



Lend a Hand



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 17, 2004

Farewell Speech
Speaker: President Charles

Next Week's Program: June 24, 2004

Induction of New President
Speaker: Steve Quigley

MINUTES by Eric Metzker

Invocation: **Bob Connolly** offered a moment of silence for the recently deceased.

Visiting Rotarians: Joe Cahn, WEGO

Visitors: Dawn Lagunas, today's speaker, was introduced by **Ron Ginns**.

Birthdays celebrated: **Scott Scrivner** led us in wishing **Shannon Cassidy** and **Faith Woodward** a happy birthday with the assistance of **Carol Hanson**.

Announcements:

Chester County Cares raised \$4,700 from the lunch in which we participated. Outback Steakhouse has signed up again for next year. Thanks to all who supported

There will be a Rotary & Lions golf outing at the West Chester Country Club on Monday June 28. Lunch starts at 11:30 with a shotgun start at 12:30.

Rotary Readers gets a big Thank You. **John Olszewski** announced that in this last school year our readers had, in total, over 200 individual reading sessions. These sessions were held with second grade students at Hillsdale and Penn Wood and first, second and special needs students at East Bradford.

Thank you **Bob Connolly, Steve Devine, Victoria Dow, Steve Godsall-Myers, Jim Gasho, Frank Helms, Lance Knauth and Judy Knauth, Terry McGrath, Cathy Palmquist, Bob Poole, John Schwab, Jeff Sommer, Bob Struble, Jack Wintermute** and Janet Wintermute, and **David Wood**.

Gary Hess announced Gundaker Fellows:

Steve Quigley and Gary Hewitt.

Don Stonestrom passed around a petition to bring train service back to West Chester.

Gary Hewitt announced that the Rotary Foundation approved funds of \$21,000 for wells in Bangladesh.

A family picnic will be held in Everhart Park – bring your own picnic (and family!) and get to know your fellow Rotarians and their families.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Dawn Lagunas, the Executive Director of the Police Athletic League, was introduced by PAL board member Bill Ronayne.

Dawn found that many of us were familiar with PAL but do not know what it actually does.

The history of the national organization began with a group of policemen in NYC who wanted to find an alternative to arrests for youths and established a Little League. The organization in West Chester was founded in 1968 and included baseball, basketball, and boxing. In 1989, the organization worked with the YMCA, the Star social club, and another WC organization to build the building on 208 E. Market St.

Dawn has had six years' experience with PAL, an organization that helps youths aged five through twelve. The goals are skills, recognition, and opportunities.

At present PAL has two sites, the second of which is at the community room of the Hannum Garden site. Generally children from low

income families and minorities are served. The hours are 3-7 PM after school offering tutoring and mentoring. Since athletics are offered other places in the community, PAL concentrates on reading programs. PAL tries to keep in touch with the ever changing needs of the community. Since many parents are working when youths get out of most summer programs at 2 PM, PAL offers a 2-7PM program.

The only two full-time employees include a Program Director and the Executive Director. Community resources are used for all other needs.

The police are no longer directly connected to PAL since our community does not have the funds. Police are on the board and participate as volunteers for events.

PAL is outcome-oriented and they receive school grades to measure their impact. PAL can always use donations and volunteers to mentor or read to the youths.

A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY

The time has come again to collect dues for the 2004-2005 Rotary year. The dues is \$180.00. You may pay the dues in two installments of \$90.00 by July 1, 2004, and January 1, 2005, or pay the entire amount. Please either hand your check to me at a meeting, or mail it to my address below.

Thank you in advance for your prompt payments.

Trish Kotsay
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DISTRICT OFFICERS' INSTALLATION

Time is fast approaching for the installation of District Officers on Tuesday, June 22nd at the Radnor Hotel. You should all have received invitations last month, but in true Rotary fashion, responses are coming in very slowly. Although the printed deadline is June 11th, we can take responses until June 18th.

SAVE THE DATE

June 21 District 7450 Golf Outing
June 27 Family Picnic
June 28 Rotary/Lions Golf Outing
July 21 Rotary Night at the Phillies
Sept. 26 International Student Picnic
@ West Chester University

Please join the Family In Rotary for a
Bring Your Own Picnic!!
Sunday, June 27 at 4:00

429 West Union Street/Everhart Park
Chips, Beverages, and Dessert Provided
Hoagies available for purchase
call Annalie for more information

610-692-5055

BRING YOUR FAMILY,
and any sports equipment you have (croquet,
frisbee, etc.)

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