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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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December 8, 2005

This Week's Program: December 8, 2005

Classification Talks

Lonnie Beck & Bert Volger

Arranged by Tom Varley

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

Next Week's Program: December 15, 2005

Speaker: Leonard Bonacci

Arranged by Mike Alfonsi

President Gary opened the meeting. After singing America, the invocation was given by **Jim Gasho**.

Joe Polito introduced Visiting Rotarians, Reese Reynolds, Pat Barron (both Concordville-Chadds Ford), and V.J. Theodorides (WEGO).

Guests were presented by **John Schwab** (John Abernathy), **Jim Gasho** (Scott Brown), **John Olszewski** (Dick Fitsch), **Adrienne Masak** (Jessica Kent), **Joe Polito** (Bunny Welsh, transferring to our club; Brad; and David Presley).

Happy Bucks were offered by **David Wood** (his daughter received an acceptance letter from Penn State), **Terry McGrath** (The Greystone Ramblers will be playing at Wachovia for Old-fashioned Christmas and at Finnegan's Wake on Tuesday), and **Linda Hicks** (her daughter will be co-opting in Charleston for Bosch Automotive).

President Gary informed the club that Peter Manning Smith (member of Philadelphia Club who visited us several times) passed away recently.

Jack Wintermute requested help from more ringers for the Salvation Army. Ten people have signed up so far.

Joe Polito said Operation Warm will be revving up now that the weather is colder. We have forty-one children who need money for coats from our club.

Carol Metzker let us know that they will be hosting Sara Pensberthy through Youth Exchange for six weeks. She will be attending Westtown School with her daughter. The importance of good relations with others in the world really hit home this past week as a friend of theirs was kidnapped in Iraq recently.

Bill Hess reminded us that the Rotary Foundation month theme is "Every Rotarian, Every Year." Our goal is \$100 per member and we have \$5,060 so far. More contributions have come in today, the last day for the drawing.

Ken Hickman reminded all of Brian's Run this weekend, Dec. 4. Please show up on Saturday at the gymnasium at 9 AM and/or Sunday at the Stadium at 9 AM.

Carl Werner asked for nominations for leadership positions in the club. The deadline was Dec. 1 for nominations to the 2006-2007 board. One can nominate oneself! He also announced the Rotary Leadership Institute in March. It teaches about RI and how to lead a club. Five consecutive presidents of our club have attended.

Mike Alfonsi chimed in for Annalie Korengel-Lorgus' party on Dec. 9.

President Gary invited all to attend board meetings at DeStarr's the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 AM.

The 50-50 winner was **Joe Hamil**.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

John Olszewski introduced our program as the business end of Brian's Run, a time to acknowledge the volunteers who have helped over the years. John asked **Carol Metzker** to speak. Carol remembered **Greg Radford** mentioning speaking to his children about super-heroes, the people around you doing extraordinary things. Carol interviewed Joey, Phil, and Leacy about their lives as disabled people. It takes a huge amount of effort to just get around each day. They are all grateful for Brian's Run. One has reading equipment, another has an extra ramp. These are things that their insurance companies would not provide but the proceeds from Brian's Run will.

The Beneficiary committee chooses the recipients. John introduced the members of this committee: Martin Padwell from WCU, Tracey Beck for Residential Living, and Linda Redding who works with those with Cerebral Palsy. Bill Lockhart who works with the hearing impaired could not join us today.

John introduced **Bob Poole** who had a crucial role in the establishment of Brian's Run. Bob asked the question that has been on his mind, "Why do sad situations often evolve into something good?" His answer is "Fulfillment." We all want to discover the meaning of life and helping less fortunate people gives life meaning. The committee to establish Brian's Run was diverse. WCU offered its stadium, volunteers first came from our Rotary club, and

Bob's patients wanted to help, too. After four years of being the recipient for Brian's Run proceeds, Brains Bratcher wanted to share the proceeds with other deserving people.

Linda Redding, Tracey Beck, Marty Padwell all came forward to receive certificates of appreciation for service to the disabled in the community through Brian's Run. **President Gary** presented John Abernathy, representative from West Chester Friend School with a check for \$200 as the school with the highest percentage of students participating in the race.

Dick Fitsch, Race Director of ten years, presented Martin Padwill from WCU the Brian Batcher Award for dedicated service to Brian's Run. Phil and Marilyn Duffy who designed the traffic control were commended. Phil thanked all and especially his wife. He helps year after year because he admires others who help with Brian's Run. **Ken Hickman** was awarded for recruiting people to volunteer for Brian's Run. He has also obtained donors for food since 1997. When asked why Ken volunteers, he said there are always people who Marty finds who need help.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Thank you to the following people who have contributed to the Rotary Foundation this year:

Sinc Adam, Mike Alfonsi, Geoff Baker, Dave Biffen, Kristi Blake, Vernon Brewer, Lee Bunting, Domenic Carnuccio, Martha Carson-Gentry, Sue Casso, Demetri Cidis, Andy Close, Jack Cording, Joe Cunnane, Bud Deaver, Joe DellaVecchia, Victoria Dow, Bill Eaton, Al Filano, Jim Gasho, Ron Ginns, Steve Gotsall-Myers, Bill Gotwals, Hal Green, Elizabeth Guman, Joe Hamel, Carol Hanson, Bill Hess, Linda Hicks, Irvie Hoffman, Howard Jones, Craig Kalemjian, Annalie Korengel-Lorgus, Fran Luft, Charlie Lyddane, Adrienne Masak, Chris McCawley, Jeannie McGinn, Carol Metzker, Eric Metzker, Ann Mintz, Grant Nelson, Jean Oakes, Cathy Palmquist, Joe Polito, Bob Poole, Steve Quigley, Greg Radford, Dave Rayburn, Larry Richards, Steve Riley, Bob Rogers, Bill Ronayne, Tom Spackman, Mike Steinberger, Charles Streitwieser, Bob Struble, Jim Stuart, Michelle Venema, Carl Werner, John Wintermute, Bill Winters, Paul Woodruff, Faith Woodward, Dick Yoder

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BRIAN'S RUN 2005

Thank you to everyone who made Brian's Runa success!

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

The Club Service Avenue is in need of a Membership Development Chair, as soon as possible. The job involves assigning classifications and tracking prospective members through the membership process. A more detailed job description can be requested from Annalie Korengel Lorgus. Please contact Annalie if interested! Thanks for your willingness to put Service Above Self!

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Annalie's

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