



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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**This Week's Program: November 9, 2006**  
**YMCA in Russia**  
**Speaker: Joe Wooten**  
**Arranged by Irv Hoffman**

**Next Week's Program: November 16, 2006**  
**Business Diplomacy**  
**Speaker: Joan Stokely**  
**Arranged by Dave Rayburn**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**President Annalie** opened the meeting and said that in response to phone calls regarding the invocation she was doing something different this meeting. She read a short piece about invocations and then eight members came forward and gave a brief prayer, each from a different faith. Bill Hess concluded the invocation with his hope that we would find peace with one another. Annalie continued with her tradition of telling a joke - one about a priest, a minister and a rabbi.

Guests included Assistant District Governor Deedee Carruthers, Ed Malet, publisher of County Lines Magazine, and Doug Marshall, who is in the pipeline for membership. Reece Reynolds (Concordville/Chadds Ford) was our sole visiting Rotarian.

**Victoria Dow** wished a happy birthday to **Elizabeth Guman**, and **Dave Rayburn** extended best wishes, a little belatedly, to **Anita Trump**. **President Annalie** started off the Happy Bucks, as is her custom, and **Terry McGrath** donated two bucks, and finally explained that "Uncle Ben" is a gerbil whom he nursed back to good health. His second buck was his announcement that an Eagles tune he wrote may play on WIP. **Carl Werner** donated a happy buck as he announced the birth of a granddaughter to join his 5 grandsons, and **Bob Frame** put in a buck to remind Rotarians to vote on Tuesday.

**Joe Polito** put in a buck as he told about an experience he had with tolerance, and **Steve Karp** put in \$5 for failing to introduce his guest earlier, Walter Eckman from RSVP (Retired Senior volunteer Program), the "sock it to me" guy who is heading up the sock collection for people in shelters. Walter thanked Rotary for assisting with the project. **Cristina Combee** put in three happy bucks signifying the church mission trip to Guatemala that her son and **Elizabeth Guman's** son will be taking with **Bill**

**Hess**. [Elizabeth is also going.]

**President Annalie** reminded members to stop in the back of the room to pick up their invitation to the holiday party at her house, if they haven't gotten them yet. She also reminded members of the Rotary Foundation Workshop for Districts 7430 and 7450 on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Board Nominating Committee, which consists of the past three presidents, will have Steve Quigley filling in for Gary Hewitt who has gone to Kuwait. **Mark Sammarone** is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the club calendar on the website, and **President Annalie** announced there is a board meeting in the bar at the conclusion of today's meeting. The regular board meeting will be next Thursday and is open to all members.

**Jack Wintermute** reported on the annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Due to remodeling, Kmart will not be available, so we will ring at the Acme in West Goshen and outside the Giant market on 352. He passed around a sign-up sheet and said because he will be out of town the next 2 weeks, **Vernon Brewer** will circulate the sign-up. Jack will be in Europe with his wife; payback to her for all his travels to watch minor league baseball!

**Geoff Baker** announced the fruit sale is gearing up and nominations for the recipient of the proceeds need to be turned in to him no later than Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting. Those needing forms may find them on the website and print them off. **Charles Streitwieser** gave a brief explanation of the Group Study Exchange program and said there is a team leader from the Sunrise club for the India trip, but there is still room for team members aged 27-40. Last year, our district sent two GSE teams.

**Deedee Carruthers** drew the winning 50/50 ticket which was held by **Charles Streitwieser**. He got \$22 but missed pulling the queen for the \$93 pot. Deedee brought greetings on behalf of the District, saying she was happy to be visiting

our club and noted that her club (Greater Sunrise) has always looked up to us. She complimented us on the Chili Cook off and our fabulous website. She said to let her know if she can do anything for our club. Deedee's comments about our website were a perfect segue into **President Annalie's** citing **Mark Sammarone** as the Rotarian of the Month for November, our wonderful webmaster!

#### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

November is Rotary Foundation month. We might automatically think that means "Oh, they will ask us for money again." But **Bill Hess** helped us think about it differently. He suggested we think of it as having the opportunity to be part of one of the greatest forces of good in the world.

Over the years, the Rotary Foundation has given \$1.5 billion to humanitarian and educational efforts for world betterment and world peace. Our district alone has raised \$1.2 million. The major programs funded by the Foundation are: the Ambassador Scholar Program, Polio Plus, the Humanitarian Grants Program, Group Study Exchange and the Centers for International Studies.

Bill stressed that the Rotary Foundation is very effectively run—you can feel good that your dollars are being used wisely. It is a very efficient way to connect to service around the world.

Our club sets a goal of *Every Member*. Last year the club received gifts from \$20 to \$1000, totaling \$13,029. Rotary tracks individual donations so that when your cumulative giving over the years hits \$1000 you are recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bill then took a few minutes to share about his recent trip to South Africa where he saw the Rotary Foundation's work in action. He visited Rainbow Village, an orphanage for children that are HIV positive. The Village currently houses 175 children. All the food at the village is provided by Rotary clubs. Rotary has also built thatched shelters and walkways that provide shade for the children outside. There is also a Fountain of Hope donated by Rotary. The pictures of the children touched by these gifts were amazing.

Foundation letters will be arriving in the mail this week. All members who donate by December 14 will be entered in a raffle to have a \$350 donation made in their name to the Rotary Foundation, which will go toward your Paul Harris Fellowship. Bill's presentation certainly

reminded us that the Foundation is worthy of our gifts. His closing remark: Just Give!

#### **THANK YOU**

Copies of the Votary 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 ?

#### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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