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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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<p>This Week's Program: December 15, 2005 Speaker: Steve Karp - Rotary Sgt Of Arms Arranged by Mike Alfonsi</p>	<p>Next Week's Program: December 22, 2005 Holiday Program East H.S.-String Ensemble & Choral Group</p>
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MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting. **Don Stonestrom** gave the invocation Visiting Rotarians included Bill McDonigle and John Sailing. Guests were Scott Brown, Margaret Adam, Mike Karick, Dave Presley and Brad Baron, Katherine Metzker, Sarah Penberthy, Dr. Phyllis Simmons and Nvia Howard. Both Brad and Dave are in the pipeline for membership.

Bob Frame extended birthday greetings to **Bob Clarke, Seamus Lavin, Sinc Adam, Bill Hess,** and **Ralph Freed.**

Happy Bucks were offered by **Adrienne Masak-Jessica** has a new job, **Carol Hanson- Ken Hickman** and those who helped with Brian's Run, **Bob Poole-Phyllis Simmons** Principal in the WCASD, **Jack Cording- Vernon Brewer** no longer on same shift at hospital, **Katie Walker** - Old Fashioned Christmas was a success, **Steve Karp-** Toured East High School, both Eagles and Cowboys stink, **Joe Polito-Bunny Welsh** in pipeline to become member of W.C. Rotary and recognized those who gave money for coats- total \$286, **Domenic Carnuccio-** married two years and he and his wife are expecting a child.

Mike Steinberger recieved the International Scouting Rotarian Award- congratulations. **Jack Wintemuth** announced that bell ringers are needed for the 10th of December. **Annalie Lorgus** announced that second half membership dues to Rotary are due January 1st, 2006. The holiday party is tomorrow night at her home. **Bill Hess** thanked the 73 plus Rotarians who gave to the Rotary Foundation . **Carol Metzker** pulled the winning ticket- \$300 will be sent to the Rotary Foundation and credited to **Jim Gasho.** \$8,380 has been donated to date. **Carl Werner** announced the slate of officers for the 2006-07 Rotary year. The nominations were accepted. **Carol Metzker** announced that the youth exchange students are doing well. Please feel free to take them to any Christmas activities you have planned. The Group Study Exchange is in need of Team members.

Steve Karp announced that our Rotary Club is

starting an INTERACT CLUB at East High School. 20 students are interested in this club, co-sponsored with the Sunrise Rotary Club. **Joe Polito** announced that a warm coat is being given to Erin, our Katrina victim. **Charles Streitweiser** won the 50/50.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Lonnie Beck and **Bert Volger**, giving their classification talks, proved once again that some of our best programs are those given by members.

Born in 1980, the middle child, Lonnie is a local boy. His parents married at 19, so they grew up along with their children, he said. His family lived in apartments, then moved to a home in Kennett Square that his father built. Falling on hard times, moved in with his grandmother and he moved to another school.

After a few beatings by other kids, his father started him in martial arts, he got a green belt. He began delivering newspapers to pay for his martial arts lessons, and by 13, he received his first-degree black belt. His family moved again and he participated in track at Downingtown High School and helped the school win its first meet against East High School.

He headed for Penn State and joined Tae Kwon Do. After college, he decided his true vocation was martial arts and is now the full time manager of Dragon Gym.

Lonnie likes coming to Rotary and sitting among 10 tables of "grandfathers!" He is 25, became engaged in May, planning to marry Jackie next year. They are building a house in Downingtown. He teaches martial arts to kids and adults, recently earned his third-degree black belt and is working toward his fourth-degree black belt. His goal is to help others live their lives to their fullest potential.

Bert Volger explained he came to Rotary because his youngest daughter wanted to be an exchange student. His family became acquainted with the Rotary Youth Exchange program through **Cathy Palmquist** and **Joe Polito**, and his daughter subsequently went to France and then to Germany

for a year. His family hosted Rotary Exchange student Vinnie, from whom they still get emails. They had a fabulous time with Vinnie and Bert thinks Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's best programs.

Bert was an exchange student and attributes that to how he ended up in the United States. He grew up in Northern Germany, in a family that has been in farming for generations. His brothers are farmers. His mother wanted him to go to college. "I think she wanted an educated farmer!" he quipped. He got his degree in plant pathology and diseases and went on to get his PhD.

In Germany during the 1950's, the American GI's friendliness and chocolates sparked his interest and desire to experience the U.S. He applied for and got a scholarship to the University of California at Davis, which he describes as one of his best years. He met his wife Sherry there and ended up, after college, with an agricultural research and development position in Germany. After a few years, the family wanted to make a change and moved to New Jersey in 1985.

Bert and his wife have three daughters, the oldest just graduated in engineering at Penn State and has a job with Johnson & Johnson, the second is a junior at Rochester, majoring in new media and graphic design. The third, who was in youth exchange, is in high school.

In 2000, his company wanted to move them to Raleigh, but they liked Chester County and decided to stay here. Bert now helps small companies develop agricultural products and bring them to market. He enjoys gardening, skiing and liked playing soccer when Vinnie was here. He hopes to contribute to Rotary, especially through the exchange program and working for long-lasting peace.

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

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Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

SALVATION ARMY RINGERS

The following Rotarians showed great talent and superior dedication while manning the kettles on Saturday:

Joann Tadeo, Ann Mintz, Sue Casso, Dom Carnuccio, Tom Spackman, Mike Alfonsi & son, Steve Karp, Adi Masak, Terry McGrath and daughters, Geoff Baker, Paul Woodruff, Andy Close, Jeannie McGinn, Jim Gasho & daughter, Mike Steinberger, Vic Abdala and son, Kevin Quinn, Patti Jefferis, Kristi Blake Blackburn, Carl Werner, Dave Rayburn, Bill Ronayne, Chris McCawley, Victoria Dow, Joe Polito and exchange student Virginie, Hal Green, Linda Hicks, Joe Hamel. Don Stonestrom, Gary Hewitt, Craig Kalemjian, Bob Struble and son, Bob Poole and Bob Crow. Many thanks from Vernon and Jack. 🙏

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