



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: March 17, 2005
Speakers: Chris Kemple and Steve Lenox
Wilmington Blue Rocks
Arranged by Jack Wintermute

Next Week's Program: March 24, 2005
Speaker: Gary Hess
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Arranged by Gary Hess

MINUTES by Joe Polito and Faith Woodward

The meeting was held at West Chester University with a buffet lunch served in the Sykes Student Union Building. The meeting was called to order by **President Steve** at 12:25 PM. He did note that our member **Madeleine Adler**, President of the University was our host and introduced other individuals from the university.

Geoff Baker reminded all that today was the last day to turn in the fruit orders. Telephone orders will be acceptable through noon on Saturday, March 12 and phone calls can be made to either **Geoff Baker**, **John Olszewski**, or **Chuck Hawkins**. Fruit distribution will take place at A. Duie Pyle on Saturday, March 19th. There will be two shifts for volunteers: 8:00-10:30 AM and 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available Thursday, March 17.

President Steve asked that everyone proceed over to the library in Phillips where we sang "America" to the dulcet tones of the lovely Steinway.

The invocation was given by **Adrienne Masak**.

Frank Helms introduced his guest, **Steve Marvin**, who is employed in the library at WCU. **Adrienne Masak** introduced Jane, and **Al Filano** introduced his wife Rita.

All announcements were curtailed so that we could move on to the presentation for the day by **Frank Helms**. He explained how the library room in Phillips was decorated and informed us of how the many autographed books came to be collected. (Unfortunately

our Speakers Review was not ready by time of publication).

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Alexander (Alex) Tesch Germany
(Henderson)

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

Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria –Brazil (Unionville)

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

FRUIT SALES

Well done everyone. We ordered a total of 1022 cases. This is a little less than last year, but we have nearly 200 cases equivalent in donations. It is a great effort on everyone's behalf. WELL DONE. The fruit will be delivered on Friday afternoon and we are all set for Saturday's distribution.

Please note that we have ordered extra fruit, so that if there are last minutes requests for fruit, please take the details and let either **John Olszewski** or **Geoff Baker** know. We will create a waiting list and then fill the orders once we have the final numbers. If we have still have extra fruit on Saturday, we will sell it at the dock or at our next Rotary Meeting

Thanks again, don't forget to sign up for the distribution on Saturday – coffee and donuts will be provided. If you are not at the meeting on Thursday, just let Geoff know which shift you want: 8:00 am to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 1 pm. See you all on Thursday

PEACEMAKER'S CAMPAIGN

We are 87.5% of GOAL with 74% 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 Knueppel, Dick Yoder, Gary Hess, Tom Spackman, Paul Woodruff, Kevin Quinn, Matt Bradley, Craig Kalemjian, Jeff Sommer, Bob Connelly, Bill Eaton, Cliff DeBaptiste, Harold Green, Bob Struble, Sue Casso, Norm Skillman, Howard Johns, Steve Karp, Madeleine Wing Adler, Clint Wiggins, Craig Scott** 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!

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 19 Fruit Pick-up
Jun 18-22 Rotary Centennial Convention

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Speaker's Review 3/10/05

Speaker: Frank Q. Helms, Director of Library Services
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

"You have the right idea. Give life to your books. To each one the autor writes in, he imparts a soul"

Private letter to Dr. George Morris Philips, 1916

Frank Helms provided us with a wonderful insight into a little seen but very famous portion of the University – the George Morris Philips Autographed Library. The room has the feel of an old English University, filled with over 2,000 first editions with autographs by the authors. What follows are a few excerpts from the speaker's notes.

George Morris Philips was born on October 28, 1851 in Atglen, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Lewisburg University (now Bucknell), taught at West Chester State Normal School for five years beginning in 1873, returned for a short period to Lewisburg as Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy and finally settled in at West Chester as principal. Dr. Philips has the longest tenure of service, 39 years, of any Principal or President.

One of the little known aspects of Dr. Philips' life was that he was an avid collector of autographed books. During his lifetime he amassed this collection now displayed in the library, most of which contain inscriptions as well as autographs. At the time of his death, the library was considered the largest collection of privately owned autographed books. It remains highly significant with excellent examples of the wide variety of intellects alive during his tenure.

Highlights include books by Mark Twain (signed using this pseudonym), C.L. Dodson who is better known as Lewis Carroll and a personal favorite – Helen Keller. Ms. Keller's inscription is:

Let us be content to do the thing we can and not presume to fret because it's little.
This was written in her own handwriting and was the clearest to read of the many inscriptions displayed.

Other items of note included drawings by famous artist such as Remington and Howard Pyle. The club offers its sincere thanks to Frank and the University for sharing this treasure and bringing history into a more personal focus for us.