



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: September 16, 2004**  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Speaker: Dr. Ralph Vassallo**  
**Arranged by Dick Yoder**

**Next Week's Program: September 23, 2004**  
**Chili Cook-Off**  
**Scott Scrivner and the Cast of Quo Vadis**  
**Arranged by Scott Scrivner**

### MINUTES BY Faith Woodward

**President Steve** opened the meeting and **Annalie Lorgus** gave the invocation observing a moment of silence for those who lost their lives on September 11.

**Mike Alfonsi** introduced Visiting Rotarian Laurel Jordon (WEGO).

**Gary Hess** introduced **Scott Scrivner's** guest Jerry Alfano, **Charlie Lyddane** introduced George Knox, **Annalie Lorgus** introduced Francine Roselli, guest of **Steve Karp**, **Paul Woodruff** introduced Dave Sevick, and **Adrienne Masak** introduced Kerry Mandel.

**Don Stonestrom** was awarded Rotarian of the Month by **President Steve** for his dedication to Rotary as a president in 2000, as a board member, and for his data updating and assisting the secretary and assistant secretary.

The following special 27 Rotarians were recognized for 100% attendance in the past six months: **Mike Alfonsi, Geoff Baker, Victoria Dow, Bob Frame, Bill Gotwals** (60 yrs actually), **Charlie Hawkins, Gary Hess, Gary Hewitt, Ken Hickman, Pat Kotsay, Annalie Lorgus, Fran Luft, Carol Metzker, Eric Metzker, John Olszewski, Cathy Palmquist, Joe Polito, Bob Poole, Steve Quigley, Dave Rayburn, Bill Ronayne, John Scwab, Scott Scrivner, Charles Streitwieser, Joanne Todao, Carl Werner, and Jack Wintermute.** Those at 90% attendance were **Carol Hanson, Irv Hoffman, Rich Kauffman, Adrienne Masak, and Don Stonestrom.**

**Annalie Lorgus** awarded a prize to **Trish Kotsay** for knowing how many Christmas trees were decorated at her house last year (19) and invited everyone to her party this year on December 10 at 5 PM. Proceeds will go to Operation Warm.

**Carol Metzker** invited all to the International

Student Picnic at WCU on Sunday, Sept 26 5-7 PM.

**Scott Scrivner** reminded us that the Chili Cook-Off is only one month away. All teams have signed up but volunteers are still needed fro set-up. Ads for the supplement for the Daily Local News are due. In two weeks, we will have our chili luncheon.

**Elizabeth Guman** informed us of the prayer service at First Presbyterian Church on September 11 at 9 AM.

**Sue Casso** announced that today was the last day for orders for Rotary and Chili Cook-Off shirts and sweatshirts.

**Lee Bunting** invited all to the golf tournament on September 20. Hole sponsors are needed.

**Steve Quigley** reminded us of the district workshop on Sept. 11 focusing on membership development and the Rotary Foundation. The new Rotary club in North Philadelphia will be chartered on September 14. Our club donated \$150 to help with their start-up. The West Chester Area School District tag day on Friday September 24 needs solicators for 2-hour shifts.

**Vernon Brewer** let us know that Sinc Adam had been pinned underneath his tractor. He is now all right and walking with a cane.

**Adrienne Masak** presented Kerry Mandel from Chester County Mothers of Multiples with our check from the Pot of Gold. Her organization supports mothers through a difficult time and also reaches out to the community. The "Sky's the Limit" project is building a playground that is handicapped accessible. On September 18, 19, and 20 they can use our help for a community day project

Bournelyf will be the recipient of proceeds form the next round of the Pot of Gold. **Bill Ronayne** was the winner of this week's money but he didn't find the queen of spades.

**SPEAKERS REVIEW** by JimGasho

### **Charlie Lyddane:** African Adventures

Charlie, one of our newer members, has Rotarian blood in his veins. Charlie has been active for many years supporting those in need including the ARC School in West Goshen, and today's program, Charlie's involvement with Dr. Michael Johnson and his efforts in Africa.

Charlie met Dr. Michael Johnson one Sunday at Paoli Presbyterian Church when he spoke at that church's "Moment for Mission". Dr. Johnson is a board-certified trauma surgeon, originally from Philadelphia who, with his wife and four children, moved to Kenya to do medical mission work.

Dr. Johnson so inspired Charlie that Charlie contacted a local friend, George Knox, who also had made a mission trip to Africa 20 years previously. George challenged Charlie to get involved and plan a trip of his own. George encouraged and helped Charlie with all the necessary details to make the mission a success.

With an email to Dr. Johnson discussing the idea of gathering old, outdated (by our standards) medical equipment, Charlie received an immediate reply with 6 pages of items that would be useful in Africa.

Charlie went on to describe how, with the help of Chester County Hospital, Johnson & Johnson, Paoli Presbyterian Church, and numerous others, he was able to collect approximately \$1.5 million worth of equipment and ship it to Dr. Johnson.

Charlie spent 8 days in Africa, noting that 70% of the people do not have potable water. Many women of the tribe work 12 to 14 hours a day just to collect enough water for their family to survive. One of Dr. Johnson's goals is to dig more local wells, closer to the tribe residence, to help reduce the time and energy it takes to adequately supply the families.

There are hundreds of orphaned children in Nairobi to whom Dr. Johnson has been providing regular healthcare. Many are orphaned from parents who have died from AIDS. Over 45% of Biswaynians have AIDS, wiping out an entire generation.

Dr. Johnson's concept is that once the local water well is established, Dr. Johnson will build a school nearby so that mothers can drop children off while they are collecting water. As the children spend more time in school, the mothers are given seeds and taught to plant and farm. Participating fathers are also given livestock to raise and eventually sell for food and money. Each participating family is expected to adopt

one child from the orphanage and raise them as their own.

The Ford Foundation and Heifer Project International have heard about Dr. Johnson's work. They are embracing Dr. Johnson's model and will hopefully expand their involvement.

Charlie, thanks for the great program and keep up the good work!

### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Sept. 11

District 7450 Workshop

Sept. 26

International Student Picnic

@ West Chester University

Sept. 30

- International Service Avenue committee chair meeting after regular Rotary meeting

Oct. 10 Chili Cook-Off

Nov. 5-7

District Conference

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