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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

Next Week's Program: August 28, 2003
Omission is editor's error- Sorry

MINUTES by Eric Metzker

Invocation: Lee Bunting

Visiting Rotarians introduced by Matt Bradley: 3 from WeGo: Bill Hicks, Joe Kahn, Frank Roia; and from Danville/Riverview, VA, Bill Pearce.

Guests: Alex and Adam with Dad, Mike Alfonsi. Charles Davies introduced Sue Ann. Steve Riley with guest Esther Brown and Dave with Chaya Scott.

Announcements:

Annalie Lorgus announced: 1. the availability of Rotary plaques and 2. the Family in Rotary committee has set up a day of picnic and West Chester Football for September 13 starting at noon. RSVP by 9/6 annalie@earthlink.net or 610-692-5055.

Carol Metzker announce Chili Cookoff press releases – please get your teams signed up so they can be announced!

President Charles announced a call for dues!! If you have not paid, please reply ASAP. Also announced, a Rotary Centennial Poster contest for ages 10-13. Please see Charles for details.

Inductions: Today Dave Rayburn introduced Whitney Collins, owner of Ashley Whitney. Clifford DeBaptiste introduced Alice Thomas, a native of our community and a member of the School Board for 31 years. John Kehner organized the induction and Sue Casso gave the induction address. Sue noted the two main reasons people join Rotary is for friendship and business contact development. Once members, Rotarians discover Rotary as a place that fosters the development of

acquaintance as an opportunity for Service.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Classification talks by new members are among our most interesting programs, and Steven Riley and Dr. Judith Ray did not disappoint us!

STEVE RILEY was told he should be a lawyer when he was 10 years old! Born outside of Washington D.C. in Virginia, he moved around a great deal as a child. His dad joined the Navy and took his family with him all over the world. As a three-year-old living in Iran, Steve spoke Farsi as well as English. Although his siblings were born in several different places, Steve largely grew up in McLean VA.

He started college at Randolph Macon, and transferred to the College of William and Mary when RM closed. After a year, Steve dropped out of college, sold real estate and worked as a paralegal for a law firm in Washington D.C. to earn money to finish his college education. Traveling the U.S. as a paralegal, he sometimes was in 10 cities in 10 days. He moved to another law firm, finished his law degree at George Mason University and graduated from Villanova Law School in 1985. His first job was representing professional athletes (tennis players, cyclists, etc) and Puma (sports clothing company) in Redding, before clerking for a judge in Philadelphia.

While at Villanova, he met Suzanne O'Brien, a lawyer who took a job in West Chester with Lamb Windle McErlane. They married and moved to West Chester. Steve joined

MacElree Harvey three years ago, a 20-county regional firm, where he works in the areas of civil & commercial litigation, product liability and personal injury – in other words, people who sue and are sued! Steve gave some examples of the types of cases he has successfully litigated.

Steve and Suzanne have a 6-year-old son, Ian, who will soon start first grade at Westtown School. What spare time Steve has is spent with his family at their home, located on five acres, in Charlestown Township. Occasionally, he plays golf (badly, he says) and some tennis. Involved in charitable organizations, he currently serves on the board of Chester County Cares. He looks forward to getting his blue Rotary pin.

When **JUDITH RAY** moved to West Chester from the state of Washington during the blizzard of 1977, she got a warm reception despite the frigid weather! She has been employed at West Chester University, working with athletes and supervising student teachers. She has two master's degrees and a PhD (the latter in equine studies from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis).

Her work has involved research on horses as athletes, studying their knees, hips, racing and tracks. The research is helpful in designing prosthetics for horses. She then switched over to research with athletes. In one dynamic study, designed to prevent potential injuries, research was actually done with elite athletes right on the tennis courts. She does studies of playgrounds, noting that some equipment has been taken out and even off the market due to her research. She also evaluates tennis rackets, golf clubs and other equipment to determine if it is ergonomically correct.

An energetic woman of diverse interests, she also works with the Upward Bound and Youth Sports Programs at Cheyney University, and has studied philosophy and religion, becoming educated for the ministry.

She says her parents are the greatest contributors to her life. She grew up in an all-black neighborhood, which included Chuck Berry, Miles Davis, Ike and Tina Turner and other notable people. With such a pool of talented neighbors, she was motivated to

excel. As a teenager, she received a \$140 scholarship and taught tennis and swimming. She became a Mariner Girl Scout and became proficient in all phases of aquatics. She is a musician, and with her brother, started several successful, small businesses. Judith admits to being a multi-tasked person who is fascinated by people.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CORNER

Did you know?

In 1915 a Rotary club was formed in Cuba, the first non-English speaking Rotary country.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 13 - Rotary of West Chester Day at WCU Football – 1:30 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

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