



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: October 24, 2002
Robert Esty: Vocational Health & Safety
Issues
Arranged by John Hall

Next Week's Program: October 31, 2002
Mike Steinberger & Fred Kemmerly:
Classification Talks
Arranged by John Kehner

MINUTES by Sid Rabin

Today's meeting was started at 12:31 PM and Faith Woodward accompanied the membership in a rendition of "America". The Invocation was given by Steve Karp and was timely, in our troubled world.

Visiting Rotarians introduced by Jim Lees included Furman Gyger(Phoenixville), Florence Miller (GWC Sunrise), John Saling (GWC Sunrise), Frank Roia (WE-GO), Ted Leibert (Paoli, Malvern, Berwyn), Mary Mosley (GWC Sunrise), and Peter Manning-Smith (Philadelphia).

Guests included the following: Nick Holiday with Gary Hewitt, Deborah Ellenberg with Victoria Dow, Bob Sciarra with Fred Kemmerly, and Jim Lennon who was President Carl's guest.

Birthday greetings were extended to: Bill Gotwals by Bob Weist; "Bud" Deaver by Vernon Brewer; Carol Metzker by Sue Casso; Kevin Quinn by Duncan Smith; and Paul Woodruff by Don Stonestrom

Announcements that followed were:

1) A member of W.C. Sunrise Club, Florence Miller, who is better known as the Public Relations person for the W.C. School Dist gave an invitation to "Take a Bus to The Future" on Friday, Nov. 22 from 8:15a.m.-12:30p.m. You should call 610-436-7154 or email fmiller@wcasd.k12.pa.us to make your reservation.

2) Gary Hess presented information about the 2001-2002 Annual Report of the Gundaker Foundation. The excellent summary of the origin and accomplishments of this foundation, which is a Public Foundation that belongs to the Rotary Clubs of District 7450, were included in a handout pamphlet

3) Terry McGrath advised that a team will be needed to pick up Canned Goods in North Hill for the Salvation Army this coming Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. Those members who plan to help will meet in the hospital parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Terry also stated that his "clean up crew" would meet at 8:00 A.M. at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday the 26th of Oct. rain or shine, have a pancake breakfast and then go out. If it rains they'll stay and eat more pancakes.

The "Pot of Gold "was partially won by Jack Cording. He missed the Queen.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Paul Woodruff introduced Rotarian Jim Burnam who had been a High School Math teacher for 25 years, a hospital administrator for Riddle Memorial and Brandywine Hospitals, and a developer of Freedom Village and the future Whiteland Village.

Jim's topic was "The Senior Boom" and Options for Retirement Living. There has been a dramatic increase to life expectancy with two thirds of all seniors who ever lived being alive today. Even in the 1900s the average life expectancy was 47 years. Compare that to today's 75+ years. In the future it will not be uncommon to see families with two generations of retired individuals.

Due to longevity, we have a "sandwich" generation who are caring for children and parents. 92% of caregivers are the wife or daughter. The average female now spends 17 years caring for children and 18 years caring for parents.

Today, over 25% of life is spent in retirement versus 7% in 1950. In fact, Social Security retirement age was based on a time when the average life expectancy was 45 years of age. Since we have done a good job of adding years to our lives, our challenge is to add life to those years.

Some options for retirement living include to continue to live in one's home with outside assistance, move in with family members, move to an "adult" community, move to a "retirement" facility, or move to an Assisted Living facility or Nursing Home when there is a medical need.

Half of those in their 65+ years will need a nursing home at some time. 25% will need a 9-12 month stay and 25% will need three years or more. Options to paying for these services include paying as you use them, qualifying for Medical Assistance, using Medicare [or managed care] coverage, purchasing long term care insurance, or moving to a Continuing Care Retirement facility with a life care contract.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Does Volunteer Service Make A Difference?

Born in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service club. For 97 year members have derived personal fulfillment by serving the clubs, vocations, communities and international family to which they belong. Sometimes that service is personal, as we exhibit the Rotary lifestyle in our nuclear families, businesses and home towns. Sometimes we get together as a club to implement a larger project to benefit our communities. And, sometimes we mobilize our collective power as an international force for good, to make a difference globally. The quest for world peace through the programs of The Rotary Foundation and the quest for the eradication of poliomyelitis through the PolioPlus effort are examples of collective power. Yes, service **does** make a difference. Next week: *The implementation and mobilization of collective power.*

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gustavo Giacomini - Palhoca, Brazil
Hosts: James and Linda Hicks
1072 Glenn Hall Rd. Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-347-2134
Unionville High School

Future host families are needed.
Please contact Joe Polito or Linda Hicks.

NEW MEMBERS

The following people have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members. They are:

Deborah Ellenberg sponsored by Jeff Sommer; Classification: Business Service-Health Promotion
Marie Holland sponsored by Carol Metzger; Classification: Business Service-Telecommunications.

Written objections must be received by Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice otherwise a date will be set for his induction.

ROAMING ROTARIANS

Clifford DeBaptiste Downingtown, Central
Chester County, WE-GO,
GWC Sunrise
Patricia Kotsay GWC Sunrise.

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***** DATES TO REMEMBER *****

October 26 Road cleanup

"HOW TO GET IN TOUCH"

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