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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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April 22, 2004

## This Week's Program: April 22, 2004

### Classification Talks

**Speakers: Charles Lyddane and**

**Alice Thomas**

**Arranged by John Kehner**

## Next Week's Program: April 29, 2004

### Club Forum

**Speaker: Charles Streitwieser**

**President's Meeting**

**Arranged by: Charles Streitwieser**

### MINUTES by Eric Metzker

Invocation: **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** offered thoughts on preparing ourselves for service and concluded with a moment of silence.

Visiting Rotarians John Saling, WC Sunrise; Introduced by **Stan Zukin**

Birthdays celebrated: **Ken Hickman** toasted (roasted?) **Vern Brewer** in honor of his birthday. **Carol Metzker** offered good wishes and reminded us of many of the kind acts of service **Sue Casso** has done on behalf of Rotary.

Announcements:

**Adrienne Mazak** asks that any- and everyone who could host a student or knows of someone who could to please contact her as we have at least 4 female students slated to arrive this fall with no host families.

There will be a Rotary & Lions golf outing on Monday June 28.

**Esther Brown**, Executive Director of Chester County Cares reminded us that over 14,000 people in Chester County go to bed hungry every night. In a drive to help ease this hunger, Chester County Cares (CCC) in coordination with the Outback Steakhouse of Frazier will be providing a barecue of ribs and crabcakes for lunch at 7\$ per ticket. This is on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 at CCC at 540 E. Union St.

**Mike Steinberger** won the 50/50 but did not draw the Queen.

The Westtown Robotics team will be hosting a competition that is free to the public on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Rotarians had an opportunity to learn about "The Metal Moose," a creation of the Westtown Robotics Club. Brad Raynor, a Westtown student, Mark Anderson, a parent, and John Sales, an engineer and owner of the Sales Company, and John Hall presented the program jointly. The presentation outlined how the 21-member Westtown Robotics Club, with support from Patricia Spackman (faculty sponsor), the Vanguard ID System, the Sales Company, parents and other supporters, including Rotarian **Carol Metzker**, who has helped prepare written materials, started in 2003 and has advanced to the National FIRST Championships being held in Atlanta the week of the Rotary Club presentation.

FIRST, they explained is For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and is a national robotics competition whose goal is to inspire enthusiasm among high school students in the areas of science and technology. The program was started in 1992 by a corporate executive who pioneered the first dry infusion pumps and believed that interest in technology and science was falling behind in U.S. high schools. Club activities have included attending FIRST competitions, staffing/volunteering at competitions, holding a school wide robotics kick-off and keeping the community informed of their progress.

To compete, the students had to register in September (2003) and submit an entrance fee of \$5,000, which covered the cost of the EDUbot, which they were sent as a training

tool. The club members then had to find sponsors to fund their robot, and acquire tools, workspace and mentors. In January 2004, all the clubs throughout the country were sent a box of standard parts and the game rules and had six weeks to design and build a robot to meet the specifications and test its preparedness for competition. The Westtown Club (team #1391) named their robot The Metal Moose.

The team attended the Philadelphia Regional Competitions in March at Drexel University and won the Rookie All Star and Rookie highest Seed Awards. At the Chesapeake Regional in Annapolis, they finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 54 competitors and won the Judges Award.

The club is always seeking support through donations of tools and materials, assistance and mentoring from professionals in engineering, machining, journalism and business, and momentary gifts. Registration for each event is \$4,500, the robot-building budget is \$3,500 and travel expenses for the club to attend the competitions are over \$12,000. The benefits are many: students learn life skills, they learn to volunteer their service in the local community, they mentor other students, and have an opportunity to receive over \$4.4 million in scholarships. For businesses and sponsors, working with the club is a good way to recruit future employees.

Rotarians and the community are invited to stop by on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Westtown School and watch a competition.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- April 23 District Leadership Ball @ The Desmond
- May 14 District night at the Theatre
- May 17 District Assembly
- May 20 West Chester Community Night at the Blue Rocks
- June 3 WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks
- June 21 District 7450 Golf Outing
- June 28 Rotary/Lions Golf Outing
- July 21 Rotary Night at the Phillies

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PICNIC**

Hosted by West Chester Univ. and Rotary  
 Sept. 26, 2004, 5-7 p.m.  
 West Chester Univ. Alumni House Lawn

**EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**Sachie Koizumi**, from Japan  
 Host family: Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson  
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