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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, International President 2005-2006

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**August 4, 2005**

**This Week's Program: August 4, 2005**  
**Training Corp. Inc.**  
**Speaker: Michele Pepe**  
**Arranged by Annalie Korengel-Lorgus**

**Next Week's Program: August 11, 2005**  
**Classification Talks**  
**Speakers: Jeannie McGinn and Bob Crow**  
**Arranged by Tom Varley**

### **MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**President Gary** opened the meeting, we sang "America", and **Domenic Carnuccio** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were: Roger Tellefsen (Sunrise), John Saling (Sunrise), and V.J. Theodorides (WEGO).

**Eric Metzker** introduced his guest, Gerardo from Santiago, Chile, for probably the last time since his short sojourn with us was coming to an end.

Happy Bucks were proclaimed by: **Domenic Carnuccio** (married now for 1 hr and 7 months?), **Vernon Brewer** (Jack's back), **John Saling** (grandson's visit), and **Steve Karp** (x5 for the Eagles' training in WC).

**President Gary** pronounced **Annalie Lorgus** Rotarian of the Month (surprised the socks off her!). She has hosted several parties for various fundraising events. Awards were also given to **Bob Clarke** for his role as treasurer for 30+ years and to **Lance Knauth** for 10 yrs of service. **President Gary** pointed out that we had several free water bottles from the "United We Walk" event. **Gary** also read a thank you letter from Veteran's Affairs for the tickets to the Phillies purchased by donations from our club.

**President Gary** reminded everyone that we are all invited to the district barbecue to benefit Rotary International on Aug. 16 at the Torresdale County Club. Past RI President

John Devlyn will be the speaker. **Gary** will be driving if anyone needs a ride.

**Jerry Alfano** handed out the now full boxes that had been empty for his Classification Talk a few weeks ago. Some had 50-50 tickets and one a \$25 gift certificate. **Joe Polito** got the latter.

The 50-50 proceeds will go to Chester County Cares and **Frank Reilly** won. He did not draw the Queen of Spades.

Rotary Quiz: How many of us are members of RI? If you answered, "All of us", you are technically incorrect because the club is the member not we as individuals.

### **SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Steve Karp**

Our guest speaker this afternoon was Edith Yoder from Bridge of Hope. Bridge of Hope seeks to end and prevent homelessness-one church and one family at a time. This program matches trained, church-based mentoring groups with single mothers and their children, one of the most vulnerable groups to experience homelessness.

Most families are referred to a local Bridge of Hope program from shelters, transitional housing units, domestic violence centers, drug/alcohol rehabilitation programs and churches. Eighty percent of these families successfully complete the program and achieve permanent housing and financial self-sufficiency through employment, while building

self-esteem and stability through ongoing mentoring friendships.

To accomplish this, the local Bridge of Hope trains a group of eight to 12 Christians from one Protestant or Catholic church and matches them with one homeless or "at-risk" single mother and her children. The mentoring group provides friendship, practical help, emotional support and spiritual nurture to the family they are mentoring. Professional staff from the Bridge of Hope provides ongoing support to the mentoring group while the family is in the program. The goal is for mentoring friendships to continue after completion of the 12 to 18 month program.

The Bridge of Hope staff provide the family with case management services, including help with goal setting, budgeting and parenting skills. A service contract outlines basic expectations of the program and an individualized service agreement is also developed with the participant to identify her goals and action steps for finding housing, securing employment or job training, working towards financial self-sufficiency and growing in physical, emotional, social and spiritual health.

The Bridge of Hope staff and the mentoring group help the family find housing in the vicinity of the church and the mentors. Rental assistance from the Bridge of Hope is also available to families on a decreasing basis over nine to 12 months.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Aug 16	District 7450 RF Barbeque
Sept. 25	Rotary International Student Picnic at WCU
Oct 9	Chili Cook off

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Gerardo Soto (Santiago, Chile)  
Host family: Eric and Carol Metzker  
1109 Forsyth Lane  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-793-4286

### **CONDOLENCES**

**President Gary's** father, George Hewitt, passed away on Sunday, July 31. Services are Monday, August 8 at Philadelphia Memorial Park, 124 Phoenixville Pike just off Route 30 in Frazer. Please share your condolences with him.

### **CELEBRATION BARBECUE**

**August 16th, 2005**

The price of \$30 per person goes up to \$40 per person for all checks not received by August 6. Frank Devlyn RI Past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Rotary Foundation will be in our district for an event on August 16.

Location > Torresdale Country Club  
Frankford and Grant aves.

Philadelphia PA

\$30 per person - Cash Bar 6 PM, Barbeque Buffet 7 PM

Entertainment - a Dixieland Band

Send checks to Joel Chesney PAG 101  
Turnhill Ct. West Chester PA. 19380

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