



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: February 20, 2003
Speaker: Lydia Gemmer
Friends Life Care at Home
arranged by Charles Bradford

Next Week's Program: February 27, 2003
Soeaker: Susan Smith
Devereux Kanner Center
arranged by Lil Georg

MINUTES by Steve Karp

PRESIDENT CARL called our special meeting today to order at 12:30pm. The invocation was beautifully given by AMOS BASSETT. Visiting Rotarians included Bill Hicks (WE-GO), Sally Miller (Skyline-Alexandria), John Saling (WC Sunrise), Art Colley (Downingtown) and JIM GASHO. Guests included the following: Mr. Messersmith, Charles Davies, Shannon Cassidy, Dave Rayburn. JOE POLITOS' birthday was presented elegantly by DEB ELLENBERG. JIM GASHO was fined for looking ridiculous during a rotary function years back. JACK WINTERMUTE presented the evidence and fined JIM \$5.

An update was given on the fruit sale competition by JOHN OLSWESZKI and STEVE KARP. JEAN OAKES team was awarded the halftime gold medal followed by Team CAROL HANSON with the silver. The CITRUS BOWL continues to Feb. 27th. Please continue to sell fruit. It's the 4th quarter and we can't let up yet. KEEP PUSHING FRUIT!!!

University Theater Nite is Feb 20th. The Laramie Project preceded by the presidents' reception at 6:45pm.

Gundaker Meeting June 2nd at Chester Valley in Malvern.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is slated for March 6th. Please see GARY HESS for more information.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Victoria Dow

President Carl Werner introduced District Governor Dan Guyon. The first order of business was to induct new members. Steve Riley, sponsored by Paula Ott, and John Messersmith, Charles Davies, and Bronwen Martin all sponsored by Carl Werner received their packets and pins.

DG Guyon welcomed our new members into Rotary, a fellowship of business people, with a motto of "service above self." That motto is expressed through our four avenues of service; in this Rotary club that is through raising funds and giving time. Our newest members will gain personal satisfaction from participating in this club's projects and in supporting Rotary Foundation. In a side note, DG Guyon pointed out that this club is now the biggest in the District.

He also recognized two of our club members for their service to the District: Sue Casso, who chaired the district conference Promotion Committee, and Bob Rogers who has served as Assistant District Governor for three years.

DG Guyon noted that each month has a theme in Rotary; they serve to encourage us to remember Rotary's various programs and projects. World Community Service month focuses on Rotary's projects meant to help people around the world. There are easy projects to join in, like collecting eye glasses or cancelled stamps.

One of the most pressing problems in the world is providing clean water and food to people. DG Guyon had an opportunity to hear that directly from a Rotary member from the Ivory Coast. To that end Rotary supports projects around the world to bring wells and filtration systems to communities, such as in Bangladesh and an orphanage in Rumania. Often another project will piggy-back on a major one like the above: for example the Quilts for Kids program will be able to send quilts to the children in the orphanage via the company that is supplying the filtration system.

Our District has a GSE team coming here from Brazil in early April; our team will go in May. DG Guyon encouraged us all to make an effort to meet the member of the incoming team. They will be here for four weeks.

The major RI project for this year has turned out to be Polio Eradication. There are still about eight countries where polio is still active. RI's share of the entire cost is \$80 million and the hope is that this push will be the one to finally eradicate polio. Other projects took a bit of a back seat to Polio Eradication, such as support for literacy projects and funding for the Avoidable Blindness program. At the same time as we support all these programs and Polio Eradication, DG Guyon reminded us that the Peacemakers' Campaign is still active and needs our support. Also active in our District is the Gundaker Foundation which receives matching funds from Rotary Foundation. Gundaker funds the largest part of the Youth Exchange program in the District, thus freeing up foundation funds for other projects. DG Guyon reminded us all that with all these programs and projects to assist communities both close to home and around the world. Rotary truly is the largest service organization in the world.

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ROAMING ROTARIANS

Joe Peta	Ft. Myers, FL
Craig Scott	Sanibel-Captiva, FL x2
Grant Wood	GWC Sunrise

FRUIT SALE UPDATE

Fruit Sales are coming in. The best performing team as of 2-13 was still Team 6 Jean Oakes' team having sold 71.3 cases. So far 570.2 cases have been sold. Keep up the good work and we can double that!

How is your team doing?
You can see the results on line.

FRUIT SALE REMINDER

Only one week left
Orders must be received by Feb. 28
Bring to the meeting, or mail to:

West Chester Rotary
P.O. Box 743
West Chester, PA 19381

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gustavo Giacomini - Palhoca, Brazil
Hosts: James and Linda Hicks 610-347-2134
1072 Glenn Hall Rd. Kennett Square, PA 19348
Unionville High School
Future host families are needed.
Please contact Joe Polito or Linda Hicks

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 20 "The Laramie Project" at WCU
6:45 Reception 8:00 Drama
Feb 27 Polio Eradication Committee
Feb 27 Drawing for Bollinger print
Mar 6 Rotary at Media Theatre for
Gundaker: Joseph's Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat 8:00 PM
May 20 - W.C.Community Night at the Blue
Rocks
June 2 District 7450 Golf Outing
June 5 - Rotary Club of West Chester in
the Cafe @ the Blue Rocks.

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