



Lend a Hand

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program : July 17, 2003

Speaker: Malcolm Johnstone, Exec. Dir. BID

Wayfinding Project

Arranged by Tim Phelps

Next Week's Program: July 24, 2003

Speaker: Alray Johnson, President

Don't Do DAT (Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)

Arranged by Dick Yoder

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Charles opened the meeting and Tim Phelps gave the invocation entitled "The Parable of the Pencil."

Visiting Rotarians were V.J.Theodorides from GWC Sunrise and Ron Schneider from Florida. He shared his banner with us.

Guests were: Pat Devon with Scott Scrivner, Paul Romer with Mike Alfonsi, Jason Wintermute with Dad,Jack, Esther Brown with Steve Riley, Chris Feryo with Gary Hess, Shamus Lavin with Joe Polito.

Deb Ellenberg called up many birthday celebrants but only the following were present: Wes Firkin, Bob Frame, Patti Jefferis, Charles Streitwieser, and Steve Quigley. Bob Frame led us in "Happy Birthday" and each found something nice to say about the other.

Geoff Baker announced that Youth Exchange 2003-2004 needs one more student home for a young man from Peru.

Charles Streitwieser thanked Bill Winters for extending his hospitality at Broadlawns for the President's Party.

Joe Peta made a last call for Phillies tickets for July 30. See Charles if you need tickets.

Terry McGrath found that quite a few people were available to do a trash pick-up on a Tuesday rather than Saturday this time. It counts as a make-up meeting!

The Pot of Gold was won by Ralph Freed but he did not win the big pot.

President Charles reminded everyone that committee selections could be found on the web site (www.WestChesterRotary.us)

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Paula Ott, who arranged today's program, informed us that alternative resolutions are sought by Family Court to help families remain whole. She introduced Melanie McAteer, Court Administrator for Family Court. Melanie said that if a divorcing family cannot resolve its own issues, there is Parenting Mediation and Conciliation available. First, a Parenting class is presented in which the two parents are in different sessions to enhance candor. Discipline may be different in each household after a divorce and it is helpful to decide in advance how discipline will be handled. Custody and support are two separate issues and the children should not be dragged into discussions of child support or new partners. Medication is a low cost (about \$75) choice wherein a third party helps make the decisions but individuals have a lot of input. There is a two-hour, non-record, session without a lawyer. This is quite different from a custody trial.

Custody conciliation involves a court officer who has been appointed by the court to make decisions such as the arrangement of hours of visitation and holiday time, or who picks up the children from sports, etc. This is the last chance to have input in the decisions.

Legal custody permits no input from the parents. The court decides where the child will live and go to school. If there is pathology of drugs or alcohol, there can be an evaluation or therapy for the child.

A custody trial is the least favorite choice. It is time consuming and expensive. The Judge makes the final decision. The Family Court has an average of 70 cases a month and about 15 each year go to a full custody trial.

One can always go to a judge later to effect changes as the child grows and has different needs. The mother does not always get custody. Each case is molded for each family with the hope that the child will not get involved with any other branches of the court.

It is difficult to protect children from new relationships that may be harmful that a divorced parent develops. If a former spouse thinks it's a bad scenario for the child, he or she can go to court for help. It is possible to prohibit child visits while the date is there.

Family Court is in session six hours a day, four days a week.

PAY UP

Annual dues for the 2003-2004 year are now due. Dues made be paid annually at \$180.00, or semi-annually at \$90.00 due now, and \$90.00 due on January 1, 2004.

Please either hand your check to Patricia Kotsay at the meeting or mail it to the address below. Please make the check payable to Rotary Club of West Chester.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30 – Rotary Foundation Ball Game
Sept. 13 - Rotary of West Chester Day
at WCU Football - 1 p.m. kick-off
Sept. 14 - Rotary of West Chester/WCU
International Student Welcome
Picnic 5PM
Oct. 5 - Chili Cook-Off

VISITING ROTARIANS

Last week

Bruce Grubb Hampton Roads, VA
Roger Tellefsen GWCSunrise

WEBSITE

You can find all the following features at our website.

1. This week and next week's program information.
2. This week's Votary newsletter and an archive back to October 2002

3. Photos! of WC Rotarians in action.
4. Forms and handouts for current and future activities.
5. A link to other Rotary clubs in our area to find a make-up meeting.
6. Link to the On-line Rotary club where you can make up a meeting on the internet.
7. E-Post cards! Send a rotary post card to a friend by e-mail.
8. Committee Assignments

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