



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

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**This Week's Program: June 30, 2011  
Presidential Gala**

**Next Week's Program: July 7, 2011  
Speaker: Dr. Judy D'Angelo  
Autism Update**

## MINUTES by Joe Polito

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by **President Bill Ronanye**. **Faith Woodward**, as usual, handled the keyboard as we sang "America". Invocation was delivered by **Jim Smith** standing in for the unknown, scheduled Rotarian, who basically thanked God for the good world we live in noting the Rotary words "a profit most who serve best" and as part of the invocation stated part of a prayer "I care not to be served; but to serve".

We had one visiting Rotarian, Mark Rudiger, from the WEGO Club.

We had approximately five guests, all of whom had been there before. **Chuck Swope** introduced Derrick Stokes noting he would be again introduced at the time he presented the weekly program.

Birthdays: **Glen Jenson**, as a newer member of the Rotary Readers, was called upon to handle birthday greetings to **Christine McCawley** as head of the Rotary Readers Program. He mentioned that when he first joined the Rotary Readers, not being sure what was required, he went to her for some direction. Christine simply said, "go to the library, pick out a book and read it to the children." **Faith Woodward** made presentation to **Matt Bradley** of the West Chester Friends School.

Happy Bucks: The first presentation indicated that the cupboards were bare at the Saint Agnes Day Room. Anyone wishing to make a donation could drop it off at 21 South Church Street or bring it to Rotary. **Chris McCawley** advised that the second grade students at Fern Hill School had prepared Thank You notes to the readers. Some of the notes had spelling errors; but the artwork was terrific. Next, **Michelle Venema** was very proud and happy to announce that her brother was made Base Commander of the Naval Air Station where he is located. Katie Walker announced that we could

all now call her by her married name, **Katie Doherty**. The last Happy Buck was presented by **Judge Paula Ott** thanking **Bill Ronanye** for all he did as this year's President.

Announcements: **Sue Casso Rogers** reminded everyone of the President's Gala which will take place next Thursday, June 30th. There will be no luncheon meeting. Cost is \$35.00 per person which should be sent to her in advance. She also was looking for items for the Silent Auction. Bob Frame reminded everyone of the Rotary Night at the Phillies which will be on July 27th, of the some 40 tickets delivered to Rotary, there only remains some 6 to 7. Contact Bob Frame to get a ticket.

The 50-50 was won by Rob Feenan but he didn't locate the Queen of Spades.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

**Chuck Swope** introduced us to Derrick Stokes, Deputy Executive Director of the Transportation Management Association of Chester County, or TMACC, for short ([www.tmacc.org](http://www.tmacc.org)). Derrick gave us an overview of his organization, as well as an update and preview of the Rt. 202 Reconstruction Project.

TMACC is a non-profit organization that serves to tie together and facilitate communication between all of entities, both public and private, related to transportation needs in the county. These groups include PennDOT, SEPTA, municipalities and corporations. TMACC also provides assistance to employers to facilitate their employees' commuting experiences, including flex-scheduling, ride-sharing, and customized computer programs that deal with traffic congestion.

Derrick presented a detailed report on the Rt. 202 reconstruction. The slide show can be found at: [www.us202-300.com](http://www.us202-300.com). Some highlights:

- Installation of the Intelligent Transportation System (signs that give

updates of travel conditions) began in June 2005 at a cost of about \$15 million. PennDOT plans to expand the system throughout the Delaware Valley.

- The total projected cost for the entire project, which includes reconstructing bridges and widening the road from four to six lanes, is about \$296 million (but this expected to increase).
- Work on the roadway began this spring and is expected to be complete in June 2014.
- In the fall, traffic will be rerouted to two-lanes each way and there will be no shoulders. This means that any breakdowns will result in delays, despite the fact that a tow truck is on site 24/7.
- In an effort not to impact commuters, most construction will take place overnight and traffic will be limited to a single lane only in off-peak times.

In responding to members' questions, Derrick told us:

- The HOV concept never got traction in planning for this project.
- Improvements to the section of 202 between Rt. 1 and West Chester are in the final design phase. State and federal funding for this project are in question. Improvements to this stretch of roadway are made more difficult by the number of driveways that enter directly onto the road.
- The success of commuter bus lines is limited due to low ridership and the lack of coordination with planning boards when approving new developments.
- When this reconstruction is finished, the same congestion problems will still exist, just four miles further south!

And . . . we should not be surprised if we see increased driving-related fees (such as motor vehicle registration) in order to pay for future improvements

### SAVE THE DATE

June 26	District Induction Night
June 30	Presidential Gala
July 27	Rotary Night at the Phillies
Sept. 17	Kick Out Polio Soccer Night
Sept 17	Rotary Leadership Institute
Oct 9	Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### THANK YOU

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### SECRETARY'S SECOND

Do you have an announcement to make about a community activity? Offer up a Happy Buck! All announcements on the President's agenda at the podium should be Rotary business only! So if you want to inform the club about an activity from another organization, we really want to hear about it, but you must pay for the opportunity!

### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Russ deFuria, PDG of the Rotary Club of Upper Darby-Lansdowne, has been nominated to serve as our delegate to the 2013 Council on Legislation and PDG Al Marland, Rotary Club of Wayne, to serve as the Alternate Delegate at the Rotary International Council on Legislation, which will be held in Evanston, IL in April, 2013.

Any clubs wishing to challenge this nomination must do so by June 29. Clubs challenging must do so only on behalf of one of the candidates interviewed by the committee and that candidate must be a member of the challenging club. Challenges must be in the form required by the Manual of Procedure, which can be found by visiting [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org).

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