



SERVICE Above Self

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, International President 2005-2006

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November 3, 2005

This Week's Program: November 3, 2005
Rotary Foundation & Brian's Run
Bill Hess and Ken Hickman
Arranged by Bill Hess and Ken Hickman

Next Week's Program: November 10, 2005
Veteran's Day
Gary Hewitt
Arranged by Gary Hewitt

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President **Gary** opened the meeting and **Michelle Venema** gave the invocation asking us to remember **Duke Evans** whose son just died.

The sole Visiting Rotarian was John Saling (WC Sunrise).

Guests were: Jerry Olszewski with husband **John Olszewski**, PDG Paul Osimo and PDG Nancy Gilbert with **President Gary**, Joe Thomas with **Steve Karp**, Katie Walker with **Bill Winters**, Laura Dallas Burford with **Andrew Stump**, Todd Finnegan with **Eric Metzker**, Rob Feenan with **Craig Kalemjian**, and Anita Trump with **Steve Karp**.

Birthday greetings were given to **Don Stonestrom** from **Charles Streitwieser**, to **Eric Metzker** from **Adrienne Masak**, to **Demetri Cidis** from **Carol Metzker**, and to **Paul Woodruff** from **Charlie Lyddane**.

Happy Bucks were from **Frank Reilly** (thanked police and fire companies for helping with the Chili Cook-Off and returned the handcuffs from the Naughty Police Girls????), **Carol Metzker** (the Kenya project is moving along), **Charlie Lyddane** (no more children in the house), John Saling (Judge Ott called him "ma'me"), **Joanne Tadeo** (Bob Struble is back), **Gary Hewitt** (we're the first club visited by PDG Nancy Gilbert), **Vic Abdala** (Dick Yoder convinced him to run for Borough Council), **Sync Adam** (he survived 4 birthday parties), **Steve Reilly** (the Paralegal Fundraiser gave \$10,000 to Chester County Cares), **Howard Green** (his wife just became employed at The Hickman), and **Joe Polito** (more on the John Saling episode).

Adrienne Masak announced that Sebastian will need a new home in the East "High School

district from January to June. Please contact her with suggestions.

Mary Lou Jennings announced the meeting of Explorer Post 627 at Chester County Hospital on November 18. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

John Olszewski announced for **Geoff Baker** that time is running out for nominations for the Fruit Sale recipient.

Terry McGrath thanked all those who helped collect 45 bags of canned food for the Salvation Army this week.

50-50 benefits Project Warm. **Victoria Dow** was the winner but drew the wrong queen.

President Gary presented our club banner to PDG Nancy Gilbert who hails from District 7810 in Canada and Maine. In 2010, her district will host the International Conference in Montreal. She asked that we all consider attending our District Conference coming up on Oct 28. November will be Rotary Foundation month.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Our speaker, **Bill Hess**, presented a brief talk on Rotary Foundation. The theme is "Every Rotarian Every Year."

The president of Rotary International, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar chose the motto "Service Above Self" this year. Rotary serves all around the world through peace and understanding. We are doing humanitarian work all over the world. The cumulative contributions to RI have been \$1.562 billion and since 1947, \$1.469 billion has been given for Program awards and expenses.

The RI auditor states that RI has assets of \$620 million. Funds are invested and not touched for three years so that the interest generated can be used for administrative costs.

Last year, led by **Carol Hanson**, we, as a club, met our goal of donations of \$100 per member. We were the only club that gave 100 % of the goal. This year we have the same goal. The district's goal is \$195,000. Our club is the highest giver in the district. Not all can give the \$100 but some can give more. The goal is 100% participation.

Rotary Foundation is a significant force as a humanitarian in the world. Our goal is to have all checks (made to the Rotary Foundation) by November 30. It is 100% tax deductible. This year, all contributors who meet the November 30 deadline will have their names put in a hat and the winner will have \$300 entered towards his or her Paul Harris Fellow. Whatever amount you give is kept confidential. The most important work is what is being done with the funds.

Bill showed a nine-minute video about the value of life and the value of helping children all over the world. 40,000 scholars have been assisted through the Ambassadorial Scholars. The Group Study Exchange began in 1965 for young professionals to experience other countries.

Masters Degrees in conflict resolution are available through the Rotary Centers for International Studies. Humanitarian Grants Programs help fund club and district programs to help those primarily in low-income countries. Matching Grants are available for programs in two countries. Polio Plus was begun in 1985 to protect the worlds' children from Polio. There has been a 99% reduction in the number of cases of polio worldwide but funds have not been able to keep up with the needs.

Rotary's efforts will shape a peaceful tomorrow for all the children of the world.

As a final tribute, PDG Nancy Gilbert presented **John and Jerry Olszewski** with their Four-Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) Henderson
Host Family - Harvey and Shannon Hicks
414 Oakland Dr Downingtown, PA 19335
610 524-4277

Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Ted and Alice Lenthe
627 Beaumont Circle West Chester, PA 19380
610 430-0898

CCH Visit

The Fall meeting of Explorer Post 627, Chester County Hospital, sponsored by our own Rotary

Club will take place on November 18, from 9AM to 1PM, with lunch included. The event will afford participants the opportunity to visit various departments throughout the hospital, hear informative talks by several of the medical professionals from a variety of backgrounds, and share lunch with other participants and hospital executives for an informal question and answer session. If any of our Rotary members know other students that might be interested in attending this event, please contact Mary Lou Dupont, 610-696-6621x27 at the Boy Scout office, or email jenningsm@cccbsa.org. The cost of \$8.00 covers registration, insurance, and entitles the registrant to attend the Spring session, tentatively scheduled for March 23, 2006.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 4 Brian's Run
Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Annalie
Korengel- Lorgus'

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