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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**December 18, 2003**

**This Week's Program: December 18, 2003**

**Holiday Music**

**49ers Chorus**

Arranged by Carol Hanson

**Next Week's Program: December 25, 2003**

**and January 1, 2003**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**No Meetings**

## **MINUTES by Eric Metzker**

*Invocation:* Bill Hess provided a variety of dinner blessings from faiths around the world.

*Banner:* Adrienne Masak presented a Rotary Club banner from a club she visited while traveling in Spain near Costa del Sol.

*Visiting Rotarians:* John Saling, WC Sunrise

*Birthdays celebrated:* Bob Frame led a group of Birthday celebrants to a challenge – they had to lead the club in a Christmas song – they chose Jingle Bells. Celebrants included Terry McGrath, Sinc Adams, Tom Varley, Bill Hess, Tim O'Connel and Ralph Freed.

*Announcements:* Votary is looking for writers! (c'mon, you can do at least this well with minutes!)

The Holiday Party is planned for Annalie Korengel Lorgus' house on Friday, 12/12 and guests are welcome.

Sgt. Stinson of the Salvation Army offered up that there are slots available for Bell Ringing. Please see her for details.

Bob Frame auctioned off a polio virus tie at the prompting of Carol Metzker. Highest bidder was Paul Woodruff with a bid of \$140. Way to go Bob, Paul and the other intrepid bidders.

Steve Karp thanked the many participants in Operation Warm who did their part along with other Rotary Clubs in the area to distribute a portion of the 32,000 coats

provided to Chester County chilly residents.

Duke Evans provided a new Rotary Club of West booklet. Be sure to see Duke if you haven't received your easy-reading, fact-filled guide to your Rotary Club.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist**

Commenting that pictures speak 1,000 words, Geoff Baker used a slide show to enhance his interesting reclassification talk.

Born in England in 1948, Geoff had curly, blond hair as a youngster. He told about his schooling in England, noting that children get to know each other very well because they stay in the same classroom all day with their fellow (about 30) students; the teachers move from room to room. Also, English children wear school uniforms. A Boy Scout from the ages of seven to 18, he had the opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Greece. He obtained the Queen Scout award, which is equivalent to the Eagle Scout award in this country.

He joined the Royal (British) Navy and told of various experiences, such as being on a ship during a gale, attending the Canadian Bicentennial and in 1967, going to New York for the first time. His service included a tour in the Far East, serving on a minesweeper in Singapore and his "work" helping design a Jet Ski propulsion system one summer. He played field hockey and eventually saved enough money to buy a sports car. He served on a gas turbine propelled ship and his

daughter was the first one baptized on the ship, which was subsequently sunk. He also trained others to run gas-propelled ships. He was the Chief Engineer on the last ship on which he served, a ship that now belongs to the Brazilian Navy.

Among his other activities and interests is that he has been a diver for 25 years and likes to ride motorcycles. His mom liked to ride with him and told him of her adventures on a motorcycle.

He came to the United States when the Royal Navy promoted him to Commander and sent him to Philadelphia. When the Navy downsized in the early 90s, he began driving a truck, achieving his goal of driving a truck in America. This job lasted for 18 months. He is currently an agent with ReMax Realtors.

Married, he has two grown daughters, Sarah and Claire, and likes to vacation in Florida. His older daughter lives in England and is the mother of his grandson; his younger daughter lives in Arlington, Virginia. He became an American citizen in 1998.

Active in Rotary, he recently participated in the Chili Cook-off, leading the ReMax team, which was one of the cook-off award winners.

### **World Affairs Seminar**

The World Affairs Seminar, originated by PDG Dr. Dale Brock of District 6270 and held at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater next June 13-18, will make a difference in the lives of the participants. Visit [www.worldaffairsseminar.org](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org) for more information.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 25	No Meeting
January 1	No Meeting
January 8	Board Meeting

### **ROTARY INFORMATION**

The Rotary Foundation began in 1917 with a contribution of \$26.50. Today it has a value of over \$500 million and grants over \$50 million annually.

### **ROTARY BOOKLET**

Members in attendance at the meeting on Thursday, December 11 received a 9-page Rotary answers booklet. For those that did not make the meeting, there is a printed copy set aside for you. The booklet can also be viewed On-line at the club's website.

<http://www.WestChesterRotary.us>

### **ROAMING ROTARIAN**

Craig Scott Sanibel-Captiva, FL

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**Sachie Koizumi**, from Japan

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### **“HOW TO GET IN TOUCH”**

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