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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, International President 2005-2006

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**January 5, 2006**

**This Week's Program: January 5, 2006**

**Christine Bland**

**Gifted Mentor Program & Interact**

**MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**Next Week's Program: January 12, 2006**

**President Gary** opened the meeting and **Joe Polito** gave the invocation.

The sole Visiting Rotarian was Bob Bielski (WEGO).

Guests were: Gabby with her mother, **Adrienne Masak**; Laura with her husband, **Geoff Baker**; Gwendolyn with her husband, **Howard Johns**; Ann and Marianne Stafford with **Katie Walker**; David with his wife, **Joanne Tadeo**; and Lavina with her mother, **Phoebe Kitson-Davis**.

Happy Bucks were from **Adrienne Masak** (Gabby gave her hair to "Locks of Love," **Geoff Baker** (going to Myrtle Beach), **Vernon Brewer** (grandson home from Iraq), **Charlie Lydanne** (going to West Virginia), **Steve Quigley** (new granddaughter and the Senior Center moved to 530 E. Union St. this week), **Reds Howard** (wife and he celebrating their first wedding anniversary and grandson retiring Dec. 1 from the Air Force), and **Steve Karp** (sister had a baby boy and Steve and his wife have completed adoption papers hoping to welcome a child in the summer).

Birthday greetings were given to **Steve Karp** from **Ken Hickman**, to **Tom Varley** and to **Ken Hickman** from **Bob Frame**, and to **John Schwab** from **Sue Casso**.

**Mike Alfonsi** apologized for comments he made at the previous week's meeting and **President Gary** apologized for talking to others about Rotary business during a presentation. **President Gary** presented **Jack Wintermute** with the coveted "Rotarian of the Month" award. Jack is always there and helps out with many different events like the Salvation Army bell ringing and Brian's Run. **Joe Polito** read thank

you notes from school children who were recipients of coats through Operation Warm.

**Geoff Baker** won the 50-50 and the proceeds of \$262 will go to Operation Warm.

**SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward**

For his reclassification speech, **Bob Struble** wore his Christmas bow tie, a hand-me-down from his father. Bob has been a member of the club for thirty years.

His parents met through the Unionville school district where they both worked and then Bob attended Unionville schools. After high school, he attended several colleges and his travels took him to Maine, Germany, Illinois, and England. After graduating from college, he enlisted in the Navy. Having been a language major, the Navy used his skills to teach Chinese and he would listen to Chinese broadcasts.

After graduate school at the London School of Economics, Bob worked on the Chester County Planning Commission. When his father became a county commissioner two years later, Bob had to leave the planning commission and took his father's former position at the Brandywine Valley Association. Their goal is that water should be clean!

Rotary has been in Bob's life in different ways. His Little League team was sponsored by Kennett Rotary and in his junior year he attended Tomorrow's Leaders' Camp also sponsored by the Kennett Rotary. In 1976, BVA board member **Sinc Adam** suggested Bob join our club. Sponsored by **Art James**, Bob remembers **John Batley** was on the information committee. Answers to questions about classifications showed Bob Rotary's flexibility. Bob misses the singing that the club used to do and appreciated the dropping of "Mr." from men's names.

The International Program really interested Bob. His family had hosted the first exchange student and learned of translation problems when their student said he liked to "disembowel" chickens! This gentleman still contacts his family through e-mail. Our club's first student came from Australia on a flight two hours earlier than expected which provided some challenges. Bob also remembers the Cider Sam Program started by Sam Smedley to raise money for a mission in Peru. With some difficulty and many hours of travel, Bob was able to visit this mission.

After three or four years in the club, **Les Schramm** asked Bob to become the secretary when **Sandy Sandman** became president. Learning the workings of the club was great but learning the names of all 130 members when Bob became president was especially rewarding. Bob feels that Rotary is flexible and creative by adding women to the membership and changing the way things are done. The Polio Plus worldwide effort is commendable. \$180 million was needed and our club gave over \$100,000 in 1980s. As Mother Teresa said, "Together we can do great things."

Bob's favorite movie this time of the year is "It's a Wonderful Life." As the protagonist finds out what the world would be without him, Bob wonders what the world would be like without Rotary. Thanks to Rotary the world is more healthy, tolerant, and peaceful.

### 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 - Steve and Catherine Burtch  
170 William Penn Blvd W. Chester, PA 19382  
610-399-1258

### NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

**Todd Finnegan**, T. A. Finnegan Capital Advisors (Owner) Classification: Business Service/Financial Planning, Sponsor: Bill Ronayne

**Mac Neilon**, Penn Office Products (Owner), Classification: Business Service/Supplies, Sponsor: Andrew Stump

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for their inductions.

### SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 12 Board meeting @ DeStarrs

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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Mark Sammarone, Vice-Chair and Web site maintenance. Committee Members: Elizabeth Guman, Seamus Lavin (Web site), Fran Luft, Eric Metzker, Cathy Palmquist, and Joe Polito

UPDATE ON THE KATRINA FUND by Cathy Palmquist

The Brighter Futures Committee *sincerely* appreciates the generosity of the 65 Rotarians who made a financial pledge to the Katrina Fund, which provides funding for utilities and other needs for our adopted Louisiana evacuee family, Jessica and Erin Kent. To date, 54 members (83%) have paid their pledges. Of the \$4,320 pledged, the fund has received \$2,945 (68%).

We also appreciate the generosity of the Religious Council of Greater West Chester, which has contributed another \$1,020 to the Katrina Fund, collected during the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service at which Jessica spoke.

Those who have paid their pledges to date include Steve Godsall-Myers, Faith Woodward, Cathy Palmquist, Tom Spackman, Joe Hamel, Al Filano, Don Stonestrom, Bud Deaver, Sinc Adams, Lance Knauth, Jennie McGinn, Lawrence Richard, Gary Hess, Jim Gasho, Steve Quigley, Bob Connolly, Jerry Alfano, Joanne Tadeo, Elizabeth Guman, John Schwab, Sue Casso, Dave Rayburn, Steve Founds, David Biffen, Jack Wintermute, Carol Hanson, Martha Carson-Gentry, Ann Mintz, Dick Yoder, Patty Jefferis, Andy Close, Terry McGrath, Craig Kalemjian, Pete Thompson, Vic Abdala, Annalie Korengel Lorgus, Bob Poole, Chuck Hawkins,

Bob Crow, Charles Streitwieser, Bill Ronayne, Adrienne Masak, Steve Karp, Joe DellaVecchia, Clint Wiggins, Domenic Carnuccio, Harold Green, Gary Hewitt, Fran Luft, Bill Bunch, Frank Reilly, Joe Polito and Jean Oakes. In addition to their financial pledges, many Rotarians have offered in-kind contributions of food, clothing, household goods and services.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, have forgotten what amount you pledged, or did not pledge but would like to make a donation, please see Cathy Palmquist. Checks should be made out to **Rotary Club of West Chester** and may be turned into Cathy Palmquist, Greg Radford or Matt Schwab.

Again, many thanks, Rotarians, for your generous support of the Kent family!

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