



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 27, 2010

"Three C's" : Casso, Classification, & Chili Classification Talk

Speaker: Debbie McDowell

Chili Cook-Off

Speakers: ?

Next Week's Program: June 3, 2010

US Coast Guard Auxillary, West Chester Flotilla

Speakers: Don Gerhart and Harold "Robby" Robinson

Arranged by: Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Dave called the meeting to order. **Wendy Hoffman** offered the invocation. We had one visiting Rotarian, George Hage from Lebanon! He offered us a greeting and some gifts including his club banner and 10 stamps that their country issued in recognition of Rotary's 100th anniversary. He also had information to share about projects that they are doing where they are looking for sponsors.

We had lots of guests. **Wendy Hoffman** introduced our friends from Greece here on the study team, Ari, Tony, Stephanie and Ana Marie. **Bob Rogers** introduced Nikki Kavadias, his son's significant other, and her father Mano Kavadias who is from Greece. Manos sat with the Greek GSE team for lunch and chatted with them in Greek and he then offered an official welcome in their native language. **John Schwab** introduced the parents of our scholarship student, Rukesh and Vandana Khurana.

Announcements: **President Dave** reminded us that the blood drive will be in 2 weeks. **Rob Feenan** had a baby girl, Maggie! There were still tickets available to the Blue Rocks game. **Cathy Palmquist** shared some serious news about Kathy Seamon-McGowan who was the executive director of the Care Center for Christ when we did a workday for them a few years back. Kathy has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is in hospice. Cathy asked us to keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Student of the Month Recognition was next. From East we recognized Joanie Guyer, Kelsey Hunter, Jimmy Castillo, Alexander Seewald. From Henderson, Melissa Stephens, Francis Cunningham, Emily Evans and Luke Lefebure.

John Schwab also recognized Megan Thompson who completed the RYLA Leadership Training recently. John (very busy today!) also announced

our college scholarship winner – Anmol Khurana. He received one of 2 \$2500 scholarships that our club awards annually. The focus of the criteria for the scholarship is Service Above Self and does not consider academics or other extracurricular activities. John shared highlights of Anmol's many ways of service, including Red Cross blood drives, paramedic for the Good Fellowship Ambulance and "Club Med" which raises money for CVIM. He plans to attend PSU for pre-med. Anmol thanked the club for this opportunity and his parents for their support.

Sue Casso Rogers then led the induction of 6 new members. **Denise Wine** (sponsor **Jeannie McGinn**); **Sandi Carr** (**Terry McGrath**); **Debbie McDowell** (**Sue Casso Rogers**); **Cory Collins** (**Mac Neilan**); **Scott Schaeffer** (**Dave Rayburn**) and **Emily Baker** (found us on her own! Sue is her default sponsor). Sue encouraged us to remember why we joined Rotary, challenged our new members to find opportunities to serve, ways to foster new relationships and to be aware of their citizenship in the world.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Terry Weber

President Dave Rayburn welcomed the GSE team visiting from the country of Greece. We heard from Aris Syngros the team leader for the Rotary group. Ari told us with a wink and a smile that Greece is older than the United States but he did enjoy visiting our historic city of Philadelphia and taking in the sites. He talked a bit about the great sites of Greece. He told us that his Rotary district built a new kindergarten and is now rebuilding a clinic which was destroyed 3 months ago in the fires of 2010. They also are active helping their local Boy Scout troops.

He introduced the team which was visiting along with him. Anna Maria Anatoliotaki is active in Rotaract and will be soon crossing over to the

regular Rotary club as she will turn 30 this July. She is in hotel management which is a family business now as her father purchased a small hotel with 25 rooms which she runs with her 2 brother and 2 nephews. She has been very involved with European Rotaract and has traveled extensively because of her Rotary ties. She was hosted by **Wendy Hoffman**. Next we were introduced to Andonios Bourletdis. Ton is an event manager from Piraeus. Stephanie Stephanides, the youngest of the team hails from Athens. Stephanie graduated from a French/Greek High school. She then went on to study in England and then moved on to Spain to earn a degree in Marketing. She is in Fashion Marketing.

Aris opened up for questions from the audience. **Cathy Palmquist** asked about women's status in Greece. Ari commented that women are of equal status in Greece regarding politics and business. It seems that women in rotary are perhaps a bit of a different story. Aris is in the 4th biggest club with 50 members. His club does not allow woman. There was some discussion about this between Aris and the group. Aris also told us the Rotary runs into some difficulties in Greece with the church who sometimes give Rotarians a hard time about their membership which they equate with the Freemasons.

Wendy Hoffman thanked the international rotary guests and presented them with gifts of coffee.

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SAVE THE DATE

June 3 Blood Drive
June 24 President's Gala
Oct 10 Chili Cook-Off

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