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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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November 10, 2005

This Week's Program: November 10, 2005

Veteran's Day

Gary Hewitt

Arranged by Gary Hewitt

Next Week's Program: November 17, 2005

Induction by Paul Woodruff of

Lisa Howard, Anita Trump, & Katie Walker

Ann Mintz - Classification Talk

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting and Dick Yoder gave a non-political invocation.

Mike Alfonsi introduced Visiting Rotarians Bob Bielski (WEGO), John Saling (Sunrise), V.J. Theodorides (WEGO), and Robert Fischer (Concordville).

Guests were: Todd Finnegan (in the pipeline for membership) with Bill Ronayne, Rob Feenan (also in the pipeline for membership) with Craig Kalemjian, and Valerie Johnson from Moshi, Tanzania with Steve Godsall-Myers.

Birthday greetings were from Sue Casso to Cathy Palmquist, from Vic Abdala to Domenic Carnuccio, and from Jack Wintermute to Bud Deaver.

Jack also meted out some fines. Steve Founds, Joe Polito, Carol Hanson, Sue Casso, Charlie Lyddane, Bill Gotwals, and Victoria Dow were all hit except Bill was exempt for his perfect attendance.

Happy Bucks were from Carl Werner, Vernon Brewer, Mike Alfonsi (for Dave Wood), Bud Deaver, John Schwab, Paul Osimo, Elizabeth Guman, and Dick Yoder.

President Gary announced that the District Conference was great including the excellent Israeli GSE presentation. The Newcomers' party last week at CCHS was good also.

The Veteran's Day celebration will be next week. Please let President Gary know if you were in the military.

PDG Paul Osimo will bring roses (1 dozen for \$15) from the Rotary Club of Havertown. Proceeds will match a Paul Harris Fellow.

Cathy Palmquist asked for people to pay up for the Brighter Future's pledges. Please give your check made out to "The Rotary Club of West Chester" to Cathy, Matt Schwab, or Greg

Radford. Jennifer from New Orleans will be speaking at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Calvary Lutheran Church on Nov. 23 at 7:30PM.

Adrienne Masak still needs to find a home for our Exchange Student Sebastian. Please also think of our exchange students when you have tickets for sporting events, music program, or the theatre, just call Adrienne. She also need names for outbound students for next year's exchange students.

Annalie Korengel-Lorgus announced the Holiday Party on Dec. 9. Donations will be given to Rotary Foundation (beyond one's \$100). She also has a Chicago Convention booklet for borrowing.

Ken Hickman passed around a sign up sheet for Brian's Run.

The Pot of Gold was won by Craig Kalemjian in abstentia with instructions to buy 1 lb. of coffee and donate the rest to the club.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Bill Hess, Rotary Foundation chair, reminded members that November is Rotary Foundation month. To get members thinking about the work of the foundation he began with a question and answer session, reminding us of RF's three educational programs and Polio Plus program, the latter having reduced polio 99 percent worldwide, a number of which all Rotarians should be proud.

Then, being the minister that he is, he announced he was going to conduct a little church service, and called upon Carol Metzker to give a brief "testimonial" about her experience in India, and Gary Hewitt to tell about the water projects in Bangladesh. "Both saw Rotary's work in person," said Bill. He then called on Valerie Johnson, a guest of Steve Godsall-Myers, who

directs the Amani Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania, to talk briefly about her work.

"Rotary is not about doing good in the United States," said Bill, "but about doing great work in the world!"

Bill then told of his trip to San Pedro, seeing the fountain that provides spring water to the area, provided by Rotary, and seeing the Rotary project helping HIV positive kids in Johannesburg, South Africa. "Rotary is everywhere, providing food, water and other needs."

Bill cited the very generous support of Rotary Foundation by **John Olszewski** who supports RF because the people who handle the money are local and they are business people, so he knows the donations he makes go right to the areas where they are needed. Bill added that monies to RF are invested for three years before being used. Therefore, the funds those monies earn are used for administration, releasing the *entire* donation for humanitarian use.

Every Rotarian, Every Year is the theme of RF, Bill reminded members, noting they ask for \$100 per Rotarian, but more importantly seek 100% participation by Rotarians. He complimented the club on its past contributions.

Bill then introduced **Bob Poole**, who told about a Peanuts column by his favorite cartoonist, Schultz. Bob went on to say that most people join our club spontaneously because of our active avenues of service. He named the avenues and noted that the most difficult avenue in which to be involved is the International Avenue. Yet, Carol Metzker, Gary Hewitt and Paul Woodruff, to name a few, have been very involved in this avenue.

Bob went on to say that wars don't unify people and countries, nor do religions and cultures. "People are unified under the banner of service. All faiths express in one way or another to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The Rotary concept of service gives rise to commitment."

"Experiment" is the best word to describe the Rotary Foundation," he said. "Rotary Foundation gets the job done through ingenuity." He invited all to make a contribution to the "Rotary experiment."

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 18 Explorer Post 627 meeting at
Chester County Hospital
Dec. 4 Brian's Run
Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Annalie's

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 meeting at Chester County Hospital, sponsored by our own Rotary Club will take place on November 18, from 9AM to 1PM, with lunch included. If any one knows students who 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.

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