



Lend a Hand



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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February 5, 2004

**This Week's Program: February 5, 2004**

**Making a Difference in Ghana**

**Speaker: Martha Carson-Gentry**

**Arranged by Gary Hewitt**

**Next Week's Program: February 12, 2004**

**Classification Talks**

**Speakers: Alice Thomas & Whitney Collins**

**Arranged by Tom Varley**

## MINUTES by NOBODY

Oh-oh. Jim Gasho messed up and thought he was supposed to take minutes February 5!!!!

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Can you envision a vital and vibrant cultural and educational institution serving the Greater West Chester community? An institution that is ready and well-equipped to serve our residents for another century? That is the picture that our own club member, Victoria Dow, Director of the West Chester Public Library, painted for us. The Library is undergoing a capital campaign to raise funds for a major renovation project to bring the 115-year-old building into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The library currently has 30,000 card holders, representing 75% of the households in its service area. Its holdings have grown to over 39,000 items. The library was founded in 1872 by the residents of West

Chester. In 1916 the building was expanded. There have been no major changes since then in the facilities, although the library itself has changed and grown in many ways to meet the needs of the community.

The \$2 million renovation to be done by Frens & Frens, is designed to address the many challenges that this growth has created. One of the most obvious is that after years of creatively using the existing space, there is absolutely no room to add any new items to the collection. There is no dedicated program space, so that currently when programs are running access to the surrounding shelves is limited. Also, the building is very inaccessible to people with disabilities and even poses difficulty for young children. And there is extremely little space for the staff to do their work. Currently processing of new books, or other such projects happens in public spaces, along with eating lunch since there is no place for staff to go on breaks.

Victoria fielded numerous questions from our members about funding sources and a number of Rotarians spoke of how appreciative they were that the library exists in town and how important it is both because of the service it provides as well as the place it has in our history.

Victoria, we wish you a very successful campaign and we thank you the hard work you are doing to serve our community.

### **ROAMING ROTARIAN**

Craig Scott      Sanibel-Captiva, FL

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

**February 20-22nd** - [RYLA Conference - Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation](#)  
**February 22nd** - [Celebrate Family in Rotary Spaghetti Dinner](#)  
**February 28th** - [District Committee Training Wyndam Hotel in Wayne 8 AM until Noon](#)  
**March 5th** - [Deadline for Fruit Sale orders and payment](#)  
**March 13th** - [Pickup Date for Fruit \(snow date 3/20\)](#)

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## **SELL FRUIT!**

### **“HOW TO GET IN TOUCH”**

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