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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**November 6, 2003**

**This Week's Program: November 6, 2003**  
**Veteran's Day Program**  
**Arranged by Gary Hewitt**

**Next Week's Program: November 13, 2003**  
**One Blue Sky- Rotary foundation Month**  
**Speaker: Arnie Graf, PDG**  
**Arranged by Gary Hewitt**

## MINUTES by Jim Gasho

President Charles opened our meeting promptly at 12:30 PM with Kevin Quinn presenting the invocation.

We had one visiting Rotarian, Bob Thomas from the WEGO Club. However we were blessed with a plethora of visitors: Elizabeth Guman, Mary Thompson, Herman Freisner, Norm Karp, Jason White, Valerie Nastasi, Gail Haney, Pasquale Diekman, Juan Simek and his wife, Penny Boyd, and Lisa Hall.

Birthdays were presented by Bill Bunch who wished Cathy Palmquist a happy day, and by Annalie Lorgus who wished Demetrios Cidis, and Eric and Carol Metzger happy birthdays.

Madeleine Adler brought back a club banner from the Rotary Club in Avalon, France.

Happy dollars were received from Carol Metzger. She welcomed back Demetrios who recently is recovering from a heart attack. Steve Karp kicked in a dollar welcoming his father as a visitor to our club. Duke Evans contributed, stating "it's great to be at this club!". Alan Elko contributed an undisclosed amount, being very thankful that the teacher's strike has been officially resolved. A final Happy Dollar was contributed by Bob Poole, stating that Annalie has the best "tail" in the club. (No details were provided)

### Announcements:

- Terry McGrath discussed the need for additional help for road clean-up. We need more club participation in order to keep this project going.
- A sympathy card was being passed around in memory of Bob Weist, who passed away this past week. Bob was a great, long-time Rotarian who be missed by all.

• Terry McGrath thanked all who participated in the canned food drive this past Tuesday.

• Joe Polito thanked Alan Elko for helping place Julie Park, an exchange student from Korea into East High School for the remainder of this year.

• Alan Elko noted that on November 21<sup>st</sup>, to help celebrate American Education Week, the West Chester Area School District will be inviting all to "Take a Bus to the Future". This is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual tour of local schools. If interested call WCASD Communications Office @ 610-436-7154. Responses are needed by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

• Martha Carson Gentry announced that the Honorary Rotarian Committee requires all nominees by next week.

• Gary Hess noted that we may all contribute to our Gundaker Foundation by targeting our United Way Contributions.

• Rotary Foundation Month begins on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Scott Scribner informed our club that Personal Gift Letters will be in the mail to all club members. We are looking for 100% participation!

• Brian's Run, Brian's Run, Brian's Run, Brian's Run..... Ken Hickman wants us to sign up early and often. It is just around the corner! This is one of our clubs major yearly events. If you can't run, walk. If you can't walk, help out on race day, or help promote the race with other Rotary Clubs. Everyone needs to participate to make this the best year.

• Finally Victoria Dow asked everyone to send her all of your make-ups, including committee meeting attendance. It all helps!

The 50-50 was won by Demetrios Cidis, with the proceeds going to the Deveroux Foundation.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Craig Kalemjian**

Our program was arranged and introduced by John Kehner. Two classification talks were given this week:

JIM LEES led off by regaling us with his "Tales of Two Families", collectively including 11 children and their various avocations. Jim met his second wife through Rotarian Bob Gotwals' daughter, Susan. (Small World). Born in Swathmore, Jim's family later moved to West Chester Area and he was in the first class (1952) to graduate from the new Henderson High School. Jim attended Drexel Institute for Civil Engineering and spent much of the next 25 years in the building business, working at the Vertol plant, and in the Naval Reserves. During that period he was involved in building over 350 houses, plus additions, in areas such as Penn Wood and Radley Run. After two years at Andrews Dickinson & Pinkstone in the late 1970's Jim focused on construction management. Fourteen years were spent with the real estate firm of Looker, Lees & Melcher (sales & leasing), 4 more years with Fox Commercial, and the last 4 years with Source Realty Group. Challenges include the glut of "Big-Office" space due to computer-related corporate downsizing, but Jim is always happy to match buyer to seller.

CHRIS FERYO was born near Pottsville, Pa. (Yuengling Country) in 1969, the 3d of 4 children. Both parents were very active in community service and it rubbed off on Chris. After graduation from high school in 1987 Chris received two Bachelor Degrees from Mt. Saint Mary's College in Maryland. During his years there he toured this country, Canada, and Europe as a member of the Chorus performing for diverse audiences including the Pope and Ursinus College. His first employment after graduation was with Vanguard Group designing shareholder statements. In 1993 he married Kate, a 4th grade special ed teacher who works in Blue Bell. Chris left Vanguard to go into funeral home management, and he and Kate gravitated to their home in Westtown where they live with a border collie and 2 cats. Since February 2003 Chris has been associated with Boyd's Funeral Home in West Chester. Why a funeral director? "Its what I always wanted to do since I was a child".

A hearty welcome to our two new members.

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PRESIDENT CHARLES**

Earlier this month, a letter about low attendance was sent to a number of club members. Regrettably, the letter conveyed an unsupportive tone through an unfortunate choice of language that has caused some distress. Please know that we are working to correct this situation and to take steps to insure that this does not occur in the future.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov. 13 Board meeting  
Dec. 7 Brian's Run  
Dec. 12 Holiday Party at Annalie Lorgus'

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**Sachie Koizumi**, from Japan,  
staying with Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson,  
1105 Daniel Davis Lane, W C, PA 19380,  
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