



Lend a Hand



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program : August 28, 2003
Speakers: Sam Coco and Jack Grant, District Governor
The Rotary Inner Harbor Conference
Arranged by: Charles Streitwieser

Next Week's Program: September 4, 2003
Speakers: Dave Rayburn and Shannon Cassidy
Classification Talks
Arranged by Tom Varley

MINUTES by Steve Karp

President Charles called today's meeting to order at 12:30pm. Amos Bassett performed the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were John Saling from Sunrise, Joe Kahn and Larry Whitaker from WEGO.

Birthdays celebrated today included Bob Weist, Al Filano, Walter Blair and Mark Von Hacht.

Dave Wood announced that he was looking for Rotarians interested in learning how to serve on the boards of non profit agencies. He also put the call out for nominees for Distinguished Vocational Service. Please see John Olzsewski if you are interested in becoming a part of the Rotary Reading Program for elementary school kids in our district. Next, we welcomed our new exchange student, Sachi Koizumi. She is from Japan and is being hosted by Adi Masak. Annalie Lorgus wanted everyone to know that University Day Football Game is around the corner on 9/13. She also announced that the holiday party is scheduled for 12/12. Carol and Eric Metzger celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Scott Scrivner stated that the Chili Cook off

is right on schedule. There is still time to get involved for the 10/5 event. Vern Brewer won pot of Gold but did not find the Queen. Finally, Carl Werner kicked off the concept of "Happy Dollars". This is where you can rise and announce a positive moment in your life and donate a dollar. Should be a great way to raise a few bucks each week.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Joe Polito

The program was arranged by President Charles Streitwieser who introduced Peg W. Hebner, Vice President of Foamex International, Inc.. Noting that she was a West Chester native and had attended West Chester University and giving us a little of her background as to community involvement, family and as Vice President of the aforesaid "1.3 billion dollar company." Her program pertained to Polio prevention. Peg started off by noting she was a victim of polio. She has traveled around the world and spoken at meetings about her company. She noted that our microphone was covered by a "foam wind screen" a product produce by Foamed. She noted that it was not common for her to speak before groups about being a polio victim. She became a victim years before polio vaccine was discovered. She considered it past history. She asked those in attendance to recall their earliest childhood memories. She recalled

being whisked away in an ambulance and taken to the hospital. She was not the only one on her street who became afflicted with polio and referred to it as a time of epidemic in West Philadelphia near Penn. She recalls having to spend several years at the home of the Merciful Savior in healthcare. There were several children afflicted with Polio. She recalls the large dorm room. You had to make your own bed every day and still to this day she cannot start daily activities unless she makes the bed. She recalled meal times in a large room with large tables. You were expected to eat everything on the plate before you left the table. She did not like tomato juice, she preferred orange juice. She did not like oatmeal and traded it for other items. She looked at this training with a positive attitude and believes that learning to barter in this manner only helped her in later life in the business of sales.

At the time she was stricken with polio very little was known or understood about the disease. Her parents decided to put her in this Home and an exercise program. The parents were only allowed one 2-hour visit every week for the two years. Other children who stayed at home with their families did not benefit as much as she did at the Home. She recalls having long hair to her waist when she entered the Home having never had a her cut. The Home was not prepared to deal with her long hair and she had "Buster Brown cut" which she still has. She also recalls that all of her toys at home had to be burnt.

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CORNER

Did you know?

Paul Harris, The Founder of Rotary, was not the first president of a Rotary club. Although he was the founder and one of the organizers of the first Rotary club in Chicago, another one of the founding members, Silvester Schiele, was selected as the first president. Paul Harris was the first president of Rotary international.

ROAMING ROTARIANS

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| Cliff DeBaptiste | WEGO |
| Analie Lorgus | Kennett Longwood |
| Matthew Bradley | Elsworth, Maine |

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