



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 15, 2010

Speaker: Frank Pancoast
Classification Speech
Arranged by Sue Casso Rogers
Speaker: Jim Smith
Gundaker Foundation
Arranged by President Dave

Next Week's Program: April 22, 2010

Speaker: Dick Yoder
Chester County Sports Hall of Fame
Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Sue Casso Rogers

President Dave rang the bell at 12:30 and **Bob Frame** delivered the invocation. There were no visiting Rotarians - just the members. One guest was introduced - Dave (?) from Legacy Planning Partners who was a guest of **Carolyn Comitta**.

Happy dollars were given by **Dan (I finally got to a meeting!)** **Cosgrove** announcing the Chester County Hospital Dash for Diabetes Race on Saturday and noted that Katie Walker is being honored by the organization for her work in our community, **Cristina Combee** is happy that **Pete Thompson** is currently in Honduras helping with the delivery of medical equipment, **Jeannie McGinn** is happy that the Chamber of Commerce 10 Grand Club on Friday April 16 is almost a sell out so get your tickets now for this fun event. **Kevin Quinn** chimed in saying he had been too busy eating to announce 2 more guests at the appropriate time - our speaker today, Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent of West Chester Area School District and Rob Partridge, Communications Director of the WCASD. Back to Happy Dollars - **Jack Wintermute**, after a long, cold winter, is happy that the Reading Phillies opened their season. **Chuck Swope** was happy to announce that the Swope Foundation of West Chester University is looking for applicants and, finally, **Bob Frame** is happy to see **Ed Malet** back at Rotary.

Chuck Swope wished a Happy Birthday to **Jim Lees**. **Paula Ott** wished a Happy Birthday to **Sue Casso Rogers** stating that they have known each other since 1978 when they were both in their 30's

(ed note - just for the record, we were actually still well within our 20's in 1978!!)

Bob Frame announced the next Rotary Shoot Out night on April 14 at Target Master in Chadds Ford. **Sue Casso Rogers** announced that 3 people were approved for membership at the board meeting this morning: **Cory Collins** of Superior Benefits, **Scott Schaffer** of The Second Mile and **Sandy Carr** of Citizens Bank. **Elizabeth Guman** announced that there are still a few cases of grapefruit available and Matt Bradley announced that Community Grant Applications are due on May 15.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Dr. James Scalon became the Superintendent of WCASD on July 1, 2009. His position before coming to West Chester was superintendent of Brandywine School District in Delaware. He has spent his entire career in education, going from the class room to administration. He considers this the best job in the world.

He grew up in Bucks County, one of 6 children, all of whom went to college with the urging and financial support of their parents. He did his undergraduate work at University of Pittsburgh and earned his graduate degrees at Temple University.

He lives in the area and has an 18 month old son and a 21 year old son from a previous marriage.

Interesting statistics about WCASD:

- 11,700 students enrolled; 83% Caucasian, 7% African American, 4% Latino and 5%

Asian.

- Dropout rate is less than ½ of 1% and 90% of all graduates go to college.
- This year 17 students are National Merit Semi-finalists.
- The business community awarded \$76,000 in scholarships last year.
- The students have a strong commitment to community service and raised \$25,000 for the Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund.
- The budget for transporting students is \$15 million and includes 4600 non WACSD students transported to other schools within a 10 mile radius.
- Gen. David Rodriguez is a graduate of Henderson HS and recently came to the school to be honored and speak to the students.
- WCASD received one of 20 national grants awarded by EPA to reduce energy costs in schools and was the only school district to receive such a grant.

We welcome Dr. Scalon to our community and hope he will transfer his Rotary membership to our club as we have a unbroken history of superintendents being members of West Chester Rotary.

SAVE THE DATE

April 20 Career Support Meeting
May 15 Community Philanthropic Grant applications due.
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

COUNTY HOSPITAL MAYFEST

The 27th Annual Chester County Hospital Mayfest will be held this year on Saturday, May 15th. 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.westchesterrotary.us/forms/mayfest10.pdf>

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Bill Ronayne** of Brandywine Valley Heating and AC., Inc.

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.



EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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