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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: February 12, 2004
Classification Talks
Speakers: Alice Thomas & Whitney Collins
Arranged by Tom Varley

Next Week's Program: February 19, 2004
Chester County Hospice
Heidi Owen & Jake the Therapy Dog
Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Craig Kalemjian

President Charles called the meeting to order and new member Clint Wiggins introduced Visiting Rotarians Jim Horn (Kennett @ Longwood), Henry Karash (Sunrise), Kent Stokes (WEGO), and Roger Tellefsen (Sunrise).

A number of visitors were introduced including former exchange student from Norway Marius Tannum. Many remember Marius from about 10 years ago. Marius now works for QVC.

Ken Hickman announced a new date and venue for Brian's Run: March 28th, 2004 at Collegium Field.

HELP: We need Youth Exchange Host Families this year. We have 14 students arriving and only 2 families so far. Also, our Exchange Student from Korea Po Cheng-Su (Nick) is looking for a host family in the East School District. Please contact Adrienne Masak.

Annalie Lorgus reminded us not to forget the spaghetti dinner scheduled for 2/20, 6pm. Tickets are \$12.00.

Steve Quigley announced that updated Club Constitution and By-Laws will be coming up for adoption soon.

Rotary District Night at the Theatre will be May 14, 2004. \$31.00 per ticket. See Gary Hess.

Geoff Baker exhorted us to continue our efforts for the FRUIT SALE!!!

50-50 (benefiting VNA) \$20.00 won by Geoff Baker.

Carol Metzker and Bill Bunch teamed up to auction 2 Barbie dolls and raised \$340 EACH to benefit NID Program. Congratulations.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

Making A Difference in Ghana was presented by Martha Carson-Gentry. In 2002 Martha met the Queen Mother, a student at Cheyney University, from Ghana. The school in Ghana was in need of books and computers. With the assistance of West Chester School District and West Chester University 30 boxes of books, 24 computers and 3 printers were donated and shipped to the school.

Martha was invited and spoke at the school's graduation. The computers are used all day by school age children and during the evening by adults.

Ghana is located on the west coast of Africa. Ninety miles north of the equator. 45% of the population is under the age of 15. In 1957 Ghana was a British colony- the spoken language is English. They do export some items and their soil is fertile. Poverty is the most pressing problem. Education is compulsive- there is a cost for uniforms and fees for books. 8 out of 10 individuals who enter a hospital die. The average yearly income is \$600. The market place is common. People try to sell anything they can. Villages are the poorest areas. There is no

electricity, water, or furniture. Women and girls find employment as hairdressers or making clothing.

The new project is a bakery. People will be trained for jobs, products will be made and sold. Profits made will be used for scholarships for school. The project will be administered by the local Rotary Club.

Martha showed us a video where she was installed as a Duchess. Thank you Martha for this very informative presentation. Truly we are making a difference in Ghana.

ROAMING ROTARIANS

Demetri Cidis	St. Thomas East
Lance Knauth	Stroudsburgs
Jim Hamilton	Concordville

SAVE THE DATE

February 20-22nd - [RYLA Conference - Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation](#)

February 20th - [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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EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sachie Koizumi, from Japan

Host family: Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson

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FRUIT SALE by Geoff Baker

Thank you for all your hard work so far in this year's Fruit Sale. We are tracking ahead of last year, but don't slack off now. This is the middle of the selling period, so a good push NOW will make a difference at the end.

Don't forget, buy fruit and give it away to your employees; just ask people if they would like to buy fruit, it is good for them. It is cheaper and fresher than the grocery store and it supports a good cause. Ask your fellow coworkers (if permitted by company policy).

Weekly stats can be seen on the rotary web site at:

<http://www.westchesterrotary.com/images/fruitchart020704.jpg>. There is also a link to the Good Will Fire Company #2 web's site, which gives more information on the company and its history.

Don't forget, even if you do not want to sell fruit, at least buy a case for YOURSELF! Donations are always welcome. Send donations, payable to the Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation (Tax Deductible) to the clubs PO box at PO Box 743, West Chester, PA 19381.

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