



Lend a Hand



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program : July 31, 2003
Speaker: Esther Brown, Executive Director
Chester County Cares
Arranged by Steven Riley

Next Week's Program: August 7, 2003
Speaker: Carol Metzker
Into India
Arranged by Carol Hanson

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

President Charles opened the meeting, we sang America, and Andy Close gave the invocation "What's Your Tent?" (Content or Discontent).

President Charles informed us that Past District Governor, Arnold Graf regards us as the #1 club in the area.

Our sole Visiting Rotarian was presented by Mike Steinberger –Frank Roja from WEGO.

Dave introduced his guest Whitney Collins, Sue Casso introduced Connie Bompadre, Dick Yoder introduced Alray Johnson, and Vic Abdula introduced Joe Stubblebine.

Birthday wishes were given to Joe Dellavecchia by Joe Polito and to Trish Kotsay by Debbie Ellenberg.

Carol Metzker announced that the theme of the speakers this Rotary year will be "Making a Lasting Difference." Programs are all booked for the year and thanks are extended to Linda Hicks for her committee leadership last year.

Judy Ray presented the club with three banners from her visits to the Clayton Club, the Mid St. Louis Club, and Club 11 all in the St. Louis area.

Gary Hess announced the Gundaker Quilt Raffle. The quilt was made in Intercourse and is earth tones on beige. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or 1 for \$1.

The Pot of Gold wining ticket was pulled by Alray Johnson for Pat Bradley. Proceeds will go to West Chester Friends School.

Dick Yoder introduced Alray Johnson, today's speaker. This former student of Dick's was outstanding in both football and wrestling. Alray is the President, CEO, and creator of the program "Don't Do DAT" (Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco). A High School teacher in Downingtown, Alray grew up in Pottstown and in 1968 came to WC where he had Dick Yoder as a coach. Dick Yoder has made a difference in his life!

Alray was video filming presentations proclaiming the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by various organizations and realized they all had a similar message and approach. He decided to tie all three together and began his campaign. These three substances can ruin one's life and certainly Alray saw several family members' lives destroyed this way. He can't remember a time when his father was sober. At the age of 7, Alray was put in a foster home that made a positive difference in his life, yet even his foster father died of alcoholism.

The message that Alray delivers to students is how to be positive and stay away from substances. He has presented his message to over 24,00 students using a one-on-one method. Kids are involved to create the programs and to mentor other kids. The program can be used for grades kindergarten to 12th and even for college age students.

Alray looks for students who are doing positive things in their lives. Actually 70 to 75% of kids don't use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. In two years, 5,000 students have signed pledges to stay away from drugs,

alcohol, and tobacco. Seventeen schools have received his presentation in Chester County. Although he has applied for grants, he has not received any. Rotary member, Sally Miller from West Chester Friends School offered her assistance in the future. His organization is always looking for more volunteers. Please visit www.dontdodat.org for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Alice M. Thomas, West Chester Area School District; Classification: Education-Public/Guidance; sponsored by Cliff De Baptiste.

Seamus M. Lavin, Goldberg, Meanix & Muth; Classification: Professional-Legal/ Litigation; sponsored by Joe Polito.

Whitney Collins, Ashley & Whitney; Classification: Business-Retail/ Home Fashions Boutique; sponsored by Dave Rayburn.

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for their inductions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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. 3-5 – District Conference

Oct. 5 - Chili Cook-Off

ROAMING ROTARIANS

Judith Ray Clayton, Missouri
Rotary Club of St. Louis
Mid-St. Louis County

Steve Founds WEGO
Lance Knauth West Chester Sunrise
Paul Woodruff Petoskey

WEBSITE

Committee assignments can be found on our website, www.WestChesterRotary.us

Did you know you could send a Rotary postcard through our web site? Send one to a friend who hasn't been to a meeting for a while to let him or her know he or she was missed!

VOTARY VIA THE WEB

If you miss a meeting, you can read the latest few copies of the Votary on our web site www.WestChesterRotary.us. If you haven't given us an e-mail address, we assume you do not have e-mail and a copy of the Votary will be mailed to you.

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