



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester  
Glenn Estess, Sr., International President 2004-2005

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**This Week's Program: October 14, 2004**  
**Classification Talks**  
**Elizabeth Guman and Chuck Hawkins**  
**Arranged by Tom Varley**

**Next Week's Program: October 21, 2004**  
**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**  
**John Schwab**

## MINUTES BY Carol Metzker

### Invocation:

**Bud Deaver** – invocation about the glory of America

Visiting Rotarians, announced by **Seamus**

### **Lavin:**

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### Guests:

Ted Leisenring, guest of **Chuck Hawkins**

Dawn Maher, guest of **Dave Rayburn**

Larry Richards, guest of **Charlie Lyddane**

### Announcements:

**Steve Quigley** – Annual Report is now complete and being distributed to Rotarians. Thanks to **Cristina Combee** for printing it, avenue chairs and Ann Quigley for their work on it. Please read it to learn about plans, committee assignments and information about our club. (**Vernon Brewer** will be available to autograph his photo.)

A week ago, **Hal Green** had a stack of videos. If you know where they are, please let Hal know.

**Chuck Hawkins** on the Annual Fruit Sale. Proposal forms for the beneficiary of the fruit sale are available on the club Web site or from **Geoff Baker**. Due 10/22.

**Gary Hess** – Please support the Gundaker quilt raffle. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

Rotary shirts are in. please see Sue Casso.

**Scott Scrivner** on the chili cook-off: The excitement builds! Weather forecast : perfect. A huge crowd is expected. Volunteers are appreciated. See you Sunday.

Rotary District Conference will be weekend of

Nov. 6. See our club Web site for more information.

### 50/50:

**Bill Ronayne** wasn't at the meeting to win the 50/50 so **Chuck Hawkins** won the \$23 pot of gold.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

Ken Hickman and his very able assistant, Rich Kaufmann, gave a presentation about **Brian's Run, scheduled for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**. For the benefit of new members and as a reminder for longtime members, Ken explained this is the 26<sup>th</sup> year that Rotary has sponsored Brian's Run. He noted that the run will return to its traditional schedule of the first Saturday in December, after snow and ice prompted the rescheduling to March last year.

He explained Brian's Run is a partnership between Rotary, high schools, colleges, organizations, students, West Chester University and corporate sponsors. The purpose of Brian's Run is to help disabled citizens. Brian's Run is not really one race but several events: a mile walk, a mile run, a mile run for children under 11 years of age, and the main event, a 10K race. The run for children under 11 is a new and growing event. The 10 K event is considered one of the top 100 races in the U.S. and rated one of the top 25 by Runners' World.

Ken explained that Brian's Run was started in 1978 as a way to help Brian Bratcher, a 15 year old who suffered a spinal cord injury. Funds were raised to pay for extra expenses not covered by insurance. Sponsors were

aiming to raise \$500 to \$600 with the event, which actually generated almost \$20,000, when over 2,000 local and international runners registered for that first race! Since 1978, the event has raised nearly \$600,000, with about \$80,000 being donated in the last couple of years to provide such things as a fenced yard for an autistic child, a service dog for an 74-year-old adult, playground equipment for a child with multiple sclerosis, a stair glide for an adult with multiple sclerosis, an amplified hearing system for an adult and similar equipment and aides for many other children and adults.

Ken said the committee has application deadlines in May and September for those applying for funds. Decisions are made and funds given out within three to four weeks after the application deadlines and average \$4,000 per person.

The committee is able to get the race supplies, food, beverages, awards, etc donated, and along with the runners' registrations fees, the race pays for itself. Therefore, all sponsor funds go toward grants to needy applicants.

Ken recognized several of the key Rotarians who are helping this year – and have helped in the past several years. He urged all Rotarians to help recruit more runners and/or participate themselves to attract and generate additional corporate dollars. He explained it takes about 400 volunteers to pull the whole day together. The bottom line is that Brian's Run is about neighbors helping neighbors.

### **FROM GEOFF BAKER**

It is coming to that time again. Soon, we will be selling fruit, distributing fruit, and all round having a great time. One of the first actions is to select this season beneficiary. If you would like to nominate a worthy cause, please complete a nomination form and return it to Geoff Baker. The form can be found at the web site, just click on [Fruit Sale Nomination Form](#). Please have your nominations back to me by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Nov.5-7 District Conference  
Dec. 10 Rotary Club Holiday Party  
5:00 pm til ??  
429 West Union Street  
610-692-5055 (Annalie)

### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Alexander (Alex) Tesch** (Henderson)

Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun  
416 Chrislena Lane WC, PA 19380  
610-344-0205

**Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria** (Unionville)

Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger  
1087 Heartsease Dr. WC, PA 19382  
610-793-1708

### **THE CHILI COOK OFF WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. THANKS EVERYBODY!**

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### **“HOW TO GET IN TOUCH”**

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