



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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

Next Week's Program: November 23, 2006
Happy Thanksgiving

MINUTES by Eric Metzker

President Annalie Korengel Lorgus called the meeting to order and **Bob Crow** gave the invocation which focused on the meaning of Rotary.

The club recognized the veterans of the club for Veteran's Day, calling out all branches of the service including Her Majesty's Navy, and asked our remembrance of those who could not be with us having given their lives in service.

Banner Exchange – **Charlie Lyddane** presented the club with a banner given to him by the Istanbul Rotary Club in Turkey which he visited with a fellow Rotarian from Italy whom he met on the plane.

Announcements:

- Paul Osimo from Haverford Township Rotary club announced Rose day with dozens of roses for sale to benefit the International Rotary Foundation
- **Terry McGrath** entertained the club with his recent recording recounting the Eagles' season to the tune of Hot Rod Lincoln

Guests:

- **Terry McGrath** introduced two guests, one from the library and one retiree looking for a Rotary Club.
- **Irvie Hoffman** introduced Gary Green of the YMCA
- **Adrienne Masak** introduced her daughter Gabby

Club Business

- All Rotarians are asked to update their email addresses.
- The survey of club members is coming to the website
- **President Annalie** gave **Mark Sammarone** his official certificate for being recognized earlier as Rotarian of the Month. And as a lucky bonus extra, he

is the first recipient of **President Annalie's** official joke book.

- The board approved four new Rotarians and acknowledged the resignations of Andy Close, Domenic Carnuccio, Gary Hewitt and Joe Peta.
- Members on official Leave of Absence: **Mike Steinberger, Phoebe Kitson-Davis** and **Joe DellaVecchia**
- Funds raised from the Fruit Sale will go to the good works of the club, allocated by avenue. **Geoff Baker** will continue to take applications for the beneficiary to be chosen by the Community Service Avenue.

Other Announcements

- **Vernon Brewer** announced holiday bell ringing for the salvation army at the Giant in Westtown near routes 3 and 352. Please contact Vernon to volunteer.
- Holiday party invitations are available – Friday, December 8th at **President Annalie's**
- **Ken Hickman** announced Brian's run – sign up for Sat. and Sun., 12/2 and 3
- Brian's Run is looking for someone who can take over for **Jack Wintermute** as Parking Committee Chairman
- ARAMARK is unable to donate the soup – looking for help or sponsor to purchase - \$225
- **Adrienne Masak** announced that she is looking for additional help on the Youth Exchange Committee – please see her or **Carol Metzker**, Chair of the International Avenue

Happy Dollars were offered by **Pres. Annalie** for the Board, **Bill Winters, Joe Polito** and **Sheriff Bunny**.

Bob Crow won the 50/50 but turned out to be the King of Hearts.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess

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If you can read Cyrillic, then you would no doubt recognize the above as the lyrics to the blockbuster Village People song "Y.M.C.A." This tune has helped both gay and straight people learn to spell with their arms for over two decades. Since we are far too generous a nation to keep such exquisitely delicious fun all to ourselves, we exported not just the song, but the entire YMCA concept to Russia and some of its former satellites in the late 1980's. Our speaker Joe Wooten spent several years in Russia in the mid-1990's, working as the field director for an association of American and European Y's, acquiring an interesting foreign accent in the process. He brought top-notch U.S. management techniques with him, and when they failed, Joe went native and began operating with the unique rules that apply only to their system. This worked MUCH better.

Around that time, the Russian government was going through an upheaval, and quit supporting an organization called the Young Pioneers, the Russian version of the Boy Scouts. The YMCA stepped into the void, and provided some of the cool activities that the Young Pioneers once did, like camping in Siberia! In addition to its traditional role, the YMCA in Russia has broadened its scope to include helping disabled children and veterans. They are also addressing broader social issues by promoting HIV education.

Beginning with Joe's efforts, there are now 55 YMCA's in Russia, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, and Belarus. But not all is hunky dory (this means ok in Russian). Now that President Putin is assuming greater control over there, in addition to mispronouncing the word nuclear all the time, he is tightening down on NGO's (non-governmental organizations) and making things less pleasant for the Y. Irregardless, our Y's and their Y's continue to soldier on, working in partnership and running exchanges to further

build and strengthen this fine organization.

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

All are welcome to the following events:

- Nov 18 Foundation Workshop
- Dec. 3 Brian's Run
- Dec 7 International Service Avenue meeting immediately after Rotary meeting.
- Dec 8 Holiday Party at President Annalie's house from 5:00 PM to ?

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