



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: June 3, 2010
**US Coast Guard Auxillary,
 West Chester Flotilla**
**Speakers: Don Gerhart and
 Harold "Robby" Robinson**
Arranged by: Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: June 10, 2010
Diversity Update:
Upper Darby School District
**Speakers: Dr. Bill Bailey and
 Dr. Lou DeVlieger**
Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Dave Rayburn opened the meeting, then **Carol Hanson** asked for a few minutes of silence, after providing some background about Memorial Day.

Joe Kahn from WEGO was our lone visiting Rotarian. **Cristina Combee** introduced her guest, Carol Sexton, and **Chris McCawley** introduced her friend Andre, before **Bob Frame** wished a happy birthday to **Wendy Hoffman**.

A great many people were happy and contributed bucks to show their joy. **Rob Feenan** is happy to welcome his second daughter, Margaret ("Maggie"), **Faith Woodward** is happy about the upcoming Barclay Friends golf classic; and **Dan Cosgrove** congratulated **Marjorie Wentz** on winning a medal in a recent race and giving her medal to his daughter.

Several Rotarians had multiple reasons to be happy, such as **Linda Hicks** who is happy her daughter got married and her husband did a great job being father of the bride and her son is home from college. **Pam Costanzi** is happy The Hickman's "Art of Caring" is coming up soon, and **Chris McCawley** is happy for 2 weeks in Tahiti, her husband traveling to New York to meet with his first wife of 50 years ago, and Chris' successful physical therapy.

Steve Quigley was happy about the Senior Center's successful great race, which had 170 participants, and is happy to announce a meeting of the new Rotary Fitness Committee. **Bill Winters** was happy that 100% of the Collegium Charter School graduates are pursuing further education, and **Paul Woodruff** was happy to report the son of the manager of the water project that our club has been involved in has graduated, thanks in part to our club's support also of the young man's education. **Gerry Morgan** from the Salvation Army

is happy to be back attending meetings, and **Cathy Palmquist** is happy she participated in the recent Rotary district 7450 Conference at Sea, a 5-day cruise to Bermuda with fellow Rotarians. **Joe Polito** is happy he put a bet on the Philadelphia Flyers, **Katie Decker** is happy to be collecting socks for soldiers, and **John Schwab** congratulated **Jeannie McGinn** on graduating from the year-long leadership program.

Jack Wintermute kicked off the announcements by presenting a 50/50 check to **Patty Jefferis** as a donation to the Stancato Memorial Scholarship, which was started in honor of her father. Patty gave a brief update of the fund, which is now at \$45,000 and provides an annual track and field scholarship.

Frank Helms made a plea for help in distributing dictionaries to elementary schools. Five additional schools are slated to receive them this year, so the distribution goes from 300 to 700. **Dick Yoder** also needs Rotarians to sign up for the Borough of West Chester and Rotary Club blood drive. To date, only three Rotarians have signed up, while 32 Borough employees have signed up. Contact Nancy Martin or call the police department.

Dan Cosgrove won the 50/50 drawing, but didn't find the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

The Three Tenors have got nothing on us . . . we have "Three C's": Casso, Classification, & Chili. First out of the block was Chili Cook-off Chair **Bill Ronayne** who let us know that planning is in full swing and he is very pleased with progress to date. He was very happy to announce that there is now a succession plan. **Jeff Sommer** is co-chairing this year, and will then be joined by **Dan Cosgrove** next year, who will be then joined by **Rob Feenan**

the following year. Applications are in for the police, banner and Com1. The best news of all is that the Eagles play at 8:00 that day! And, while Bill has been enrolled in a dog lover's program, dogs are still not allowed at the Chili Cook-off!

Jeff Sommer is this year's Sponsorship chair and reports that we are on the same path as at this time last year. The presenting sponsor is Infiniti of West Chester. We are looking for Silver Level sponsors, which is a good advertising opportunity for most businesses, whether in the borough or not. Jeff encourages us to get in early to maximize our advertising dollars.

Dan Cosgrove reports that the number of vendors has grown from 26 to 33, 34 – with a new goal of 40 vendors for this year's Cook-Off. While teams bring most of the people in, vendors create added value for the event. A Kids Zone will be new for this year

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Sue Karr is the Teams chair. We have 10 teams signed up now – which is on track compared to last year – and she hopes to get at least 10 new teams added this year.

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John Schwab announced that there is a need for someone with a food handler's license.

Debbie McDowell then gave a quick Classification Talk, which she graciously agreed to with only 48 hours notice. Debbie is "Happy to be back in the fold again," having been a Rotarian before. Actually, that's an understatement. She was the charter president of the Twin Valley club, and served as assistant district governor for our district. When in that role, she was pregnant with her son. So, he was introduced to Rotary at a very early age! Debbie has distributed polio vaccines in India, where she saw a part of life she had never seen before as well as the direct evidence of the impact of Rotary. She recalled another Rotary tale in which 60 Rotarians showed up at her home the day after a tornado hit to help her clean up. As Debbie says, Rotary is about giving, but sometimes we receive, as well.

Debbie grew up in the San Francisco Bay area, one of two daughters of a single mother who made education a priority. Debbie earned a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley and a master's from West Chester University. After starting out in health-related philanthropy she has started her own company and is now in scientific sales.

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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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