



# 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 22, 2010**  
**Speaker: Dick Yoder**  
**Chester County Sports Hall of Fame**  
**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**Next Week's Program: April 29, 2010**  
**Speaker: Will Knecht**  
**Wendell August Forge**  
**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**MINUTES by Fran Luft**

**SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

**President-Elect Bill Ronayne** (Substituting for **President Dave**), started the meeting at 12:20 as we had an action packed agenda. **Mark Sammarone** gave a two part invocation. We learned lessons about Rotary geography and Mark also read a prayer. The prayer reminded all of us to enjoy the peace we receive with giving.

The lone visiting Rotarian was John Sailing. **Sue Casso Rogers** introduced the lone guest, Betsy Hartnet (President of the board of the county club). **Bob Poole** extended birthday greetings to **Irvie Hoffman** and **Sauna Yeldell** wished a happy birthday to **Michele Parent**.

Happy Dollars: **Linda Hicks** (new job national Bank of Malvern), **Bob Frame** (2nd annual Rotary shootout. **Ken Hickman** jacket and tie), John Sailing (happy to be at our Rotary meeting today.), **Paul Woodruff** (partnership with Makemie Ridge at Whiteland Village), **Pete Thompson** (trip to Honduras- contribution for blood lab equipment was very much appreciated), **Terry McGrath** (Recorded a new song- Who Wrote the Book of Donovan- it will be available next week), The students of the month from East High School are Derek Prucnal and Kate Amodei.

**Christina McCawley** announced that nominations are needs for the Honorary Rotarian. To date only two nominations have been submitted for consideration. **Mark Sammarone** announced that Mayfest will be held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Rotary Club runs the Chicken Fingers and Fries booth. Volunteers are need especially in the afternoon and evening. The schedule is on the website. Please consider helping out at this event.

**Tom Spackman** was our 50/50 winner today.

There were two parts to our program today. First, our own **Jim Smith** shared a short presentation about the Gundaker Foundation, encouraging us to make a donation this year. Jim recently signed on as our new Gundaker representative. Gundaker is a non-profit established by our Rotary district in 1964 in memory of Guy Gundaker, a long-time member of the Philadelphia club. The fund provides matching grants to projects in our district. It is designed to be complimentary to the Rotary Foundation that gives grants most often at the International level.

Recently, Gundaker has been providing local grants, scholarships and support for youth exchange. An example of a recent project is matching funds for an elementary school that needed to refurbish their playground. Similar to the Rotary Foundation, the district tracks our giving to the fund and we can become eligible to be Gundaker fellows at the \$1000 level. As an added way to raise funds, Jim was selling chances to a week at the vacation home in Bermuda for \$10 each.

The second part of the program was **Frank Pancoast's** classification talk. Frank grew up in Radnor in a family of nine children. He attended Radnor High School where, as he put it, he was a "distinguished underachiever". He played football and also did a lot of ski racing. Summers he worked for his father and grandfather in their construction business. He started college at the University of Vermont and had the unusual experience of playing for their last football team. He finished college at Bucknell and earned a degree in Civil Engineering. Frank married Joy, who he had known in high school. He speaks very highly of her energy and strong principles. They have 3 sons, a junior at

Duke, a junior at Malvern Prep and one in St. Agnes. One of their special family traditions is their ski vacation that they take every year.

After college Frank worked for a construction company and did various projects including a brewery in North Carolina, a tunnel in Utah and a hospital in Philadelphia. He started his company, Pancoast Incorporated, in 1995. He is grateful for their first local project, with the YMCA in town and they have been a strong supporter of the Y since. The company now does 45 million a year in sales and employs 20 people. Some notable local projects they have done: the Landmark restaurant in town, the Chester County Chamber, and the new YMCA building on Airport Rd. Frank spoke about how much he values the company's reputation. He remembers when he first heard someone say "I heard about the good work you did. . ." and realized that he had a reputation and that he could mess it up. So he's worked very hard over the years to treat people right. Frank came to Rotary at **Charlie Lyddane's** invitation and decided to join because he liked the atmosphere, the diversity of our membership and our commitment to service.

### SAVE THE DATE

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](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. Volunteers should contact **Mark Sammarone**.

For 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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