



Lend a Hand

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Jonathan Majiyabe, International President 2003-2004



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**August 7, 2003**

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

**Next Week's Program: August 14, 2003  
Classification Talks  
Speakers: Judith Ray and Stephen Riley  
Arranged by John Kehner**

## **MINUTES by Craig Kalemjian**

President Charles opened the meeting followed by our traditional singing of "America". For the invocation Bob Connolly recited some verse from "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success" by Dopak Chopra.

Christopher Feryo introduced Visiting Rotarians Phil Schaeffer from Newtown Square and Bill McDougall from Longwood.

Finemaster Jack Wintermute levied \$1.00 fines to: Bronwyn Martin for appearing in two photographs in the Daily Local News without wearing a Rotary Pin or mentioning Rotary; Steve Karp for Rotary Mailing List violations; and Joe DellaVecchia and Charlie Davies for appearing on the wrong placemats.

Various Club Members introduced the following visitors: Scott and Betsy Zukin from West Chester; Besime Dauti, Branch Manager of Equity Bank; Chaya Scott, Boy Scouts of American Leasing for Life Program; Esther Brown, Chester County Cares.

For improving our website Mark Sammarone was named Rotarian of the Month. Our Special Flag Presentation featured Adrienne Masak presenting us with a club flag from the Rotary Club of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Scott Scrivener again announced our major fundraising project this year, the Chili Cook-Off which is less than 60 days away. A large amount of free promotion of this event will be donated by the Daily Local News and Main Line Times.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Jim Gasho**

Rotarian Steve Riley introduced our speaker, Esther Brown. Esther is the Executive Director of Chester County Cares. She is a

graduate of Immaculata College with a Master's Degree from West Chester University, and a long time employee of Brandywine Hospital. Esther also is the 2001 recipient of the March of Dimes, Health Achievement of the Year.

In 1953 The Health and Welfare Council was started in Chester County to help fill the gaps in services for needy county individuals. This was the beginning of the Community Service Council of Chester County. In 1989 the name was changed to Chester County Cares. Chester County Cares provides a direct service line for needy individuals and families of Chester County, "not a hand out, but a hand up."

The programs are comprised of:

1. Cares Information and Referral – Provides confidential, bilingual information & referral by telephone, as well as in person social service planning for people in need.
2. Homeless Prevention – Provides case management, budget planning, and emergency housing assistance. Over 136 individuals were helped this year.
3. Food Programs – Serves as the lead agency in Chester County, administering public funding to the thirty-three food cupboards in the county, provides a food bank at its West Chester office, and manages the Chester County Gleaning Program. Last year over 25,000 people were helped.
4. Basic Needs Emergency Fund – Provides emergency funding for basic needs, such as medical prescriptions, car repairs, and funeral expenses.
5. Utility Assistance -- Screens applicants to

determine eligibility for emergency utility grants from PECO Energy Co. and Philadelphia Suburban Water Co., and assists applicants with budget planning to reduce chronic utility problems.

6. Adopt-a-family – Identifies companies willing to provide food and other necessities during the holiday season and links donor companies with a needy family. This project has grown to over 150 families.

Chester County Cares values keeping the human spirit strong and maintaining its dignity, particularly for those who are without adequate resources to support their basic human needs. Chester County Cares is committed to maintaining a high quality of life for all county residents through direct service as well as services to other providers and county planners. Chester County Cares is the leading voice of advocacy for the health and human service needs to the residents of Chester County on behalf of the residents of the county.

Chester County Cares will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this next year: “50 Years of Caring.” Remember, Chester County Cares is not a “hand out, but a hand up!”

Our President Charles thanked Esther for a very interesting program.

### **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**

Adrienne Masak – Hobbs, New Mexico  
Annalie Lorgus- GWC Sunrise  
Cliff DeBaptiste Central Chester Cty, WEGO, Downingtown

### **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 three (3) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for their inductions.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST CHESTER - DISTRICT 7450**

Charles Streitwieser, President; Steve Quigley, President-Elect; Gary Hewitt Vice-President; Carl Werner, Past President; Patricia Kotsay, Secretary; Victoria Dow, Assistant Secretary; M. Robert Clarke, Treasurer; Steve Karp, Sergeant At Arms; Phil Sacks, Assistant Sergeant At Arms  
Board Members: Joe Hamel, Carol Hanson, Gary Hess, Ken Hickman, Annalie Lorgus, John Olszewski, John Schwab, Joanne Tadeo, and Scott Scrivner, Ex-Officio.

John H. Grant, District Governor  
Betty Ann Flynn, Asst. District Governor Area 8  
Robert Poole, III, M.D., P.D.G. 1980-1981

### **“HOW TO GET IN TOUCH”**

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