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# ROTARY VOTARY

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**March 23, 2006**

**This Week's Program: March 23, 2006  
Westtown School  
Arranged by Bob Connolly**

**Next Week's Program: March 30, 2006  
To be announced**

**MINUTES by Fran Luft**

**President Gary** opened the meeting and **Terry McGrath**, sporting a kilt, gave an Irish Blessing.

**Annalie Korengel-Lorgus** led a moment of silence for Tom Fox, a friend of **Eric Metzker's**, who was killed in Iraq and for **Joe DellaVecchia** who is in the hospital being treated for lung cancer.

**Steve Karp** introduced Visiting Rotarians Pat Barron (Concordville-Chadds Ford) and Mary Mosley (Sunrise).

Guests were: V.J. Mogel with **Domenic Carruccio**, Shannon Royer with **Steve Quigley**, Sheila Smith and Sally Feldman with **Rick Dunlap**, Virginie Bregeon and Sebastian Velez with **Adrienne Masak**, daughter Laura Woolford with **Faith Woodward**, and Dave Pressely and Brad Barron with **Joe Polito**.

**Steve Quigley** invited everyone to the open house for the new West Chester Senior Center on March 25 from 2-4 PM. Please RSVP.

**Joe Polito** reminded all that next week's meeting will be at Westtown School.

**Dick Yoder** handed out Red Cross posters to those who had ordered them.

**Geoff Baker** reported that fruit sales were coming in. The order will be processed Monday and fruit will be distributed Saturday, March 25.

**John Messersmith** invited everyone to the Charter Night for the Interact Club, March 28. The incoming District Governor will be there. Please FAX John at 610-646-5660.

Happy Bucks were shared by: **John Schwab** for **Bill Hess'** achievements, **Joe Polito** for St. Patrick's Day, **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus** for her B in Hebrew class, **Bob Crow** for his oldest son returning from college, **Mac Neilon** for St. Patrick's occurring on a Friday, **Lee Bunting** for Activate Chester County- **Allan Elko** has challenged other supervisors to count their steps, **Jack Cording** for **Terry McGrath** playing the hammered dulcimer at CCH, Sheila Smith who was happy to be here, Sally Feldman who was happy to be here, and **Vernon Brewer's** table who were happy that he was back.

**Jim Gasho** and **Jeannie McGinn** proclaimed that the Borough of West Chester said we had the best event last year. October 8, 2006 is this year's date and **Gary Hewitt** was pronounced the new Chili King. Sub committees will be led by **Andrew Stump, Carol Hanson, Linda Hicks, Carol Werner, Jeannie McGinn, Joe Polito, Matt Schwab, Vic Abdala, Steve Karp, and Steve Reilly.**

*Students of the Month*

**Rick Dunlap** introduced Micayla Crowl who is president of her class at East HS, participates in soccer, lacrosse, her church, and the school musical. She will be in the East HS Allied Health Program next year. Also from East HS was Mark Seleney who will major in music education or science. He plays the cello and the bassoon in the East HS Orchestra, the Senior Strings, and the East HS Symphonic Band.

Mark Bettrando introduced Denisha Chase who is a great public speaker and a great student at Henderson. She is starting the new Interact Club at Henderson and participates in the student Union and Girls Supporting Girls for middle and high school girls. She wants to be a broadcast journalist studying at the University of Texas or Penn State. Also from Henderson was Peter Connolly. A great critical thinker, Peter is a Spanish National Honors Student and a National Honors Student. He participates in beach cleanup at Brigantine and is on the varsity tennis team for singles. Peter has his own world-wide business repairing and customizing X boxes. Visit his web site [vicious-consoles.com](http://vicious-consoles.com). He hopes to attend the Pennsylvania Governor's School in Business.

The Pot 'o Gold was won by **Joe Polito**. Proceeds go to the St. Agnes Day Room program. And did you know that peppers may be a cure for prostate cancer?

**SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

With a last minute speaker cancellation, our own creative and flexible **Terry McGrath** filled in with an excellent short but powerful St. Patrick's Day presentation for us.

Terry started us with a traditional Irish drinking song, Whiskey in the Jar. He sang the four verses and had us join in the chorus. He then shared one verse of a version where he rewrote the lyrics to humorously tell the story of Cheney's recent hunting event.

The tone of the presentation then turned more solemn and reflective as Terry shared that he wanted to play for us a song on his bagpipes that he dedicated to his good friend and mentor (and cherished Rotarian) Al Hoopes. Al passed away in 1996 on St. Patrick's Day. Terry wrote a song in his honor called Al's Lament. It was the first time Terry had played the song in public.

Terry exemplified the St. Patrick's Day spirit by wearing his traditional Irish garb of a kilt and vest. The kilt was called a "worker's kilt" made of denim, worn by tradesmen such as carpenters. Worker's kilts were also sometimes made of leather (which is what his vest was made of) but Terry said those were too warm for performing.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Mar 25 Fruit Distribution
- Mar 25 Interact Club Battle of the Band
- May 13 Brighter Futures Work Day

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Virginie Bregeon** (France) Henderson  
Host Family – Ellen and Mark Morun  
416 Crislena Lane 19380 610-344-0205

**Sebastian Velez**(Ecuador) East HS  
Host Family - Steve and Catherine Burtch  
170 William Penn Blvd 19382  
610-399-1258

**YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Our club will again be sponsoring a Youth Exchange Student, and we need to have at least one home confirmed, before we can proceed with their paperwork. At present we need homes for three female students, from Brazil, Germany and the Czech Republic respectively, with seven more students yet to be processed. The sooner we can get homes for these students, the sooner we can get them the information they need, in order to get visa's, etc. Please contact **Adrienne Masak** at 610 738-9792, or email [adimasak@hotmail.com](mailto:adimasak@hotmail.com), for further information, or if you know of a possible host family.

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