



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester  
Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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**This Week's Program: September 14, 2006**  
**Speaker: Gary Hewitt**  
**Chili Cook-Off**  
**Arranged by Gary Hewitt**

**Next Week's Program: September 21, 2006**  
**Speaker: H. Heidelbaugh**  
**CVIM-Org**  
**Arranged by: Dave Rayburn**

## **MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman**

**Vernon Brewer** led us in the invocation with the wonderful prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. He shared that he has a special connection to this prayer as he has had the opportunity to travel to Assisi.

**President Annalie** got us started with a smile with a joke and then we smiled even more when Steve Karp introduced his new daughter, Alexa, who, he said, was very proud to be at her first Rotary meeting!

Three Rotarians were visiting us: Reese Reynolds and Pat Barron from Concordville Chadds Ford, and Donna Spatz from Boyertown. Lots of guests: John Eigen, Fred Scenna, Jerri Werta, Carol Schaeffer, Kevin McCarty. And then our guests relating to our program, **Bert Volger's** wife Sherri and daughter, Leah (who spoke); Karly Hicks (who spoke) and Fiona, our current exchange student from France.

Lots of birthdays to celebrate: **Charlie Lyddane** wished **Cristina Combee** a happy birthday; **Michelle Venema** wished **Linda Hicks** a happy birthday; **David Wood** wished **Bob Connolly** a happy birthday; and **Joe Polito** wished **Mel Josephs** a happy birthday. **President Annalie** had a trivia question about the second club in Rotary. After one or two helpful hints, **Martha Carson-Gentry** and **Kristi Blake** tied and received 50/50 tickets. **Frank Helms** received the Rotarian of the Month award for his work with Rotary Readers and a \$200 Paul Harris donation was made in his name.

Announcements: there is a Membership Seminar this Saturday; Membership cards are available to invite prospective members, and dues are now \$20 extra as they are 2 months overdue. **President Annalie** asked us to get our member survey in (it was in the white folder handed out in July)—they will review the results at the October Board meeting and the next Board

meeting is next Thursday, September 14. **Victoria Dow** shared that the WC Library and DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith, and Boyd are hosting the WC Chamber's business card exchange next Thursday (9/14) at 5:30 at the library. **Jeannie McGinn** asked for volunteers to do one-hour shifts hosting the Chili Cookoff booth at the Restaurant Festival next Sunday (9/17) And **Carl Werner** encouraged us to consider attending the Rotary Leadership Institute in King of Prussia on October 14<sup>th</sup>: [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org).

We were so happy that there is not room to share why, but Happy Bucks were given by: **President Annalie, Victoria Dow, Mike Steinberger, Eric Metzker, Geoff Baker, Elizabeth Guman, Faith Woodward, Charley Lyddane, and Steve Karp** (who recognized all the club members who are Chili Cookoff sponsors).

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron**

One can learn so much at our weekly Rotary meetings. Why just this week we learned that **President Annalie** wears pantyhose only to Rotary and nowhere else, not even to church. Since we are only three months into her term, who knows what revelations await us in future meetings. Boy, this is one way to get people to attend!

Speaking of learning...two charming and lovely young ladies, who recently completed a year in Europe as Rotary Youth Exchange Students, treated our club to a wonderful presentation. Carly Hicks of Downingtown spent last year in the small town of Slins, Belgium. She stayed with three separate families, each very different, and enjoyed her year immensely. She attended a special school for students for whom French is a second language for half of her school day. But she learned the most

French from her first family's young (pre-school) niece, who took to Carly after an initial bout of shyness. Her host families took her to many wonderful sights in Europe, including France, England, and Germany. Throughout the year for one half day each month Carly enjoyed special activities for the roughly sixty RYE students attending school in that Rotary District of Belgium. At first the English-speaking students formed a group, as did the other students with common languages. But by the end of the year, there was just one big group of friends.

Leah Volger, daughter of our own **Bert Volger**, spent a year in a small town outside Heidelberg, Germany. She spoke conversational German at home, but was challenged by the need to learn sophisticated and difficult subjects like Calculus in a foreign language. The school was rigorous—twelve percent of the students fail to advance each year—and demanded that the students show much self-discipline. Not only did Leah pass, she was elected class president. Like Carly, Leah took many wonderful trips around Europe, including an end-of-year bus trip with other RYE students. This trip was a challenge—the non-stop guitar playing Latinos kept her from sleeping—but she survived and learned the ways of many different cultures. She also learned how others may look unfavorably at America's leaders. Heck, she probably thought she was in San Francisco.

#### CHILI COOK-OFF

Sponsors for the 4th Annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday October 8th, 2006 are:

Platinum –Smaltz's Harley-Davidson, Inc

Gold- Jeff D'Ambrosio Auto Group, McGinn Marketing Works, Infiniti of West Chester, Verizon

Silver- Arthur Hall Insurance, Daily Local News, WhirlAway Travel & Cruises, Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc, Chamber of Commerce of t Greater West Chester, 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Chester County, Comcast spotlight, Pepsi, WCOJ, Bazil McNulty

Bronze- Founds Funeral Home, Phase 1

Electric, Inc, DellaVecchia, Reilly and Smith, CCIL.org –Chester County Interlink, Commerce Bank, Stancato Abdala Greentree Assoc, Inc, Biffen investment Advisors, ReMax Preferred of Newtown Square, and Zukin Realty, Inc.

#### SAVE THE DATE

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 First National Bank of Chester County this month.

#### NEW MEMBER

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

**Jonathan Eigen:** Executive Director, Bellingham Retirement. Classification: Institutions -- Continuing Care Community. Sponsor: Bill Gotwals

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

#### EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Counselor - Adrienne Masak-Rozier  
610 306-6415(Cell)

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Ph: 610 701-5445

Counselor - Bert Volger  
610 793-1708

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