



# 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 25, 2010**  
**Speaker: Chris Kemple**  
**Blue Rocks**  
**Arranged by Jack Wintermute**

**Next Week's Program: April 1, 2010**  
**Speaker: Jack Yeatman**  
**Kennett Symphony Orchestra**  
**Arranged by Matt Bradley**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Dave** called the meeting to order. The invocation, an Irish toast in honor of St. Patrick's Day was given by **Jeannie McGinn**.

Visiting Rotarians included Sandi Carr and Phoebe Kitson-Davis.

Announcements: The Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting six GSE individuals from Greece in mid May. Housing is need for two members of the team. **President Dave** thanked **Frank Helms** for the outstanding Rotary program last week at WCU.

Happy Bucks: **Pat Barron** (He and his wife became grandparents on 2/1/10), **Jeannie McGinn** (Irish drink), **Paul Woodruff** (running his EMR Company, sales coming in), Phoebe Kitson-Davis (CC Food Bank bought building), **Joe Polito** (Birthday- golden hawk), **Terry McGrath** (daughter has been accepted at 3 colleges, Kutztown U, Arcadia and MICA Creative Arts) **Cathy Palmquist** (**John Schwab**, at Hickman 25 years, **Pam Costanzi**- ground breaking).

**Terry McGrath** is willing to use his red van to deliver fruit on Saturday. **Dave Biffen** thanked **Mel Josephs** (secured the facility) and **Frank Helms** (presentation) for the outstanding Rotary Program last week. Dave also stated that our speaker in May has a review in a current genealogy magazine. Duffy's Cut was mentioned in the Daily Local Newspaper. **Michele Parent** stated that the Career Networking group has four new members. Please complete the forms on each table if you know of job openings or are in need of a job.

The Fruit Sale is this Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Fruit may be picked up at A.Duie Pyle Warehouse from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Assistance is needed on the second shift at the docks. A truck is needed to deliver fruit to Westtown School and West Chester Food Cupboard. Sixty-seven cases of fruit will be

delivered to the Food Cupboard. A thank you goes out to **Cathy Palmquist** and **Charles Streitweiser** for being instrumental in knowing the needs of the community and working with the Chester County Food Cupboard. Currently seventy-nine Rotarians are now involved with the fruit sale. A majority of these individuals sold more fruit then they did last year. The Barn has sold 68.2 cases of fruit.

**Jim Langer**, from the Vocational Service Committee announced that a SCOOT BOOT is at the registration desk. If you must leave the meeting early please consider donating \$1.00 to be used for the College Scholarship Fund. Frank Helms announced that nominations are being accepted for Honorary Rotarians. Please email your nominations to **Christina McCawley**.

**Jeff Sommer** announced that monetary gifts can still be accepted to the Rotary Foundation for this year until 6/30/10. Congratulations are extended to **Gary Hewett** for Paul Harris Fellow plus two.

Students of the Month from Henderson High School are Tyler Kramp and Joyce Lynn. East High Schools students of the month are Tricia Goyal, Mike Bonella and Josh Fernadez.

The 50/50 was won by **Jean Oakes**.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Wendy Hoffman

Classification Talk: **Tom Mann**

Tom entertained us with a colorful story of his life, career, family and outlook on life. **Bill Ronayne** sponsored Tom and he was inducted in the end of 2009.

Tom grew up in Philly and moved around a lot as a child. His childhood home was robbed and his parents moved the family to Wildwood, NJ, where he graduated from high school. Tom was always involved with boy scouts which he says kept him out of trouble. On his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, he

was sworn in and handed a gun as the youngest police officer in NJ. After graduation from Stock State, he made \$8.35/hr driving a truck for Budweiser.

Then he began a career of about 100 jobs – Let's see if I can get this right...He sold life insurance for a short while and then went into sales for a check cashing service (ATM's) in NYC. 1996, he decided to buy a used van and started installing ATM's himself.

A year later, he joined a startup company that installed 900 ATM's in 10 months and felt like he "lived in an airplane". He had the opportunity to explain ATM's to Henry Kissinger who asked, "Is there a little man behind there"?

Next Tom was recruited by a Canadian company, then bought a company in California and from there was recruited by TRM in '02 (when the stock was at 27 cents).

Left that company in '06 (when stock was at \$29) – sure hope he had stock options! He moved his family to England for a year – had an apartment in Portland and in London and realized he was missing time with his 3 children – a son (26), who was married on Tom's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday, a daughter who was temporarily paralyzed and a sophomore at U. of Scranton (AND who donated \$10,000 of her own money to the Ronald McDonald House!), and another daughter who is a freshman at Holy Family on a full scholarship and is quite an accomplished basketball player (Tom has only missed 3 of her more than 200 games!). Daughter, Shannon, is a freshman at Sacred Heart Academy and has Tom's business sense – she'd like to take over Tom's newest venture – Taylor Rental.

Tom has adjusted quite easily from the suits, white shirt and tie "uniform" to the jeans, no socks and golf shirt attire. He loves his job – helps run parties, puts up tents, has fun every day and is optimistic about the future.

(Disclaimer: I'm not sure I have all the facts correct as I was so intrigued by Tom's talk that my notes weren't super clear... ☺)

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#### THANK YOU

Copies of the Rotary are provided today by  
**Shauna Yeldell** of Fulton Bank.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Oct 10 Chili Cook-Off  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at  
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

#### FRUIT SALE Report from Cristina and Elizabeth

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU for another successful "A Taste of Florida Fruit Sale!" No doubt, the weather this past weekend was also a "taste of Florida". Thank you all for the extra efforts in selling and volunteering of your time to support this sale in the many ways needed to pull this fundraiser together. WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

We are still receiving money and still selling fruit-a bit premature to know exactly where we are with final numbers...getting close! That said...

**EXTRA FRUIT IS AVAILABLE TO SELL... WE HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUITS** (more grapefruits than oranges) - MUST SELL ASAP. Please email Cristina at [cpcombee@aol.com](mailto:cpcombee@aol.com) or call directly at 610.563.8644 if you are interested and the order will be held for you. This "extra fruit" will be brought to Thursday's meeting for your convenience in buying and picking up, all at once! *A special thanks AGAIN to Gary Hewitt for storing and bringing this fruit to the club on Thursday!*

As a friendly reminder, please bring any outstanding payments for fruit to the club for Thursday's meeting. Thank you! Thank you all again and will wait to hear from you on any extra fruit order requests that we will gladly set aside for you...

#### EXCHANGE STUDENT

**Amedea Garella** – Italy

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