



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: December 26
Speaker: Steve Crum
Goodwill Fire Company
Arranged by Linda Hicks

Next Week's Program: January 2, 2003
Speaker: Don Price--Senior V.P. (Retired)
Wawa--From Dairy Farm to Super Convenience Stores
Introduced by--Dave Wood

MINUTES by Bill Badnaruk

The meeting started with a riddle: How many Rotarians does it take to turn on a microphone? Answer-4. One to plug it in and three to fill out the committee!

Ash Smith offered the invocation by reading a prayer that his mother had composed in the mid 1940s.

Visiting Rotarians were Bill Hicks (WEGO), and John Saling (Sunrise). Guests included Ralph Freed's daughter and son-in-law, Lil George's granddaughter, and two others who's names I missed. Birthdays were celebrated en-mass. The honorees were, Annalie Lorgus, Bruce Catando, Ken Hickman, Bob Clark, Tom Varley, Steve Karp, and Charles Streitwieser. Each was relieved of the obligatory five bucks and sent home with a key chain.

It was announced that the recipient of the fruit sale proceeds for this coming year will be The Center for Hearing and Deafness. Don't miss the big kickoff on January 16th! (Speaking of kickoffs.... Go Eagles!)

Steve Karp reported on the success of operation warm. 740 coats were delivered to those in need. 42 went to children in the West Chester Schools. Joe Polito went a little over budget in buying the coats so we passed the hat to make up the difference. The following were recognized for their efforts in helping to make this worthwhile effort a big success: Lee Bunting, Bud Deaver, Victoria Dow, Steve Godsall-myers, Joe Hamel, Gary Hewitt, Patty Jefferis, Adrienne Masak, John Olszewski, Steve Quigley, Paul Woodruff, Sid Rabin, John Schwab, Jack Wintermute, Joe Polito, Steve Devine, Lance Knauth, Jim Gasho, and Mark Vonhacht.

Joe Polito also put out the request again for a host family for out exchange student, Gustavo Giacomini. We need to find him a home in the Unionville School District SOON. It is only for 3 months. If you know of anyone who might be able to open their home to Gustavo please contact Joe Polito as soon as possible.

President Carl presided over the election of next year's Board and Offices, all of whom were unanimously approved. He also gave a special thank you to the food manager of the Elk's club. The 50/50 was won by Ralph Freed's son-in-law who happens to be from Las Vegas The Queen of Spades remained hidden though, so the jackpot grows.

Al Filano presided over the induction of new members. Even though the business meeting was running

overtime no one minded as this is always a great occasion when new blood is infused into the club. Bill Winters presented Michael Alfonsi. Michael is a former Rotarian who has returned to the fold. He is a financial consultant with a very impressive resume. Steve Quigley presented Jessie Pincus. Jessie has an equally impressive resume, and serves on the Board of the West Chester Area School District and the W. C. U. Council of Trustees as well as other endeavors. AL implored them to keep a positive attitude and to make a difference as he welcomed the two most important members of the club.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Bruce Catando

Today's program was arranged and introduced by John Kehner. Mark Sammarone was first to give his classification talk. Mark was born and raised in the Pittsburgh eastern suburbs He has an older sister and a younger brother. He is married to Tracy and has an 8 year old daughter, Chelsea. His parents are first generation Italians who taught him to always do the right thing, including participating in the community and keeping strong family ties. His parents experienced prejudice that alot of Italian immigrants experienced and as a result they worked very hard to fit in and make the kids feel normal. Mark attended a small public school. with a class of 73. Being in a small school was important in binding the community together and shaping an atmosphere of accountability. Mom taught at the school and dad was on the school board. Teachers not only knew the students, but also the parents. Through some circumstances Mark ended up at West Chester State College (WCU). Mark felt that during this time in his life he really blossomed. He earned a BA in speech communications with a concentration in bussiness communications. It was the faculty and experiences that he encountered at WCU that most shaped a significant portion of his perspective on the world. Professors Dr. Anita Foeman, Dr. Garrett, Dr. Verno were all very influential in his life.

After graduation Mark spent a decade managing stores for Radio Shack all over the area. He entered the insurance business in1992, at the prompting of a good friend and customer. He joined Arthur Hall Insurance in 2000, after working with Jackie VanGrofski on several community projects. Community work continues to be important to Mark. This is his eighth year on the Greater West Chester Chamber board. He is also president of the Chester County Interlink board.

He is amazed at the vibrancy of the West Chester area. There are so many people committed to giving back to the community. He feels there is a special atmosphere here and

is honored to work and live in what is sure to be remembered as a "Great time to live in West Chester".

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Scott Scrivner began his talk by declaring he was pleased to be accepted by the best Rotary Club in PA. He thanked Patti Jefferis for sponsoring him, a fifth generation Californian. His various ancestors were drawn by the Gold Rush, establishing a lumber mill, escaping a multi-wifed Mormon, and farming olive and almond orchards. All of these families had offspring who attended The University of California at Berkeley but Scott chose The University of CA at LA. Scott has had a few run-ins with natural disasters. Having lived in many different cities in California, Scott's family lived for awhile in Idaho where they set up a restaurant. There they experienced the worst winter since 1910. Business was great until the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1978 and the family ended up losing the restaurant. Scott began to sell insurance at the age of 18 and worked his way through college. A diehard Raider's fan, he experienced the Loma Perita earthquake while attending a game at Candlestick Park. Years later, when the Nor'easter of 1994 hit, they were closing of their house...At the age of 23, Scott went to work in Denali National Park. He was the dining room manager and loved this beautiful spot in Alaska. There, Mt. McKinley was an inspiring place for him and Scott strongly suggests that we not wait to enjoy our national parks.

After returning to the Bay area of California, he met and married his Hartford Insurance underwriter. She then switched to CIGNA and was transferred to Chicago. Here their daughter, Ashley was born. She is now nine years old and attends Collegium Charter School as a fourth grader. Scott and his family have lived here for over eight years. After 20 moves in 40 years, Scott is glad to settle down in West Chester with its small town feel.

His hobbies include golf (he was the Marshall at two US Opens) and he has played in 30 states. Working on the SEI Classic with other Rotarians this summer was very rewarding. He loves to cook and plays the guitar.

Recently, he joined the New England Financial Group as a Senior Advisor. He believes that financial planning should emphasize the word planning and not be driven by selling the products. He loves people and helping them reach their goals. Scott looks forward to working on the Polio Eradication committee and sharing his ideas to involve the entire community in this effort.

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GUNDAKER BENEFIT

On Thursday, March 6, at 8:00 PM, Rotary District 7450 is hosting a presentation of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Media Theatre for the Performing Arts. This event is the Rotary District Party with any profits going to the Gundaker Foundation. Tickets are \$30 each and are available now in a limited supply. See Gary Hess for tickets.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gustavo Giacomini - Palhoca, Brazil
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