



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: November 2, 2006

**Speaker: Bill Hess
Arranged by Bill Hess**

Next Week's Program: November 9, 2006

**Speaker: Joe Wooten
YMCA in Russia
Arranged by Irv Hoffman**

MINUTES by Sue Casso

President Annalie rang the bell at 12:30 and the invocation was offered by **Jack Cording** with acknowledgment to **Charlie Lyddane** for missing his chance to offer the invocation last week.

President Annalie treated us to a Halloween joke.

Visiting Rotarians were Steve McGann (GWCSunrise), Jim Horn (Kennett @ Longwood) and our own John Saling (GWCSunrise).

There were many guests - **Cathy Palmquist** introduced Judge Jackie Cody, **Conchetta Schiatarella** introduced Jeff Kravec, **Victoria Dow** introduced Becky Cacasee, **Bill Eaton** brought his wife Lynne, **Carol Hanson** brought Jody Button, **President Annalie** introduced Bruce Beetle, Doug Marshall and Kevin McCarthy, **Dave Rayburn** introduced Cheryl Lewes Dejohn whose father and grandfather have been Rotarians (time to join up!), **Charlie Lyddane** introduced Dr. Michael Johnson, **Paul Woodruff** introduced Bill Lorenz, **Katie Walker** introduced Marianne Stafford, **Bill Roynane** introduced Mary Bingham and **Bert Volger** introduced our Exchange Students. (whew!! And then the meeting was over..., just kidding!)

Birthday wishes were extended to both **Carol and Eric Metzker** by **Annalie** (same day??), **Victoria Dow** extended greetings to **Cathy Palmquist**, and **Linda Hicks** wished a happy birthday to **Kevin Quinn**.

Happy Bucks were given by **President Annalie** for a Rotary Club in Germany (**Bert Vogel** had to translate) which raised

\$73,000 for musicians in New Orleans, **Jeannie** or **Katie** had a happy buck for the other but the writer apologizes for missing it, **Steve Karp** had a happy buck for meeting Dick Vermeil at the West Chester Area YMCA Good Kids Dinner and for all the Rotarians who supported the dinner (was it a make up?), a happy buck was given for **Lonnie Beck** for getting married, John Saling gave a happy buck for his upcoming trip to Florida (we will miss you, John!), and **Terry McGrath** had a happy buck for a private joke about Uncle Ben(?).

President Annalie reminded us of the upcoming District 7450 Foundation Workshop on November 18. She received notes of thanks from the West Chester Area Senior Center for the donation of cases of water and a note from the Goshen Baptist Church for the proceeds of a recent 50/50. The Group Study Exchange to India is in need of volunteers to go on the trip. **Geoff Baker** is looking for worthy recipients for the Fruit Sale proceeds. **Terry McGrath** thanked the participants in the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive.

An excited **Jeannie McGinn** thanked all the committee chairs of the Chili Cook Off for all their hard work. She gave us the results of the event - net of \$31,000 profit!! Congratulations to **Gary Hewitt**, Chairman of the event, for all his hard work - did this event drive him to go to his new post in Kuwait? Jeannie then announced that next year's co-chairs are **Bill Roynane** and **Vic Abdala**. Should be a great event under their leadership.

The 50/50 was won by **Jack Cording**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

John Schwab introduced Anne Moore, a resident of the Hickman for 8 years, whose service of others and the community is commendable.

Ann Moore informed us about the Nonviolent Peaceforce which was begun in 1999 at The Hague. Their goal is to have a strong peace force. At this time they have representatives in 93 countries with 24 local chapters. Information can be obtained at www.nonviolentpeaceforce.com.

A powerful DVD was shown. Civilians represent 75% of the casualties in wars nowadays. There is an alternative to war. Ninety-five percent of the people of the world do not want war but a credible option to violent solutions is needed. We now have the first trained standing nonviolent peaceforce who are trained to go to places of conflict for reconciliation, Sri Lanka has been devastated by war. Many people there suffer in silence. The nonviolent peaceforce gets to know the people and build relationships. We don't hear about many conflicts because they have no influence on the US.

The nonviolent peaceforce is supported by the Dali Lama, seven Nobel Peace Prize winners, Gandhi's granddaughter, Lec Wolensa, and others. The ten-year plan has a cost that is minimal compared to war efforts. A Nonpartisan role is taken to allow people to make their own decisions. The cost of one peace worker for one year is \$30,000.

The organization has also expanded its role to help the survivors of the tsunami.

Keeping in touch with people around the world is what this organization is all about. The peaceforce in Sri Lanka has 30 people and growth to move to more places is slow. The goal is to have 2,000 people trained in nonviolence in eight years. Please share that this effective effort is happening to spread hope.

Peace bonds in denominations of \$10, 25, 50, 100, 250, and 500 are available. Each states, "Upon maturity the bearer will see a large international team trained for conflict intervention around the world."

THANK YOU

Copies of the Rotary are provided at our meeting by Brandywine Valley Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (thanks to **Bill Ronayne**) this month.

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 18 Foundation Workshop
Dec 8 Holiday Party at President Annalie's house from 5:00 PM to ?

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