



# ROTARY VOTARY

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<p><b>This Week's Program: January 23, 2003</b>  <b>Chester County Hospital</b>  <b>Cardio Vascular Center</b>  <b>Speaker: Dr. Verdi J. Di Sesa</b>          Arranged by <b>Jean Oakes</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week's Program: January 30, 2003</b>  <b>Classification Talks</b>  <b>Speakers: Demetrios Cidis and Wes Firkin</b>          Arranged <b>John Kehner</b></p>
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## MINUTES by Fran Luft

The invocation was given by Jack Cording.

There were 3 visiting Rotarians: Bob Bielski (WEGO), Frank Roia (WEGO) and Robert Young (GWCSunrise). Guests present were Shannon Cassidy, Dave Rayburn, John Messersmith, Charles Davies, and a guest of Ralph Freed.

Steve Karp announced that Rotary received several thank you notes from the families who received coats from Operation Warm.

On Thursday, March 6th at 8 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.

Annalie Lorgus wished Bob Poole a Happy Birthday!

Phil Sacks announced a raffle of a Richard Bollinger print to benefit Polio Plus. The print is worth \$650 and chances are \$10 each. The drawing will be February 26th.

Peacemakers has only reached 57% of its goal according to Carol Hanson.

Jack Wintermuth announced that it is now time to nominate organizations to receive profits from the Pot Of Gold. Organizations which have already

received money from this raffle are not eligible. Sheets will be placed on the tables at Rotary. Please help to nominate worthy organizations. The Pot Of Gold Was won by Bob Rodgers. He selected the Queen Of Spads and won an additional \$141. The grand finale was a rousing chorus of "Fly Eagles Fly" by Steve Karp.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW by John Olszewski

The Fruit Sale Committee presented the kickoff for the 2003 **Citrus Bowl** competition. Joe Polito introduced the beneficiary for this year's fruit sale – **Center on Hearing and Deafness (CHAD)**. Bill Lockard, Executive Director of CHAD, expressed his deep appreciation for the honor of being this year's recipient. He was humbled by comparison to the other organizations that were considered, and he pledged to continue to serve with other organizations like these as CHAD pursues its mission.

Bill introduced Yashira Colon, a woman who is deaf and visually impaired and who has benefited from the support of CHAD. Shari told her story, in sign language. (CHAD Board Member, Rev. Beth Lockard, translated for the audience.) Shari told of her being welcomed and supported by CHAD -- both materially with the different equipment she received to make day to day living easier and spiritually to help her adjust to the constraints in her life. She told of various vibrating and flashing tools to get her attention where normally people have sound signals, such as with doorbells and telephones. Shari also thanked CHAD for introducing her to a wider circle of similarly impaired persons. Also attending from CHAD were Jim Ferrier, President, and Jim Mayrides, Vice President.

Then the program was turned over to "Coach Karp" to introduce the **Citrus Bowl competition**. The club membership is divided into twelve balanced teams, each led by a very accomplished fruit seller, supported by members who have made sales in the past, and completed by members whose potential has not yet been recognized. Joe Polito, Bob Poole and Don



