



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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| <p><b>This Week's Program: February 24, 2005</b><br/> <b>Women and Heart Disease: Fictions and Facts</b><br/> <b>Speaker: Dr. Verdi DiSera</b><br/> <b>Arranged by Dave Rayburn</b></p> | <p><b>Next Week's Program: March 3, 2005</b><br/> <b>Induction of John Whalen, Mary Lou Jennings, and Bob Crow by Charles Streitwieser</b><br/> <b>Classification Talks</b><br/> <b>Speakers: Jenny Bartholomew &amp; Greg Radford</b></p> |
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### MINUTES by Steve Karp

The invocation was performed by CHRIS McCAWLEY.

Visiting Rotarians were announced by STEVE KARP.

We then celebrated the birthday of MARK SAMMARONE.

CHUCK HAWKINS gave us an update on our newest project called "Brighter Future" The date has been set for May 7th 2005. We need volunteers to assist in the craftsmanship, i.e.: painting, carpentry, woodworking or any skill level that can assist the project. We also need volunteers to assist the workers. Please see Chuck for more information.

GEOFF BAKER shared that the fruit sales have been off by as much as 50% when compared to our sales this time last year. Our goal is 10 cases per Rotarian so go out there and make it happen. Remember, money doesn't grow on trees, but fruit does! We need to sell fruit to raise money for Chester County Cares and Goodwill Fire Company. Donations may be made as well.

ADI MASAK announced that that the exchange students have a trip to Hershey Park planned for the spring. Please see ADI for more information. She encourages all to join them and get involved with the youth exchange kids. East High School Principle and all around great guy

RICK DUNLAP introduced the Rotary Students of the Month. They are Leo Donaghue and James Castiglione. Finally, JOHN SCHWAB won this week's Pot of Gold but failed to pull the Queen of Spades. This was Johns' 19th time winning the weekly event in the past 2 years. How does he do it? Mr. Schwab did donate a portion of his take back to The Chester County Red Cross

### SPEAKERS REVIEW by Jim Gasho

With a big kiss, LINDA HICKS introduced our speaker, a long time friend and Rotary Club of West Chester member since 1949, HAROLD GREEN. Harold was born March 24, 1923, in the Chester County Hospital in the Valley, not the "big one" now located on the hill. He lived almost all of his life above the family store on 123 W. Market Street. One

of Hal's first major accomplishments was riding his tricycle completely around the block of Market and Gay Streets! Hal attended High Street Elementary School and Biddle Street Junior and Senior High School. Both buildings he notes are no longer there. While at Biddle Street School, Harold at 5' 11" with about the same body frame as he has now, held the record as the longest standing varsity drum major that the school ever had.

Shortly upon graduating, Hal enrolled at Pennsylvania Military Academy (now Widener University) as a cadet , and on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1943 he joined the Army Paratroopers. At 20 years old, Harold was the "old man" of the bunch; most of the boys were 17 – 18 years of age.

When Hal returned from WWII, he went into business with his father and shortly thereafter started his own TV and Appliance store. Harold claims he never made a lot of money, but was able to travel the world because of the business relationships with his suppliers.

At age 23, past Rotary President and Past Rotary District Governor, the late Ossie Spellman invited Hal to join the Rotary Club of West Chester. Hal was thrilled and honored with the chance to join. Ossie and Hal had formed a close relationship as Hal was Ossie's first Eagle Scout. However the Rotary Board was not ready to invite a young, unproven businessman into the club so they denied his admittance until the next year. At age 25, Harold joined our Club.

Harold fondly remembers meetings at the Mansion House Hotel, and also forcing himself to greet Superintendent of West Chester Schools, the man who signed his diploma, Arthur Stetson, by his first name and not Mr. Stetson.

If not working in the store, or serving as the Scout Master, one of Harold 's favorite pastimes was ball room dancing with his wife. They would travel to do dance presentations throughout the east.

After 75 years in the retail business (Oldest Retail Store in West Chester) and the passing of his first wife, Harold closed his business, remarried and moved out of West Chester. It was not until Amos Bassett invited Hal back to club to receive the

Honorary Rotarian Award that Hal was rekindled with the Rotary Spirit. Harold remembers Ossie telling him to make sure you get 50 years of service. Now he can smile and whisper to Ossie that the 50-year goal has been reached.

When asked to tell our club about interesting local stories, Hal explained that he could stand up here for the remainder of the day if allowed. Hal did share one story with us. Hal's rule was to never interrupt him while with a customer, so when the assistant to then Ex-President Nixon called, Harold unknowingly told his secretary to take a message. A few minutes later, the Ex-President himself called and Harold again told his secretary to take a message. Finally upon finishing with his customer, Harold received a 3<sup>rd</sup> phone call, again from Ex-President Nixon. Hal finally got to talk to the Ex-President who wanted to purchase a TV for his daughter, who lives in Malvern, only to get a call back shortly thereafter, losing the sale to Nixon's son-in-law who had already purchased one elsewhere.

TOM SPACKMAN thanked our speaker.

#### EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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

Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun

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**Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria** –Brazil (Unionville)

Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger

1087 Heartsease Dr. WC, PA 19382610-793-1708

#### FRUIT SALE

This is Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> year. Let's celebrate by having one of the best Fruit Sales EVER. However, it is not looking that way right now. We have sold only about 50% of the fruit that we had sold this time last year. A MAJOR PUSH is needed. It is time to get into action.

Everyone should be able to sell fruit to those who bought last year. Just add 10% to that total and we will make our goal of 10 cases per Rotarian. It is the best fruit and people just love it. Call everyone you know and just ASK. Buy fruit for yourselves, buy fruit for Chester County Cares or make a donation. \$10 equates to 1 case.

Remember, SELL FRUIT – it is for a great cause – Chester County Cares and the Goodwill Fire Company #2

#### SAVE THE DATE

Mar 11 Final day for fruit orders  
Mar 19 Fruit Pick-up  
Jun 18-22 Rotary Centennial Convention

#### “HOW TO GET IN TOUCH”

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#### PEACEMAKER'S CAMPAIGN –

We are 82% of GOAL with 68% participation of membership!

Special thanks to **Gary Hewitt, Carol and Eric Metzker, Steve Riley, Steve Founds, Amos Bassett, Michael Alfonsi, David Biffen, Kristi Blake, Duke Evans, Irvie Hoffman, Fran Luft, Adrienne Masak, Steve Quigley, Bill Ronayne, Don Stonestrom, Jack Wintermute, Demetri 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, Faith Woodward, Joe Cunnane, Bud Deaver, Bob Frame, Judy Ray, Duncan Smith, Mel Josephs, Jim Lees, Lance Knauth, Linda Antonowich, Walt Blair, Bill Bunch, Lee Bunting, Dominic Carnuccio, Martha Carson-Gentry, Chuck Hawkins, Bill Hess, Linda Hicks, Phoebe Kitson-Davis, John Messersmith, John Olszewski, Matt Schwab, Ash Smith, Pete Thompson, Bill Winters, Mark Von Hacht, Dan Kneuppel, Dick Yoder, Gary Hess, Tom Spackman, Paul Woodruff, Kevin Quinn, Matt Bradley, Craig Kalemjian, Jeff Sommer, Bob Connelly, Bill Eaton, Cliff DeBaptist, Harold Green, Bob Struble, and others for their contributions to the Peacemakers campaign. Together through Rotary Foundation, we make a difference!**

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

Congratulations to the following new Paul Harris Fellows! **Bob Frame, John Schwab, Jeff Sommer, Joanne Tadeo** and **Linda Antonowich!!** Similarly, **congratulations** to those sustaining Paul Harris Fellows who have achieved a new level, **Steve Quigley, Don Stonestrom, Craig Kalemjian** and **Bob Struble**. We appreciate your support!

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