



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: April 10, 2003
The 64th Senior PGA Championship
Speaker: Jason Soucy
arranged by Tim Phelps

Next Week's Program: April 17, 2003
Franklin Institute
arranged by Paul Woodruff

MINUTES by Steve Karp

As per the new schedule, the meeting started promptly at 12:25 PM. WCOJ's director of community relations, DOMINIC CARNUCIO gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by STEVE RILEY. Joining us today were Mary Mosley and David Johnson. GEOFF BAKER introduced his friend George from First Union Bank.

CAROL HANSON reiterated that the auction will be Saturday May, 3rd. The Rotary Foundation Committee has been hard at work planning this year's event. She stated that the committee is seeking donations. You may also advertise in the auction booklet that will be seen by thousands in attendance.

The Pot-O-Gold goes to fund The West Chester Public Library. The \$20 pot this week was won by TRISH KOTSAY. She did not pull the King of spades for the big one.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

Today's guest speaker was David Brown, Director of Community Relations of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. In 1999 David held a position in the marketing department, 2000 he was the Purchasing Director for the Trenton Thunder an affiliate to the NY

Yankees, 2001 Assistant Marketing Director- events and entertainment for the Blue Rocks and in 2002 he became Director of Community Relations.

The Wilmington Blue Rocks are number one in attendance. They are starting their 11th season. 1940 - 52 they were an interstate league. They are now an affiliate to the major league team - Kansas City Royals. The Wilmington Blue Rocks are in the Carolina League- 2 divisions - 8 teams. They had 4 championships in 10 years. 58 players have gone on to the major leagues in 10 years . The team averages 5,000 fans per night. The club is interested in providing family entertainment. Tickets cost \$5.50, \$8.00 for a box seat, parking free. They provide give-a ways at the gate, fire work nights, in-game promotion. The team is creative in the community- they give back to the community. They have a Reading Challenge Program in 100 schools. They visit 40 schools. Children who read 10 books receive 2 free tickets to a ball game. They give donations to charities and non-profits.

There are 25 men on the team- 140 game schedule. Levels include Rookie- 70 games; Single A Low Season; Single A Advanced Season; Double A (next step to majors), Triple A (career in minor league); majors.

Mr Celery celebrates after a run is scored. Little League Days- Kids run onto the field meet the players at their positions.

The players receive \$1,200 a month during the season. Scouting is done through the Kansas City Royals. The ball club pays for their uniforms, equipment and players. The Wilmington Blue Rocks got their name from a blue granite stone found in the Brandywine River.

Thank you David for a very informative talk.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24- Joint Meeting with the Lions

May 3- Spring Auction @ William Bunch Auctions

May 20 - W.C. Community Night at the Blue Rocks

June 2 District 7450 Golf Outing

June 5 - Rotary Club of West Chester in the Cafe @ the Blue Rocks.

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