



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Glenn Estess, Sr., International President 2004-2005

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This Week's Program: January 6, 2005
Avenue Chairs
Recap of Activity
Arranged by Steve Quigley

Next Week's Program: January 13, 2005
The Fulbright Program
Speaker: Nancy Krablin
Arranged by Annalie Lorgus

MINUTES by Fran Luft

The invocation was given by **Domenic Carnuccio**. He presented us with five goals to live by in the NEW Year.

We had one visiting Rotarian, Don Lester from Kennett Square introduced by **Greg Radford**. Our two guests today were Fred Reilly and Theresa Jackson. **Mike Alfonsi** extended birthday greetings to **Steve Karp** and **Annalie Lorgus**.

Happy bucks were given today by **Sue Casso**, **Annalie Lorgus** and **Joe Polito** in honor of **Paula Ott** named the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Chester County. **Charles Streitwieser**- Mayor **Dick Yoder's** second term, **Gary Hewitt**- receiving the funds from the Rotary Foundation grant, **Joe Polito** the student he sent to Thailand is fine and his phone is programmed with Fly Eagles Fly. **Faith**

Woodward gave a buck in honor of her daughter turning 16 and **Bud Deaver** announced that his daughter is expecting another bundle of joy.

Dick Yoder announced that the Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for the 13th of January at the Elks Club. We have a dozen individuals registered to participate and we need a minimum of 25. Please check your calendars and register to participate in this event.

Carol and **Eric Metzker** stated that the Tsunami and earthquake has affected eleven countries. There are 120 thousand plus deaths and that number is climbing due to disease and unsanitary conditions. They read two letters they received since this tragedy occurred via emails. Carol has some suggestions how our club can help but will wait until we see what our district and the International response will be.

Geoff Baker won the 50/50.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Craig Kalemjian

Wrapping up our 2004 program schedule, today's program was arranged by Tom Varley and introduced by Annalie Lorgus, who proudly introduced **Phoebe Kitson-Davis**, a "person of few dull moments".

We began Phoebe's life journey back in 1974 as a student at Westtown School and then on to

Springfield college (where YMCA's were invented) where she was a PE major.

After college Phoebe returned to Westtown as a school tour guide for a time, then, at age 25, opted to join the Peace Corps. As a Peace Corp volunteer she was assigned and dispatched to the African country of Niger, the second poorest country in the world. Each of our lunch tables was adorned with different "souvenirs" from her tour of duty there.

She returned home from Niger 2 1/2 years later after a life-threatening bout of malaria which was instrumental in helping her decide to serve God and humanity by going into the ministry.

Phoebe then went to Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained, and wound up back in West Chester at First Presbyterian Church where she served for a number of years as an assistant pastor.

When two children came along she decided to "retire" to full-time motherhood. But that retirement did not last long.

Soon she was involved with the Religious Council of West Chester and Chester County Council for Women and Girls.

Now she is again returning to Westtown School to teach courses in religion so she will be scarce at our Rotary meetings until March.

During her years at First Presbyterian Church Phoebe noticed that Pastor **Bill Hess** would disappear from Church every Thursday at noon for about 1 1/2 hours. That's how she learned about Rotary Club of West Chester and, as they say, the rest is history.

WELCOME, PHOEBE and wear your blue Rotary Badge proudly.

NEW MEMBER

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated her desire to become a member:

Jeannie McGinn, Classification-Business Service-Marketing. Sponsored by **Tim Phelps**

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for her induction.

DISASTER SUPPORT

The devastation from the tsunami that hit South Asia December 26 continues to boggle our imaginations as the numbers of deaths and the enormous property loss are reported.

RI President Glenn Estess encourages us to work with organizations such as [UNICEF](#) and the [Red Cross](#) and [Red Crescent](#) Societies around the world to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the tsunami. RI is in the process of exploring ways in which Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation can assist Rotarians in supporting longer term recovery efforts in these areas. Additional information will be posted on the Rotary web site.

Carol Metzker is getting information on a project to provide drinking water to an area she and Eric visited on the NID in India, now devastated. The Rotary Foundation has also set up a program called the Solidarity in South Asia. You may learn more about this and other Rotary initiatives at www.Rotary.org.

Carol Metzker or **Steve Quigley** will keep you informed of significant changes.

PEACEMAKER'S CAMPAIGN

We are 58.4% of GOAL with 48% participation of membership!

Special thanks to Gary Hewitt, Carol and Eric Metzker, Steve Riley, Steve Found, Amos Bassett, Michael Alfonsi, David Biffen, Kristi Blake, Duke Evans, Irvie Hoffman, Fran Luff, Adrienne Masak, Steve Quigley, Bill Ronayne, Don Stonestrom, Jack Wintermute, D.A. Cidis, Jack Cording, Victoria Dow, Steve Godsall-Myers, Bill Gotwals, Bronwyn Martin, Jean Oakes, Cathy Palmquist, Carol Hanson, Vic Abdala, Geof Baker, Ken Hickman, Patty Jefferis, Annalie Lorgus, Chris McCawley, Paula Ott, Dave Rayburn, John Schwab, Mike Steinberger, Charles Streitwieser, Joanne Tadeo, Tom Varley, David Wood, Stan Zukin, Sinc Adam, Vernon Brewer, Andy Close, Ralph Freed, Elizabeth Guman, Joe Hamel, Joe Polito, Bob Poole, Susan Stinson, Jim Stuart, Carl Werner, Jim Gasho, Joe DellaVecchia, Alan Elko, Al Filano, Rich Kauffman, Terry McGrath, Grant Nelson, Mark Sammarone, Michelle Venema, Frank Helms, Joe Cunnane, Bud Deaver, Bob Frame, Judy Ray, Duncan Smith, Mel Josepfs, Faith Woodward, Jim Lees, Lance Knauth, Linda Antonowich, and others for their contributions to the Peacemakers campaign. Together through Rotary Foundation, we make a difference!

Have you made your gift yet?

The Rotary Foundation has established a goal for each Rotarian of \$100.00. Our club participation goal is 100% of Club members, at whatever level fits your situation.

Please give your gift to Vic Abdala or Carol Hanson. Thank you!

BLOOD DONORS SOUGHT

Today's meeting is important in making final plans for the January 13th Rotary Club blood donor day.

As of January 1st, we had solid commitments from 15 Rotarians and/or their designee. Our minimum goal is 25 pints. So, we are well on our way of reaching our goal.

Hence, please consider this a request for all Rotarians to take a look at your schedules and "sign-up" via email to me directly, or at today's meeting be prepared to register for a donation time slot. If you are unable to donate blood, please consider contacting a friend, relative, neighbor and/or co-worker to give on your behalf. We have already had two Rotarians go this route - we appreciate the donations regardless of source.

Just a special note of congratulations to **Trish Kotsay**. She organized a separate Blood Donor drive at the Seven Oaks apartment complex for January 3rd. On behalf of the Red Cross Blood Donor program, we want to express our appreciation to Trish for all she has done.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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610-344-0205

Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria -Brazil (Unionville)

Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger

1087 Heartsease Dr. WC, PA 19382

610-793-1708

"HOW TO GET IN TOUCH"

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