



Lend a Hand



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**August 14, 2003**

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

**Next Week's Program: August 21, 2003**  
**Polio Prevention**  
**Speaker: Peg Hebner**  
**Arranged by Charles Streitwieser**

## **MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward**

Vic Abdala gave the invocation (with a reference he'll never live down).

There were no Visiting Rotarians.

Guests present were Esther Brown with Steve Riley, Penny Boyd with Carol Metzker, Adrienne Masak's son, and Shamus Lavin presented by Joe Polito.

Joe Hamil wished a Happy Birthday to Mel Josephs.

Dick Yoder invited all to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturzebecker Golf Outing on Monday, Sept. 15 the proceeds of which will benefit a scholarship program at WCU at \$165/golfer. Call Don Barr at 610-436-2825 for info.

President Charles announced a Rotary Club of Philadelphia luncheon at the Union League beginning at noon on Aug. 21. Past RI President Rick King will be speaking. RSVP with Sharon Quick or at [philrotary@aol.com](mailto:philrotary@aol.com) He also reminded us that dues were due ASAP. Secretary Trish Kotsay will collect half now and half in January if you prefer.

Demetrius Cidis presented the club with a banner from the club in Martha's Vineyard. The Pot of Gold, benefiting Joseph's People, was won by Trish Kotsay.

Carol Hanson introduced Carol Metzker who has been active in our club upon joining. Ms. Metzker has been in publishing, editing, and writing for 15 years. Success stories are her specialty and she has done so for many companies including Campbell Soup, Microsoft, FedEx, Ben and Jerry's, and the New York Stock Exchange.

Carol went to India from Feb 28 to Mar 12 of this year as part of a 30-member research team from the National Science Foundation to measure the effects of information technology on India.

Without realizing it, each of us has probably encountered an Indian telemarketer on the phone who has had classes in accent reduction and who receives information about your area, such as sporting events, on his/her computer screen to be able to converse with you, the potential customer.

Twenty years ago, India had virtually no computers and now it is the third largest information country in the world. Because of British Rule in India, many denizens spoke English and because India had scientific strengths, companies like TCS, Vipro, and Infosys discovered a great market for technology.

Carol found India to be a land of contrasts: Architecture (beautiful state buildings versus shacks in profusion), transportation (buses and motorcycles versus bullock carts,

rickshaws, and elephants), occupations (Computer programmers earning \$10,000/yr. versus tribes of honey collectors earning hardly anything), and the city of Banaglore where 5 million people reside versus the open country side where women wash clothes in the river.

Two life-altering experiences will always remind Carol of India. The first was while on safari where Carol's group encountered a wild elephant guarding another elephant giving birth. To protect the one, the other elephant bore its teeth, and with red, fierce eyes, reared up ready to charge. For some reason, it changed its mind and backed off. Carol is now more aware of how fortunate she is not to live in a world of such perils. The other event occurred while walking through rural villages alone. Feeling safe due to the low violent crime rate, she was none-the-less warned that she would be stared at. Children laughed and greeted her (seeing someone with light hair and eyes is a rare occurrence) but a local chief came and greeted her wanting to know why she was there and walking alone, something no woman in India does. One woman watched her from behind a tree and when Carol greeted her with the saying that means, "I honor the light within you." The woman said the same. This reaching out to one another made a deep impression on Carol.

Rotary has a huge presence in India and in Bangalore they offer free health clinics weekly and are building a school. Our club is helping financially with this project through the Chili Cook-off. Three rooms have been completed including computers and audio-visual equipment.

The study of technological effects on India reached no conclusions, but informational technology has helped lessen class divisions in a country still experiencing the caste system.

Describing her costume, Carol explained that leggings help protect one's ankles from mosquitoes. Her short-sleeved dress and scarf protected her shoulders and face from sunburn. Her diet consisted of lots of rice,

lentils, chickpeas and Imodium AD!

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CORNER**

Did you know that 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN Charter?

### **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**

Demetrius Cidis Martha's Vineyard x2

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