



Lend a Hand



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: March 11, 2004

Induction of New Members

Gundaker Foundation

Mark Davia, President of Gundaker

Arranged by Gary Hess

MINUTES by Steve Karp

Next Week's Program: March 18, 2004

At Westtown School

The Giant

Speaker: Bob Connolly

Arranged by: Bob Connolly

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Joe Polito

Today's meeting was started very promptly by **President Charles** @ 12:30 PM. **Carol Metzger** returned home from India and had a beautiful banner to present to our club. Gary Hess stated that Rotary Nite at The Theater for "Sweet Charity" was May 14th.

Geoff Baker wanted everyone to know that fruit sale orders are no longer being accepted but that contributions may still be made. Please sign up for fruit distribution which will be on March 13th at A. Duie Pyle. Consider if you did not sell fruit, to please make or collect cash donations. Remember when it comes to giving, cash is king.

Paul Harris Awards were presented to **Demitrius Cidis** and **Steven Godsall-Myers**. Rotary International has set a goal for each club to have 100 Paul Harris Fellows.

Our Assistant District Governor, Dan Guyon paid a visit to our club today. He awarded **Carl Werner** and **Carol Hanson** (and **Sue Casso**) Rotary Foundation Awards for outstanding service. Our club was #1 in unrestricted giving in the district. Also Dan stated that our district was tops in Polio Eradication fundraising collecting over \$600,000.

Ken Hickman pontificated on Brian's Run. He stated that due to the university pulling out we need more volunteers from our club and rotary in general. Ken listed many club members who are already involved in picking up slack but we need more hands on deck. Please see Ken if you can give your time.

Bill Ronayne won the Pot-Of-Gold. He did not find the queen of bux.

"WCU Students Making A Difference After Graduation". Tim Phelps introduced Maggie Tripp, the Director of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs at the University. She noted that many students hold down jobs to help pay tuition, but many of them find the time to volunteer in activities such as tutoring children, repairing and re-building of homes for the needy, volunteering with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. During the Martin Luther King school holiday 300 of the students were involved in service projects. This year during the Bear Fair, over 3,000 stuffed bears were collected for children in need. She also noted that funds were collected to send kids to Camp Dreamweaver. She called upon Judd Strauss, a Class of 2004 Nursing major who is a member of the Friar Society of Volunteers. Their projects have included fixing water pipes using community and governmental services funds. For the Banana Day Event, Judd dressed as a banana and distributed 5,000 bananas with the Friars to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. They collected 3,000 bears for children with HIV/AIDS. With the University Neumann Center he and other students went to Mexico City to help with community projects and children in the Mexico City area. Judd feels that involvement in the volunteer programs at WCU changed his outlook on community service.

Jodi Byrd, Class of 2000 and present Program Director at the Greater West Chester Police Athletic League, has a Degree in Psychology and had a minor in Spanish. She was a member of the volunteer Abbe Society. She had been involved in serving breakfast for

children at the Ronald McDonald House. She volunteered at PAL where she spent time as a volunteer leading to her present job there as Program Director. Two hundred fifty children are served and part of her present duties is to set up the time schedule for present volunteers from WCU. She was very appreciative of having been in the volunteer program and learning how to serve others.

Jen Brookover, '98, who presently is an English teacher at East High School, was a member of the Abbe Society. When she first drove through West Chester with her father, she knew she wanted to attend WCU. She told us about her involvement at the Care Center for Christ tutoring a first grader. She learned that there was no positive role model for this child and after tutoring him for several years, she became an informal Big Sister. The student she tutored is now a student in her homeroom at East High School. She was involved in forming HEART (Helping Everyone At Reaching The Stars). She also believes volunteerism is necessary and a good way to live.

Maggie Tripp noted that several of the volunteer students at the University would be helping out West Chester Rotary at Brian's Run on March 27th and 28, as they have assisted in the past.

MEETING ON MARCH 18

Westtown School is pleased to host the Rotary meeting on Thursday, March 18, at the regular time. Lunch is \$9 as usual. The meeting and lunch will be held in the Dining Room in the Main Building

Visit the website www.westtown.edu for information about the School, including maps and directions. If you have any questions, please contact Ceil Guetter at ceil.guetter@westtown.edu or 610/399-7920

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sachie Koizumi, from Japan

Host family: Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson
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ROTARY INFORMATION

From the March Rotarian:

When you go to Hawaii there are 6 clubs on the island of Kauai, 8 on Maui, 20 on Oahu, and 7 Hawaii...41 chances for a makeup.

UPDATE ON NICK

Nick was discharged from CHOP yesterday and returned home with the Hesses. Nick will need to go to CHOP every Monday during the day and volunteers are needed to assist with the transportation. If you would be willing and able to volunteer for a Monday, please contact Adrienne Masak at adimasak@hotmail.com.

Also, Su-Ling will be staying with the Hesses and will not have any form of transportation. If you would be willing to take Su-Ling to lunch, or to the mall, or simply for a walk, please contact Bill or Beverly Hess at dmh15@aol.com

FRUIT DISTRIBUTION

We need assistance on Saturday. There are two shifts and two jobs. Either sign up on Thursday, or e-mail Geoff Baker .

SAVE THE DATE

March 13 Pick-up date for fruit

April 23 Leadership Ball @ The Desmond

ROAMING ROTARIANS

Charles Streitwieser GWC Sunrise

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