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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**September 11, 2003**

This Week's Program : September 11, 2003  
Speaker: Annalie Lorgus  
Chester County Days  
Arranged by Craig Kalemjian

**Next Week's Program: September 18, 2003**  
Speaker: Scott Scrivner  
Heating Up! –Rotary Chili Cook-Off  
Arranged by Gary Hewitt

### **MINUTES by Joe Polito**

President Charles struck the bell at 12:29 p.m. opening the meeting. Following the singing of America, the invocation was given by Dave Biffen.

Several guests were introduced including prospective members, Esther Brown, Raoul Pagin, and Seamus Lavin and Jim Morrison, Everson Francis, Anthony Fratianne and Ralph Aneen.

Fine Master, Jack Wintermuth, called upon two Visiting Rotarians, Ken Stokes and District Governor Jack Grant Neither received a fine.

Debbie Ellenberg called Steve Godsall-Meyers, Marie Holland, and Bob Connolly to the front of the room and had us all sing Happy Birthday and Bob Poole noted that the Peacemakers Program Pilot project started some three years ago, is now considered a standard program and the forms used by the District will be available for folding an inserting in envelopes, hopefully to take place on Monday, September 15, 2003 , in the Law Library at Joe Polito's office.

Governor Grant noted that the District Convention will be at Inner Harbor in Baltimore, Maryland, October 3rd, 4th, and 5th. They do not have the attendance they were seeking and by the end of the month may open the registrations to a daily program. You could attend the Friday night cruise at \$50.00 per person; the Saturday night dinner at \$80.00 per person or the Sunday meeting Brunch at \$50.00 per person. More information will be sent to each club President. He also noted Rotarians should attend a District Convention as there is a lot of Rotary information pertaining to the Four Avenues of Service and very good speakers.

Tom Varley made a brief announcement regarding the annual dinner of the Brandywine Valley Association. President Charles did note

that it was started by Bob Struble's dad and that Bob is now the Director of the Association.

Steve Godsall-Meyers noted that his last three months had been spent abroad in Slovakia. His experiences called to the attention the necessity for those of us who know more than one language to possibly sit with anyone visiting our club who speaks that language so that possibly you might help in translation and makethe person feel more welcome and part of the meeting.

Dave Wood asked for members to fill out nominations for the Distinguished Vocational Service Award. He also invited everyone to join that the Chester County Leadership Program which presents nine sessions in training individuals to be excellent board members of nonprofit corporations is at a cost of \$1,000.00, \$500.00 of which would be paid by Rotary. It is sponsored by the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and West Chester University jointly.

President Charles next noted that the Rotarian for the month of September is Joanne Tadeo. He presented he with a copy of the book "Frank Talk" authored by Past President Frank Devlin.

The Pot O' Gold winning ticket, pulled by Joanne Tadeo, belonged to Sue Casso. She drew the Ace of Spades and di not win the \$260.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward**

SHANNON CASSIDY gave her "A-Z" Classification talk.

A (Arizona State U and Agnes her professor at U of Rhode Island), B (Boston where she lived for 7 yrs), C (Coach for most of her life), D(daughter to parents Maureen and Ray), E (Education at CCUI, MTI, and MCMC), F (Faith-devoted Christian, attends Westminster Presbyterian), G (Grace-her daughter- 3 months old today), H (Husband Michael- married 5 yrs) I (Integrity), J (Jake her Golden Retriever), K (Kelly her only Sibling), L (laughter and friendship), M (mediator

for businesses), N (Negotiator), O (Organizer), P (Planner of great events), Q (Question – part of her business), R (Ryan-her son is 18 mo. Old), S (sales Manager), T(Trainer), U (University of RI- BA in Communications),V (Van- Ford Windstar), W (Women’s Business Mentoring Council), X (X chromosome ), Y (Yesterday is history, tomorrow a mystery, today a gift, that’s why it’s called “the present”), and Z (zest for life that she has according to her grandmother).

DAVE RAYBURN was born in Connecticut where he sailed, fished, and swam. He went to college in PA majoring in Business since he couldn’t major in Intercollegeiate Football.

Life is a circus! The Main Show or “The cage of Predators” always included marketing for Dave. He worked for Gilette in Boston, then for National Liberty as Director of Marketing in new business ventures. He likes the chaos of a start up and then steps put to something new. At his next job at Citicorp, NYC, the “best bank in America,” he headed up the new business unit. After 5 years, he worked for Travelers in Hartford in the new business unit. After six years there, he moved to American International Group at its base in Europe. He was the Chief Marketer living in Frankfort, Milan, and Paris.

Then he worked for Global Marketing where he was on a plane about 90% of the time!

The Clown catcher (the one who acrobats swing to) must have had Vaseline on his hands because Dave developed Necrotizing Facilitis, a rare disorder that has a 40% mortality rate. He had to have his leg amputated two years ago and toxic shock shut down his liver and both kidneys. This caused a big change in his career. Occurring the same year as 9-11, he went through rehab to learn how to drive with his left foot and found a job with American Express Financial Advisors. Dave’s not sure why he’s still here. There must be something that he still needs to do and he’s happy to be a part of Rotary.

### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Ezequiel Asensio**, from Argentina  
staying with Earlin & Marilyn Lutz,  
1335 Jackson Lane, W C, PA 19380,  
610-692-4054(H), 610-458-2734(W)

**Sachie Koizumi**, from Japan,  
staying with Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson,  
1105 Daniel Davis Lane, W C, PA 19380,  
610-793-2575(H), 800-441-7048 Ext 20507

### **ROAMING ROTARIANS**

Stephen Godsall-Myers      Ziuna, Slovenia  
Bill Hess                              WC Sunrise  
Linda Hicks                      Concordville-Chaddsford

### **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 INFORMATION CORNER**

#### ***Did you know?***

Do you know what a Rotary GSE is? Group Study Exchange (or GSE) is one of the programs of the Rotary Foundation. The GSE is a group of business and professional non-Rotarians with a Rotarian leader who visit another country for 4 - 6 weeks to experience how their professions are practiced in that country. Each team member stays in the home of a Rotarian to experience the culture and visits places of business and local interest during their stay.

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