



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester
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This Week's Program: August 3, 2006
To be announced

Next Week's Program: August 10, 2006
Induction Ceremony for
Noel Stanek and Mark Bertrando
Performed by Al Filano

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Annalie opened the meeting and called on **Bob Connolly** to give the invocation. Advised early on against using the Quaker moment of silence, Bob gave a wonderful reading from a Quaker book. **President Annalie** told a cute joke and invited anyone who objected to her choice of jokes to submit some to her.

Michael Alfonsi introduced visiting Rotarians Bill McDougal from Kennett at Longwood and John Saling of Sunrise. Guests included Ed Winsome and **Jeanie McGinn's** niece, Colleen, from Atlanta. And, **Victoria Dow** wished a happy birthday to our very capable and tireless club secretary, **Trish Kotsay**.

We had numerous happy Rotarians today, as "happy bucks" were contributed for diverse instances of happiness, such as a Rotary water project by **President Annalie**; **Joe Polito's** visit to Atlantic City and his encounter with "the Donald" by our own **Anita Trump**, by **Katie Walker** who announced the W.C. Chamber is moving to the former Greenwood & Gawthrop building on High Street; by **Charles Streitwieser**, who gave an update that the Rotary Foundation raised about \$20 million for projects worldwide, and that our District membership is shrinking and is down by 13%; by **Adrienne Masak Rosier** that she has survived 11 years with her twin daughters; by **Steve Quigley** on his wife Ann's successful English language tutoring which resulted in her student securing employment; by John Saling for receiving an award for 17

years of perfect attendance from his Sunrise Rotary Club; by **Victoria Dow** for the youngest person in her household to finally turn 18; by **Dave Biffen** in celebration of **Steve Karp** and his wife traveling to Guatemala to see their new baby; and by **Faith Woodward** in honor of her husband's first year at The Baltimore Museum of Industry. Roland is a founder of the Sunrise Rotary Club.

President Annalie then called **Cathy Palmquist** to the front to announce Cathy is Rotarian of the Month and is being honored with a \$200 donation in her name toward Paul Harris Fellows.

Al Filano won the drawing, but missed the queen. **Gary Hewitt** announced three (or four?) more sponsors of the Chili Cook Off. He gave a special thanks to **Chuck Hawkins** who did such an outstanding job on the cook-off team last year and who is leaving the club for Kuwait. Gary said Chuck leaves a very big hole on the committee.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess

Our scheduled speaker got a better offer at the last minute, probably from those people over at the Kiwanis Club, so our own **Mike Alfonsi** stepped into the breach to introduce a film called the "Abilene Paradox." Mike told us that this film has had an impact on his life, both professionally and personally. "Ben Hur" was the film that had the greatest impact on my life... wait...no...maybe it "Spartacus." Anyway, the Abilene Paradox is a group dynamic where members go along with the

crowd simply because they think that is what everyone else wants. In reality, no one may desire that outcome. This writer also gleaned a few other choice tidbits from this film which follow in no particular order:

Organizations sometimes take actions contrary to the desires of the members and compound problems rather than solve them. The inability to manage agreement, rather than conflict, is the single biggest potential problem confronting an organization.

Cafeteria food in Abilene will give you wicked heartburn.

One needs to calculate the risk of inaction versus the risk of action when making decisions.

'Going to Abilene' is a paradox based on a logic contrary to what we've come to expect.

Truth be told, I thought this movie would be a real snoozer! But it was very entertaining as well as enlightening, and was extremely funny in a few spots. Who can forget when Sue jilted George at the altar? That was good stuff. By the way, she is still single, having destroyed her reputation over a tri-county region. I think she could have learned to love George over time. He seemed to be an ok guy. Or could it be, that I, too, have gone to Abilene?

CHILI COOK-OFF

Save the date, Sunday October 8th, 2006! This will be the 4th Annual Chili Cook-off. Registration for teams, vendors and sponsors has started.

Sponsors so far are:

- Platinum – Smaltz's Harley-Davidson, Inc
- Gold- Jeff D'Ambrosio Auto Group
McGinn Marketing Works
- Silver- Arthur Hall Insurance
Daily Local News
WhirlAway Travel & Cruises
Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.
- Bronze- Founds Funeral Home
Phase 1 Electric, Inc
CCIL.org –Chester County
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SAVE THE DATE

- Aug 17 Governor's visit
- Sept 16 District Membership Workshop
- Oct 8 Chili Cook Off
- Nov 18 Foundation Workshop

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by WhirlAway Travel this month.

NEW MEMBERS

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Patrick Barron Classification: Banking/ Financial Services; Owner, PNIG Consulting, LLC; Sponsor: Bunny Welsh

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

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