



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 29, 2010

**Speaker: Will Knecht
Wendell August Forge
Arranged by Dave Biffen**

Next Week's Program: May 6, 2010

**Speaker: Bill Winters
Collegium Charter School
Arranged by Dave Biffen**

MINUTES by Joe Polito

President Dave hit the bell and started the meeting at 12:15 P.M. **Gary Hess**, not having found a poem for Earth Day, wrote one. (Abridged version) "To celebrate the date, put on your shoes – take a walk – reduce your weight." There were no visiting Rotarians. The guests introduced were by **Paul Woodruff** who introduced Jack Reynolds, an associate; **Dick Yoder** introduced Jerry Schneider, President of the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame; and **Dave Biffen** introduced his father-in-law, Marty Connor, a Hall of Famer from the Coatesville Area School District.

President Dave noted that **John Schwab**, on Saturday, April 24th, at the Radley Run Country Club, will be given an award noting his leadership in business and asked any Rotary members who can to contact him and attend.

President Dave mentioned various dates coming up for various District Rotary meetings; one preceding the shipboard District Conference trip to Bermuda and another this month and possibly even a third meeting. **Charles Streitwieser** noted that the District on land part of the District Conference will be on May 7th, the day before the cruise. That will be at the Rivercrest Golf Club and Preserve off the intersection of 422 and 29. Another meeting set for April 29th – check out website.

Happy Dollars: **Tom Mann** and **President Dave** won the \$10,000.00 at the West Chester Chamber of Commerce Dinner. **Chuck Swope** noted a conversation he had with **Tom Mann**, President of Taylor Rental and to the successful business report and then toasted the end of the recession.

Gary Hewitt gave one noting that **Bob Frame** had sold the former home of Gary's mother in Hershey's Mill. **Terry McGrath** was very happy and noted that his daughter, who has been working for Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries, has left her former establishment to become Manager of the Five Guys Restaurant at the Exton Mall and

she is quite happy with her new duties. **Gary Hess** was happy to note that he shot a 66 playing golf last week. The Wintermute table noted that it "was only six holes".

Jack Wintermute reminded everyone of West Chester Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks which will be on May 24th. He was looking for the Chippendales to attend and possibly also **Bob Frame's** dancing girls.

Mark Sammarone noted for everyone that they should make every effort to attend the District Meeting on April 29th so as to learn more about Rotary.

Cristina Combee and **Elizabeth Guman** give a report as the 2010 Rotary Fruit Sale Co-Chairpersons to. They did go to the front during the chant of "fruit!!! fruit!!! fruit!!!". One of the awards was to yours truly for the highest number of sales and I was called to the front of the room to be with the other recipients whereupon Votary Committee Chairperson, **Faith Woodward**, took over and she will fill in the next part.

Cristina reminded us that together we can do amazing things. **Cathy Palmquist** had raised a concern for those in need and **Charles Streitwieser** suggested we make it possible for fruit to be donated directly to the WC Food Cupboard that has had a 47% increase in requests for food since last year. The 134 boxes arrived just as state produce funds were depleted.

A check to Spring Brook Farm for \$10,713 was accepted by volunteer Erin Tatum, a Unionville High School graduating senior who has been accepted at the University of California at Berkley. Fulfilling their responsibility to also sell fruit, Spring Brook Farm achieved the highest sales of any of our beneficiaries. Executive Director, Mary Drobish said the money will go for scholarships to their summer camp.

Upon returning as scribe, I (Joe) ascertained that the 50/50 was won by Megan McGinn but she did not pull the Queen of Spades.

She might not get to keep the \$18.00 as the dollar used to buy the ticket was given to her by **Bill Ronayne**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Dave Biffen introduced speaker **Dick Yoder** and thanked him for his work when he was the mayor of WC. Dick also coordinated our participation in the yearly blood drive. Dick has hemochromatosis and must give blood to survive. He was unaware of his diagnosis for years because he gave blood faithfully.

Dick in turn introduced Jerry Schneider, President of the Chester County Sports Hall of Fame. A video about the Hall of Fame was narrated by Dick Vermeil introducing the contributors to sports and community who were inducted at the October 2008 inaugural banquet.

Exciting plans for a Minor League Baseball field including a museum with memorabilia are under way. One-year membership in the Hall of Fame, only \$30, includes attendance at the banquet and voting privileges. Chester County is rich with candidates, professional and students, players, coaches, and administrators. Many people misunderstand that this is a Chester County venture and not West Chester only. There are 130 members now and more are being sought throughout the county. Support from sponsors is also important. Candidates are nominated by the board. Memorabilia is also needed. Dick requested that each Rotarian take brochures and give them to friends and neighbors.

Al Bruno played in two championships in two different sports. Glenn Killinger signed with the Yankees and played at the same time as Babe Ruth. Theresa Shanks was the 1974 National Player of the Year the Immaculata Basketball team about which a movie has been made. Mike Piazza was a catcher in Major League Baseball.

The Hall of fame is Jerry Schneider's responsibility. This is the third year for inductees. Please consider joining and helping to chose these candidates. Voting will be held soon. For more information see www.chestercountysportshalloffame.com

Plans for a 5,000 seat stadium will require corporate support. The Winners Circle in Exton is the temporary home for memorabilia for the stadium museum. This multi-purpose stadium will be home to a minor league baseball team that will provide great family programs. The stadium will also be available for Boy Scout jamborees and Halloween parades. As pointed out to Dick by his wife Jean, West Chester makes sense for the stadium because it is the county seat, home to the largest University and the largest hospital in the

county. Right now the project is named the Turks Head Stadium Alliance. A study is being done to determine costs and the considerable tax dollars it will bring to the borough.

Bill Winter thanked Dick for his enthusiastic presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

May 15 Philanthropic Grant apps. 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 CCH Mayfest will be held this year on Saturday, May 15th. For more information about the Mayfest Event visit

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/forms/mayfest10.pdf>

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