visited Pittsburgh and Falling Waters and can order a cheese steak (Geno's is his favorite). A runner, he enjoys traversing Philadelphia and the Art Museum stairs, and recently raised \$1,200 for charity by running to the top of the Rockefeller Center in NY.

He chose Wharton because he wants to work in finances or real estate around the world. Wharton would prepare him best with its enrollment of 40% international students; so far, he's met scholars from Italy, Holland and Japan.)

The Rotary program was helpful in getting his visa, and has opened doors and opportunities. Not only does he want to raise awareness of his country in the U.S., he wants New Zealanders to know there is more to the U.S. than just LA and NYC (where most NZ tourists go).

What does he miss most of all? New Zealand coffee – 'guess he hasn't tried **Charles Streitwieser's** coffee yet!

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 11 Meeting at West Chester
University Rare Book Room
Mar 16 Career Support
Mar 20 Pick up fruit

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

SELL FRUIT!

Invoices and money are due March 13

Proceeds benefit The Barn at Spring Brook Farm that provides animal-assisted activities for children with disabilities. Their mission is to enrich the lives of children with disabilities by providing animal-assisted activities for the purpose of promoting knowledge, confidence, self-esteem and physical well-being.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

Host Parents: Dave Breen and Cyndi Skripak
229 Forest Avenue, Elkins Park, PA 19027
Home: 215-885-5195 Cyndi: 215-316-1431

MARCH 11 MEETING AT WCU

The March 11th meeting will be held at a special location; Philips Autograph Library on the second floor of Philips Memorial Hall located on the campus of West Chester University (corner of High St and University Ave). Limited parking will be available across the street in Lot G. There is additional parking in the Parking Garage at the corner of Church and Sharpless Streets. Lunch will still be \$15 per usual - collected at the door.

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