



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

John Kenny, International President 2009-2010

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**This Week's Program: June 10, 2010**

**Diversity Update:**

**Upper Darby School District**

**Speakers: Dr. Bill Bailey and**

**Dr. Lou DeVlieger**

**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**Next Week's Program: June 17, 2010**

**Rotary Day**

**Arranged by President Dave**

**MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**President Dave** opened the meeting and **Bob Poole** gave the invocation.

**Chuck Swope** introduced his guest, Andrew and **Sue Greenberg** introduced her husband Sy.

Happy Bucks were given by **Pam Costanzi** (The Hickman received 2 of 3 grants), **Anrew Stump** (Has a high Scholl grad in his family going on to WCU in the Fall), **Charlie Lyddane** (**Paul Woodruff** and he going to Africa in one week and Daughter working for X-finity got her 4<sup>th</sup> promotion), **Chuck Swope** (**Jack Wintermute** gave a donation of books for soldiers at the May Fair but they got misplaced. Please give Chuck books for soldiers, he promises not to lose them).

**Carol Hanson** wished **Faith Woodward** a Happy Birthday by having the entire room sing that well-known song. **Bob Frame** talked to everyone about his birthday greeting recipient but only he was willing to wish **Charlie Lyddane** a Happy Birthday.

**Joe Polito** announced that the Phillies vs. the Diamond Backs game will be the Fight Against Hunger game. Tickets are \$33/each and can be donated to the Vets as we have done in the past. Checks should be made out to the Philadelphia Phillies.

**Linda Hicks** presented Ann Jacob with the Rotary Excellence in Volunteerism Award. Ann will be graduating From Henderson and attend Boston University in the Fall. She lives up to our motto of Service Above Self.

**Sue Casso Rogers** reminded everyone that June 24 will be the President's Gala and there will be no lunch meeting that day. Please sign up and contribute auction items such as dinner in your home, boat trips, wine, antiques. Please see the web site for more information.

**Chuck Swope** reminded all of the Blood Drive today.

**Bill Ronayne** won the 505-50 the proceeds of which will go to the Bridge of Hope.

**SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup**

**Dave Biffen** introduced our speaker by highlighting choices many of us have made or will make for "the next 30 years of our life." He pointed out that many of us hope to find an opportunity to give back thru volunteer work that can utilize our skills and abilities. Our speakers have found a very unique way to accomplish just that.

He introduced Harold Robinson (Rob), District Chief of Staff 5NR; Jack Morris, Westchester 49 Flotilla commander; and Don Gerhard, Lewes DE Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Each has found a unique position and way to make a difference to thousands of boaters every year. Rob did most of the presenting, with key comments from all. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is an all volunteer organization that traces its root to 1938.

As a civilian uniformed group, the Coast Guard Auxiliary's purpose is to assist the US Coast Guard as authorized by the commander in any function, power, duty, role, mission or operation. In addition they assist agencies like fire departments and other first responders. The only role the Auxiliary doesn't play is law enforcement and they do not carry arms.

In order to join the Auxiliary, an individual must be 17 years old, a US Citizen and be able to maintain a favorable security clearance. It is helpful to the applicant if they own/operate a personal watercraft, boat, plane or airplane. Under orders these facilities are considered government assets. However, the cost and maintenance of the asset remains with the individual.

The Coast. Auxiliary maintains extensive

communication facilities. Post 911, the Coast Guard Auxiliary was the first to get communication up and running for all first responders.

There are many opportunities for volunteers:

Instructors teach boating safety. 6000 class reached 180000 people in 2009

Vessel examiners: the Coast Guard Auxiliary issues stickers for boats that pass inspection. They do not enforce regulations or report to any agency. But the boat owner/operator knows what improvements need to be made if any.

Marine safety and environment protection. Auxiliary personnel interface with marinas and other boating sites thru personal contact and brochures. They are always on the watch for oil and chemical spills and report them to key authorities. Rob, Don and Jack recently completed training for oil spill contingency in the Delaware River

Recruiting Coast Guard Reserves and Coast Guard Academy applicants. One of the rewards of this role is appearing at high school graduations to congratulate those accepted into the Coast Guard.

Interpreter Corps. Many New Jersey fisherman groups are Vietnamese and the Auxiliary maintains interpreters who can assist in communication with them over boating matters.

Maintaining Domain Awareness. The Auxiliary patrols all navigatable waters, including lakes and takes notes of unsafe or dis-allowed activity. They are no longer permitted to tow boats unless there is a clear safety issue

Rob gave a recent example of a response he and his team were able to make to an overturned boat on the Delaware. They had just completed training on the Delaware River when a report of a boat in trouble came in. His team began a search pattern and in 4 foot swells found a 2, 6 and 9 year old along with the father and the grandfather in the water. Because of their excellent training they were able to rescue the 5 individuals and save 5 lives that day. The boat that Rob was commanding is his own, purchased and maintained by him for the good of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Rob summarized his view of the personal benefits Coast Guard Auxiliary as having the feeling of being valued and needed. He is associated with the Best of the best and gets education benefits and the opportunity to share meaningful activity with others who have the same values and patriotism.

Dave thanked Rob, Don and Jack and

presented them with Rotary mugs.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Ed Malet** of County Lines Magazine

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### SAVE THE DATE

June 10 Board Meeting

June 24 President's Gala

Oct 10 Chili Cook-Off

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