



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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**This Week's Program: April 1, 2010**

**Speaker: Dave Elderkin**  
**Kennett Symphony Orchestra**  
**Arranged by Matt Bradley**

**Next Week's Program: April 8, 2010**

**Speaker: Dr. Jame Scalon**  
**WCASD**  
**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

After **President Dave Rayburn** opened the meeting, **Sue Casso Rogers** read a poem written by a Rotarian in another club prompting us to talk about how Rotary programs make a difference and change people's lives when we meet new people, rather than just discuss Rotary meetings and comraderie.

We welcomed many guests: **Jim Langer** introduced Kristin Dunn, **President Dave** introduced Scott Schaffer, who has attended previously, **Mac Neilon** brought Corey Collins, and **Sue Casso Rogers** introduced Emily Barber. **Jennie McGinn's** guest, Denise Wine, is in the membership pipeline, **Tom Mann** introduced his wife Lisa, and **Steve Founds** guest was David Hoopes, part of the long line of West Chester Hoopes.

**Elizabeth Guman** shared the first of many Happy Bucks by telling us that one of the students in the class she teaches at Wharton is none other than Nicholas Falconer, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from New Zealand, who was our guest speaker a few weeks ago. **Sue Casso Rogers** was happy to present new member **Tom Mann** with his official Rotary badge, and to invite members to purchase \$100 raffle tickets to benefit the Bar Assn. Foundation's upcoming golf tournament.

**Carl Werner** was happy to see his college team doing so well in basketball and **Terry McGrath** noted the attendance of members of his Ramblers music group. **Wendy Hoffman** is happy to be hosting a woman from Greece who is part of the Rotary Group Study team. **Bob Poole** was happy to see that a young man whom he watched play basketball at Henderson High School, and attends college in Kutztown, has been named the outstanding college basketball player in the nation.

On a sad note, **Irvie Hoffman** reported on his recent visit to see **Amos** and Lois **Bassett**. **Irvie** talked about what an outstanding Rotarian **Amos** has been through the years. He is now in hospice with cancer and a brain tumor. He urged us to keep **Amos** and Lois in our prayers.

**Steve Quigley** alerted us to several informational pieces on the tables about breakfast at the West Chester Area Senior Center and the Great Race event planned for May 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Frank Helms** announced that **Chris McCawley** needs names for Honorary Rotarians as she had not received any nominations yet. Nominees may not be Rotarians.

**Cristina Combee** thanked members for their support of the fruit sale and noted there are a few boxes of fruit still for sale (the oranges were all gone by the end of the meeting).

**Tricia Johnston** won the 50/50, but the queen eluded her.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

**Jack Wintermute** introduced us to a man who needs no introduction to many members of the club. Chris Kemple, General Manager of the Wilmington Blue Rocks has been sharing programs with us for twelve years. Jack has seen more baseball than Chris since, although he has been with the Blue Rocks for eighteen years, Chris' job is behind the scenes.

Chris asked some trivia questions with free tickets as the reward for the correct answers.

1. Who was last year's AL Sy Young winner?  
Zac Grankey (no one answered that one)
2. Name one minor league that Zac played for.  
**Mac Neilon** won that- the Blue Rocks!

Chris' favorite part of his job is the crazy promos. Once during the off season everyone was

brainstorming possibilities. They wanted a promo that people would go back to work and tell their friends about.

In 1999 Chris had seen a minor All Star game in California that had a pink bunny that came out on the field every time there was a run. This inspired him to get something similar for the Blue Rocks but no one came with any ideas and it was now March. Knowing that revenues must exceed expenses by as much as possible, and that costumes could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000, with the pressure on, Chris remembered a food vendor had an old vegetable suit back in storage. Mr. Celery was born. He had a fan club and even a fan club web site developed by some students at the University of Delaware.

Well, Mr. Celery just happened to be at our meeting! Wow, what an experience. Everyone stormed up for his autograph, women were fainting. Random pieces of clothing were being thrown at him. What a hunk!

It was requested that the Blue Rocks serve Bloody Marys when the club visits for WC Rotary Night May 24. Tickets are \$35 each and Jack will collect payments.

"Why is Mr. Celery's dance so short?" asked John Olszewski. [Sometimes we even miss it if we are busy trying to balance a beer and down peanuts.] The explanation made sense. Sometimes Mr. Celery is not ready! Sometimes the team scores unexpectedly and Mr. Celery is probably in the stands flirting with girls (all above 18 years of age, of course) Once the visiting team had the audacity to hide Mr. Celery's costume. He was forced to appear without his greenery. Yikes!

**Terry McGrath** wanted to know if Mr. Celery had ever been haunted by stalkers... What about speaking engagements? Mr. Celery can sway crowds with his rhetoric.

**Bill Winters** thanked Chris and Mr. Celery (Jake Shrum). Bill always enjoys the game and the food is good! Take your whole family!

### BLUE ROCKS

Due to a conflict the Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks is changed to: Monday May 24th.

If you already have a ticket for the old date please return to Jack Wintermute and receive a ticket for the new date. Sorry! Jack

### THANK YOU

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### SAVE THE DATE

May 15 Rotary help at May Fair at CCH  
May 24 WC Rotary Night at Blue Rocks  
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)

### COUNTY HOSPITAL MAYFEST

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Chester County Hospital Mayfest will be held this year on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Rotary Club will run the Chicken Fingers and Fries booth as we have done for the past several years. I will be asking for volunteers shortly; so if you have a favorite shift please let me know in advance.

Here is a link to more information about the Mayfest Event.

<http://www.cchosp.com/cchpage.asp?p=673>

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

**Amedea Garella** – Italy

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