



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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This Week's Program: May 20, 2010
GSE, RYLA, and Inductions
Arranged by President Dave

Next Week's Program: May 27, 2010
TBA

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Dave opened the meeting. **Dave Biffen** gave an inspirational reading –“Everything I Learned about Life I Learned from Noah’s Ark.” There were no visiting Rotarians. The lone guest was John Hall.

President Dave told the Club that our Rotary Club recently received the Presidential Citation. Next week’s Rotary meeting is jam packed. The GSE Team from Greece will be our guests along with George Haag from the Rotary Club of Lebanon. **Sue Casso Rogers** announced that Denise Wine will be inducted in Rotary. There will be seven new members. Also on schedule will be high school scholarships. The meeting may run a little late.

Happy Bucks: (May Fest chairman, **Dan Cosgrove** announced that we need volunteers for this event. See **Mark Sammarone**. The weather will be great. Raffle tickets are being sold to support outreach programs.), **Sue Casso Rogers** (on board at Wentworth. They are doing a raffle- 2 air line tickets, basket of cheer etc. See Sue to purchase tickets. The Presidents Gala this year will be held June 24th in the evening. There will be no noon meeting that week. The golf team at the country club is undefeated.) **Paula Ott** (Her father-in-law passed away. The Visiting Angels took excellent care of him.), **Bob Frame** (His stepson hit an inside the park homerun), **Joe Polito** (He will be attending a three day reunion at St. Joe’s-Class of 1960. His buddy, Jack received military honors.), The Second Mile Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 7th at the Downingtown Country Club. Call 610.491.9440 for details. **Katie Decker** (niece is five and sister is expecting another baby).

Birthdays: **Sue Casso Rogers** extended birthday greetings to the love of her life- her husband- **Bob Rogers**. **Bob Frame** wished **Joanne Tadeo** a happy birthday.

Announcements: **Bill Ronayne** thanked **Sue Carr** for attending the district assembly. We have

24 tickets to see the Philadelphia Phillies play the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 28th. The cost is \$33.00. October 8-10, 2010 is the Oktoberfest District Conference. Chilli Cook-off flyers are ready for distribution. **Steve Quigley** announced the West Chester Senior Center’s Great Race will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010. Please contact Steve for registration and /or volunteer forms. **Matt Bradley** announced that the Community grants applications deadline is Monday, May 17th.

Jean Oakes won the 50/50.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

Dave Biffen introduced today’s speaker, Dr. Nancy Loane representing the Women of Valley Forge. Nancy was formerly a Park Ranger and serves on the Board of Friends of Valley Forge Park. She has a Master and a PhD and has been nominated for the George Washington Award. Nancy spent over 10 years researching the Women of Valley Forge.

Nancy began her presentation by covering some answers to frequently asked questions she gets while presenting at Valley Forge Park:

Valley Forge was an encampment NOT a battlefield. Soldiers did not fight during the winter months and during the winter of 1777-1778, Washington’s troops stayed at Valley Forge for their encampment period.

Washington did NOT cross the river at Valley Forge. He crossed the Delaware River not the Schuylkill River.

The Battle of Gettysburg did NOT happen right after the encampment at Valley Forge. Soldiers were at Valley Forge during the American Revolution and the Battle of Gettysburg occurred during the Civil war.

Nancy (dressed in American Revolution garb) was NOT posing as Jesus’ mother!

Nancy spoke about three women who spent time at Valley Forge during the encampment:

Martha Washington – Every year General

George Washington wrote to Martha and asked her to come spend the winter with him. Martha did travel from her home in Mt. Vernon to spend each of the 8 encampments with her husband, including the encampment at Valley Forge. Martha attended the theatre and had portraits done while she was in Valley Forge. Her primary reason for being there was to take care of her husband. Martha had been a widow left "splendidly endowed with worldly benefits". Gen. George Washington turned out to be the lucky man to win her hand.

Catharine Greene – Catharine was the wife of Major General Nathaniel Greene. She spent very little time with her children and when she left the encampment she gave a large punch bowl to Gen. Washington as a gift.

Lucy Knox – Lucy was the wife of General Henry Knox to whom she wrote beautiful letters. Lucy's parents were loyalists and returned to England during the Revolution. Lucy and Henry Knox had 13 children but only 3 of them lived to adulthood.

Approximately 400 women came to Valley Forge during the encampment, many of them for employment. There were cooks, nurses, laundresses, seamstresses, etc. In addition, there were wives of the soldiers who came, believing this was their best chance of survival. Of course there were also some undesirable women too, including prostitutes, thieves, and those trying to get soldiers to desert. In total there were 12,000 people at Valley Forge camp.

Nancy points out how important American History is and urges everyone to spend some time reading about it. She answered a few questions about the Battle of Brandywine, the small pox vaccination for women, women hosting British soldiers, and Washington's headquarters (the Isaac Potts house). **Gary Hewitt** thanked Nancy for her presentation.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Amedea Garella – Italy

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SAVE THE DATE

May 24 WC Rotary Night at Blue Rocks
June 3 Blood Drive
June 24 President's Gala
Oct 10 Chili Cook-Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Jeannie McGinn of McGinn Marketing Works

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Scott Schaffer, Executive Director- The Second Mile; Classification: Non-profit Youth.

Proposed by **Dave Rayburn**

Cory Collins, Business Development- Superior Benefit Plans; Classification: Benefit Plans,

Proposed by **Mac Neilon**

Sandi Carr, Branch Manager- Citizens Bank; Classification: Banking.

Proposed by **Terry McGrath**

Debbie McDowell, VWR Scientific; Classification: Sales Scientific Product.

Proposed by **Sue Casso Rogers**

Emily Barber, Dir. of Communications Vision Quest; Classification: Non-profit Youth.

Proposed by **Sue Casso Rogers**

Glenn Fricke, Executive Director- Safe Harbor Classification: Non-profit Shelters.

Proposed by **Greg Radford**

Denise Wine, Connelly Wealth Management of Wells Fargo, Classification: Financial Advisor

Sponsor **Jeannie McGinn**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

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