



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: August 19, 2004

**District Governor's Talk
Andrew Pendleton, DG
Arranged by Steve Quigley**

Next Week's Program: August 26, 2004

**Program with Youth
Junior Achievement
Arranged by Tim Phelps**

MINUTES by Jim Gasho

President Steve opened our meeting promptly at 12:30 PM with **Mark Sammarone** presenting the invocation "Five Finger Prayer".

Steve Karp introduced our three visiting Rotarians: Bob Thomas from WEGO; Bill DeLeon from Elkins Park, Philadelphia; Bob Thompson from Greater West Chester Sunrise.

Guests were introduced by **Eric Metzker, Sue Casso, Dick Yoder and Geoff Baker.**

Steve Karp and **Cathy Palmquist** each contributed a dollar for Happy Bucks, while **Annalie Lorgus** kicked in \$20 Happy Bucks for completing her Greek Studies.

Our first announcement was: "PAY YOUR DUES!" if you haven't already.

President Steve reviewed the morning's Board Meeting with our club. He thanked **Joe Hamel** for presenting this Rotary Year's budget, **Mark Sammarone** for reviewing our club's insurance / risk management, and all the avenue chairs for starting the new Rotary year prepared and enthusiastic.

Scott Scribner updated us on our upcoming Chili Cook-Off. The Daily Local news has already included an article noting the "Neighborhood Division". On Oct. 1st, the Daily Local News will present a Chili Cook-Off supplement where each of our members may participate by placing advertisements. The deadline for advertising will be Sept. 15th.

Irv Hoffman noted that **Amos Bassett** had

bladder surgery and is still at Chester County Hospital. Hopefully he will be discharged shortly to Hickory House.

Please mark your calendars: Next week's program is with our **District Governor, Andrew Pendleton.** Let's have perfect attendance!

On September 11th, the District Workshop will focus on membership retention. This will be held at Delaware County Community College.

The Pot-of-Gold was won by **Vic Abdala**; however, he failed to find the Queen. Next week's grand prize will be close to \$1100.00.

Geoff Baker introduced Jessica Lawson, our ambassadorial scholar from District 7450, who just returned from France.

Jessica described the sensation of still feeling like she is in France, since she has only been home for two days. Teary-eyed, Jessica thanked our club for a fabulous trip!

The Ambassadorial Scholar is a fellowship for an undergraduate or graduate student to study abroad for 1 to 2 years. This will facilitate international understanding and goodwill while living and learning in a foreign country. Jessica learned as much about France as she learned about herself. She was inspired by the French and how they take an active role in their country's politics. Jessica studied Geography and Environmental Management at the University of Paris.

She felt welcome wherever she went and also noted that it is in the French culture to debate and discuss all contradictory

viewpoints prior to reaching a political decision. This is much different than here in the States. Jessica also tried to break many of the stereotypes that the French have of the United States; however this may take many more visits.

This coming year Jessica will begin her PhD at John Hopkins University and hopes to start a long term connection with the University of Paris and John Hopkins.

We all wish you the best, Jessica!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Clint Wiggins was born locally and has been involved in the local business community since an early age. He was encouraged to enjoy the outdoors since the age of 4 when he started to help his father (at his father's insistence) on the family Christmas tree farm. At the age of 21, he is probably the youngest Rotarian in our club. He already runs a payroll business he started with the help of his father – apparently the Christmas tree farm work paid off.

In between these years, Clint attended school, learned to snow board and practiced healing rapidly, courtesy of his daring snow-boarding. Upon graduating high school, Clint decided that this was his opportunity to see something larger than West Chester. He enrolled at Drexel where he learned that Philadelphia didn't seem that much bigger or more exciting. And it was a lot harder to enjoy the outdoors downtown.

As part of his curriculum, Clint got the opportunity to try out corporate life. Clint quickly learned that living 8 to 10 hours a day in a cubicle is not for him. He noted that corporate life would probably 'chew him up'. So suddenly West Chester was looking a bit brighter and fuller of opportunities than before.

Clint moved back to town and began helping with his father's business. Payroll was an issue and was being moved from an outsourced arrangement back in-house. This is when they put heads together to determine that they might try out-sourcing all in the family. This experiment gave birth to Clint's payroll business and has kept him occupied ever

since. Clint hopes to finish out his college education at West Chester part-time over the next few years.

As usual, the classification talks are among the most interesting presentations and Clint's was no exception. While Clint has revealed much of himself to the club in the past through his interest in public health awareness, he managed to be entertaining, uplifting and brief – all of which are admired by the club.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 26 International Student Picnic
@ West Chester University
Oct. 10 Chili Cook-Off
Nov.5-7 District Conference

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