



**SERVICE Above Self**

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**July 21, 2005**

**This Week's Program: July 21, 2005**

**Laser Use in Healing  
Speaker: Joan Matterson  
Arranged by Dave Rayburn**

**Next Week's Program: July 28, 2005**

**Bridge of Hope  
Speaker: Edith Yoder  
Arranged by Dave Rayburn**

**MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

**President Gary** opened the meeting and called on **Paula Ott** to give the invocation. She read a poem on friendship, explaining we talk extensively about service but an important part of Rotary for her is the friendships she's made in Rotary.

**President Gary** asked if Service Above Self is the only motto Rotary has ever had and then proceeded to tell us it is the second motto, which was adopted in the 1950's. He also said the morning board meeting had gone well with much discussion on fundraising. He is particularly supportive of the Chili Cook-off, which has become our main fundraiser.

New member **Ann Mintz** introduced visiting Rotarians (Bill Hicks, Bryan Mitchell, and Larry Whitaker all from WEGO) and **Jerry Alfano, Dave Rayburn, Adriana Correa, John Schwab** and **Steve Quigley** introduced their guests. Happy birthday wishes were presented to **Jean Oakes** by **Al Filano**, to **Martha Carson-Gentry** by **Victoria Dow** and a bit later, to **Steve Quigley** by **Steve Founds**. Happy Bucks were contributed by **Bob Rogers, Geoff Baker, Ken Hickman** and **Bob Connelly**.

**Steve Riley** reminded everyone of the immediate deadline for purchasing tickets to Rotary Night at the Phillies. Of the 28 tickets sold by our club, 27 of them were purchased by the West Chester Civic Assn. through **Joe Polito** to give to veterans. (At the end of the meeting, Steve announced that over 40 tickets had been purchased for the vets!)

**Chris Feyro** announced there is now a Chester County Pops Orchestra and they will be giving three free concerts throughout the county in September. He had posters available for members to post in the windows of their businesses.

**Jeannie McGinn** gave an update on the Chili Cook-Off, saying the income from sponsors is nearly double what it was last year! She also said there were many new sponsors. Legg Mason is the major sponsor and Schmaltz Harley Davidson is a new, energetic sponsor. There is still room for teams to sign up. So far there are 20 teams signed up, there were 54 last year and 34 the first year. The goal this year is 70 teams, which Jeannie said we would need, considering that even larger crowds are expected to attend this year. Also new this year is the invitation to other vendors to attend.

The YMCA will again have the Kids Corral with even more activities, she said, giving Lee Bunting a word of appreciation for this important contribution. She also gave special thanks to **Mark Sammarone** for setting up such a professional website for the cook off, which has impressed and attracted sponsors. President Gary, noting that St. Agnes Church has signed up a chili cooking team, challenged **Steve Godsall-Myers** of Calvary Lutheran and **Bill Hess** of First Presbyterian to urge their congregations to cook chili, as well as encourage the local synagogue to send a team.

**Carol Metzker** announced her family is hosting a short-term (4-week) exchange student and one of their daughters is spending four weeks with his family. If anyone can take their student around, please contact Carol or Eric.

**Bob Frame** reported on the Rotary -Lions golf outing, at which the Lions did not show up, which Bob said was his fault. However, the Rotarians had a good time, during and after the golfing.

**Jean Oakes** was winner of the 50/50, but did not draw the allusive queen.

## **SEPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker**

We had the induction of **Jim Shankweiler**, introduced by **Sue Casso** and performed by **Carl Werner**. He had ties to the club in that his father and **Duke Evans** were colleagues in the Chichester School system. He went to school at PSU at the Berks campus and his business is medical transportation.

### **Classification Talk by Jerry Alfano**

**Jerry Alfano** gave us a window on who he is and where he came from in his life's journey that has now led him to the West Chester Rotary club. Born in 1969 in Trenton, NJ to parents from Colombia South America, Jerry grew up in a caring family environment in a town setting. After 7 years, Jerry's father moved the family environment to Daytona Beach, FL where the caring family environment continued, but town life gave way to the beach life.

The beach was a true revelation for Jerry who grew up swimming and surfing, adapting well to the sun and social life near the ocean. By the time Jerry was in high school he spent summers as a 'beach bum' – part of the time surfing the East Coast surfing circuit and other part as cabana boy waiting on customers at pools and the beach. This must clearly be where Jerry's friendly personality was embraced and developed.

However, the beach life was not to be a 'forever' situation. As Jerry neared the end of high school he had to consider what might come next. While continuing the fun of the beach life was attractive, Jerry was heavily influenced by his father's belief in service in the military. After much consideration, Jerry decided he ought to see what the branches of the military were all about. He attended a recruiting presentation put on by all branches and came away confident in his selection of the Air Force as his next destination.

Jerry's proud parents saw him off to basic training which resulted in his being select to go to school for such handy skills as Morse code and typing. Jerry served four years in Alaska – a big change from the beach life! While it wasn't the beach it was to him "God's Country" where he learned to enjoy fishing and hiking. Two of the highlights for him during that time were 1. being selected as Airman of the Base for which he earned a ride in an F15 Eagle fighter plane and 2. going halibut fishing in the ocean off of Alaska where he caught a halibut that was larger than he was.

This period of his life included starting school and studying finance and wound up with a cross

country trip from Alaska down through Seattle, WA and back to Florida where the Air Force adventure started. He settled in and finished school at the University of Central Florida and finished his degree in Finance. This led to an opportunity on the 'other coast' of Florida at Tampa Bay working for SunTrust bank.

He now has a wife Cher and daughter, Alisa Lynn (apologies from the author if the spelling isn't quite right!) and works for Commerce Bank. Jerry made the presentation interactive by offering prizes for answers to trivia questions related to each of the places he lived. His presentation was warmly received and Jerry was welcomed by the club as a true 'blue badger'

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Aug 16            District 7450 RF Barbeque  
Oct 9             Chili Cook off

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Gerardo Soto (Santiago, Chile)  
Host family: Eric and Carol Metzker  
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