



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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<p>This Week's Program: January 2, 2003 Speaker: Don Price--Senior V.P. (Retired) Wawa--From Dairy Farm to Super Convenience Stores Arranged by Ron Ginns</p>	<p>Next Week's Program: January 9, 2003 Juvenile Probation Arranged by Paula Ott</p>
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MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Carl started the meeting at 12:35; the invocation was given by Victoria Dow. Pres. Carl welcomed all and hoped we all had had a good holiday.

Mike Alfonsi introduced three visiting Rotarians: John Saling, Mary Mosley and Joe Kahn.

A number of members brought guests along today. At the international table were Adrienne Masak and her mother and sister-in-law from Toronto. Ron Ginns introduced a guest and prospective member (we hope?) originally from Australia. Lil Georg introduced two members of Good Will Fire Company. John Schwab had a guest along, as did Gary Hewitt. Phil Sacks introduced his daughter Chelsea, who is a newly licensed PA driver (congratulations!). There was only one birthday to celebrate. Annalie Lorgus wished John Schwab a happy birthday by naming him the "nicest person" she knows.

We almost got away without any announcements, but Annalie Lorgus was desperate to get rid of a tray left at the party. She also has pictures from said party.

Pres. Carl went on to share several comments. There are two task forces currently at work. One is creating a long range plan for the club; the other is looking at establishing allocations guidelines and the possibility of creating a club foundation.

Many thanks to Steve Karp and Joe Polito for their work on Operation Warm. They created some great publicity for the club in a recent DLN photo.

From the DG's newsletter: our club was one of the top fundraisers for this year's Phillies Night.

Please remember to include our exchange student Gustavo in events and activities.

The Pot o' Gold (all \$17) was won by Tom Varley, 'tho he did not find the Queen.

Finally, Sid Rabin led us in a rousing rendition of Jingle Bells and proved that his voice is in as good a form as ever. Bravo.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Lil Georg introduced Steve Crum from Good Will Fire Company. Their capital campaign entitled "Building to Save Lives" will enable them to build a new home for the all-volunteer company now on Gay Street across from Spence's Café.

Their mission is to save lives, protect property, and serve everyone in the West Chester area with the best trained personnel and highest quality equipment.

Founded in 1833, they purchased their first pumper vehicle four years later. The fire house on Gay Street was built in 1897. Renovations have been made throughout the years including a Bell Telephone alarm system in 1931 and a two-way radio system in 1956.

In 1970, they voted to allow 16 year olds as volunteers and in 1983 purchased more land behind their present property.

They have 38 active volunteers who take care of residential fires, industrial fires, traffic accidents, HAZMAT spills, and educating the public through many ways including school visits and birthday parties. They also give mutual aid to other fire companies from Longwood to Delaware County.

Their two pumpers, a squad vehicle and an air/light unit make up their vehicle roster.

Each year they serve more and more people. In 2002 they have made 600 responses. The population growth in the area has surged from 46,500 in 1980 to 65,00 now.

Both Fame Fire Company and First West Chester have moved to new homes. The present facility is over 105 years old, can't expand, can't serve a growing population and is outdated. The trucks have to park too close together to fit in their present space and there is no storage space.

Traffic in town makes it difficult for volunteers to get to the fire house and then even more difficult to get the trucks out. Fortunately the bank has allowed them three parking spaces but that's not enough to meet their needs.

New property on E. Union and Bolmar Streets has been purchased. This "brownfield" property (contaminated with chemicals) has been cleaned. Here there will be 45 parking spaces and better access to roads. The cost of the new building is estimated at \$1,800,000. They have assets of \$1,150,00. Having a commitment for \$400,00 already, they need another \$250,000. Alberto has purchased the present fire company site.

Honorary chairmen are Clifford DeBaptiste, Charlie Swope, and Elinor Taylor.

Please help support them in this campaign.

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PEACEMAKERS DONATIONS

THANKS to the following people, for helping us work towards our goal of \$13,600.

Madeleine Adler, Linda Antonowich, Amos Bassett, Dave Biffen, Kristi Blake, Vernon Brewer, Bill Bunch, LeeBunting, Sue Casso, Demetrios Cidis, Joe Cunnane, Joe DellaVecchia, Steve Devine, Steve Founds, Lil Georg, Steve Godsall-Myers, Bill Gotwals, Joe Hamel, Carol Hanson, Gary Hewitt, Irvie Hoffman, Rich Kauffman, John Kehner, Lance Knauth, Dan Knueppel, Fran Luft, Chris McCawley,

Carol Metzker, Eric Metzker, John Olszewski, Cathy Palmquist, Bob Poole, Steve Quigley, Bob Rogers, Mark Sammarone, Les Schramm, John Schwab, Craig Scott, Don Stonestrom, Joanne Tadeo, Tom Varley, Michelle Venema,

Bob Weist, Carl Werner, Bill Winters, Grant Wood, Faith Woodward

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

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.

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As the purse is emptied the heart is filled.

Victor Hugo (1802-1885)

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Happy New Year!