



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester  
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**\*\*\*Canceled due to Snow\*\*\***

**This Week's Program: December 5**  
**Speaker: Lydia Gemmer**  
**Friends Life Care at Home**  
Arranged by Charles Bradford

**Next Week's Program: December 12**  
**Classification Talks**

Arranged by John Kehner

### MINUTES by Sid Rabin

The Bell rang at precisely 12:30 to initiate a sterling Rotary meeting. President Carl signaled for the singing of America. This was followed by an inspiring invocation rendered by Mark Von Hecht.

Visiting Rotarians, John Saling (GW.C.Sunrise), Mary Mosley (GWC Sunrise), and Peter Manning Smith (Phila.) were acknowledged and welcomed.

Kevin Quinn introduced his guest Charles Davies who is a prospective member and Paula Ott presented her guest Steve Riley.

Annalie Lorgus donated \$5.00 in honor of her son's birthday since he was born 5 minutes after a Rotary meeting. She also made an announcement, accompanied by a written invitation to attend a holiday "Open House" on Friday Dec. 13th from 5 to 8 PM. Guests are asked to bring desert or a Beverage to share, as well as a Donation for the polio Eradication fund. Thank you Annalie!

Jim Gasho, asked for 5 more members to help ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

Ken Hickman spoke eloquently about Brian's Run to inform the younger members about the significance of this unique West Chester event. Ask Ken, who needs lots and lots of volunteers, if you want to know more about the history. He also left sign up sheets. The money raised, which is considerable, goes to aid many paraplegics.

Mark Sammarone reminded all about "Chamber Day." He asked for any potential volunteer to reach him at 610 696 4046. President Carl thanked Mark for all he has done to help make our Rotary Web Page a success.

Carol Hanson spoke about the "Peacemaker Program" which also needs funding and emphasized that this is Rotary Foundation Month and the goal for our club should reach about \$100 per member. Steve Karp rose and asked for help delivering the goods for "Operation

Warm".He informed us that 740 coats have already been distributed. At least a dozen, and maybe more, Rotarians volunteered to reconnoiter at Duie Pyles and see if they could expedite the delivery of 540 more coats to keep kids without 'em, warm this winter. Operation was a success. All of these new coats were purchased for distribution by Tom Musser. Rotary is proud to have friends like Tom and proud to be able to give these children warmth for the winter. Charles Streitwieser won the 50/50 Pot of Gold and gave the \$20 back to the charity. He then ruined the suspense for the rest of us by pulling the Queen of Spades and winning the \$352 in the Pot.

### ***It's The Third Week Of Rotary Foundation Month...How Are We Doing?***

That question is really directed at two "hoped for" answers. First, we hope that each Rotarian is responding to his or her club president with a personal gift to The Rotary Foundation for this year. Is your club thermometer approaching 50% participation and 50% goal achievement now that half of the month is gone? Remember, the annual Programs of The Rotary Foundation are aimed at world peace, Rotary's 97-year ambitious undertaking. And, second, has your Rotary club decided on a community project that will allow your neighbors to buy in to our *Peacemaker* and poliomyelitis eradication efforts? To share that privilege is, in and of itself, an expression of selflessness. As leaders in the world of business, Rotarians have become skilled at attracting support from the public and private sectors. Is it unrealistic to hope that, through our clubs in our communities, we will collectively and creatively exceed the financial challenges confronting District 7450 this year?

## **SPEAKER'S REVIEW** by Faith Woodward

Bob Poole presented today's program. Polio eradication has been a major concern of Bob's as well as the Peacemakers Program he was instrumental in developing. He extended thanks to the following Rotarians who helped stuff the mailing that went out to all members recently: *Joe Polito, Jack Wintermute, Vernon Brewer, Duke Evans, Patricia Kotsay, Paul Rodebaugh, Deb Ellenburg, Paula Ott, and Bud Deaver.* In 1985, Bob was told that Rotarians were a bunch of fools if they thought they could eradicate polio. After all, the UN was celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and the World Health Organization had been trying for 12 years to eradicate polio. 5% of the world's children still remained to be immunized. PDG, Ken Erdman said it was ridiculous to try this hopeless undertaking. In spite of its minuscule size (only 1 person in every 7000 is a Rotarian), RI received the highest recognition from the Centers for Disease Control. Rotary has impacted history in a unique way. Quoting Margaret Mead, Bob said, "A small group of people committed to an idea can turn the world around." Paul Harris wanted to recruit leaders and hence we can handle people and set goals. Through collective action we have two programs Polio Plus and Peacemakers. Through Coalition building we have been able to add DPT to the immunizations. The governments of US, Canada, England, Japan, and Austria have given \$1.5 billion for the project. Bill Gates has given a \$25 million matching grant. The statistics show that since 1988, we have prevented polio for 4 million children. \$275 million is needed by 2005. Polio is still endemic in 10 countries. Civil wars often inhibit distribution. Bob has been confronted directly by the affects of polio since a friend with polio who was a quadriplegic had to type with a stick in his mouth. Regarding Peacemakers, Bob feels everyone complains about war but does nothing to stop it. The gap between the wealthy and the poor is a major cause of war. Rotary has several programs for peace, including Ambassadorial Scholars and peace teams. Rotary workers help developing countries build social systems and to spread the wealth. We have two funds we are working on at the same time- Polio Plus and Peacemakers. Get your neighbors to help and to become members. Each district is expected to provide \$400,00 over three years which is \$66 per capita over three years. Please make a pledge before May 1. Peacemakers expects \$250,000/year which is \$110 per Rotarian. "Over the Top, Down Under" will be the name of the gathering in Brisbane in hopes of attaining our goal.

## **ROAMING ROTARIANS**

Geoff Baker	Chesterbrook
Lance Knauth	Vanlandingham
Craig Scott	Sanibel-Captiva
Tom Spackman	?

## **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.

## **PEACEMAKERS DONATIONS**

THANKS to the following people, who represent 16% of our membership, for helping us reach 17% of our goal of \$13,600.

Madeleine Wing Adler, Amos Bassett, Vernon Brewer, Lee Bunting, Demetrios Cidis, Joe Cunnane, Steve Founds, Steve Godsall-Myers, Bob Gotwalls, Joe Hamel, Carol Hanson, Rich Kauffman, John Kehner, Fran Luft, John Olszewski, Cathy Palmquist, Steve Quigley, John Schwab, Don Stonestrom, Tom Varley, Michelle Venema, Bob Weist.

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Dec. 8 Brian's Run  
Dec 12 Board meeting

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