



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: December 7, 2006
To be announced

Next Week's Program: December 14, 2006
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MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

We began our meeting with song and an invocation by **Carl Werner**. And then, as our new tradition has it, **President Annalie** shared a joke. It got us to smile, which is always a good thing!

We had two visiting Rotarians: Joe Kahn and Harold Woodruff. Harold is Paul's brother from Michigan (**Paul Woodruff** tried to convince us Harold was his father. . .). Lots of guests: Becky Cacase, Bruce Bendle, Pat Marshall, Ed Malet, Bill Eaton (Bill Eaton's son), Nelda Ordell and Brian Mitchell. Great to have so many visitors among us – quite a full room!

And a busy birthday time: We learned that **Katie Walker** is becoming a culinary expert, that **Rich Kauffman** is second only to Ken Hickman in his Brian's Run expertise and experience, the **Terry McGrath** is an avid Eagles fan (oh, we knew that already. . .) and went to Penn, that **Carol Shaeffer** is maintaining a second residence (in Michigan?) and that **Bunny Welsh** is a woman (oh, we knew that, too, I didn't get the rest of Joe's greeting!). Happy Birthday all!

Happy Bucks: **Katie Walker** informed us that the parade will go on (as it did), **Terry McGrath** shared with us some opportunities to enjoy his band, and **Eric Metzker** explained what happened "while Carol was in Australia", including his daughter breaking her nose!

Ken Hickman announced details about Brian's Run – the key being that there is good hot chocolate. **Jack Wintermute** announced he still has openings for a few bell ringers on December 9. He also gave **President Annalie** a run for her money with

a joke, maybe funnier, but not in as good taste as Annalie's! **Steve Karp** won the 50/50 but the deuce did not get him the big pot.

SPEAKERS REVIEW

Our speaker did not show so Bob Poole filled us in on Polio Plus.

From the RI website:

Two U.S. leaders are urging more public and private commitment and support for polio eradication.

Paula J. Dobriansky, undersecretary of state for democracy and global affairs, and Timothy E. Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, made the call in an editorial they coauthored in the *Washington Times*.

"It is time for the international community to finish the job of eradicating polio," they said in the piece, which appeared in the 23 November edition of the Washington, D.C., paper. "To do that requires strengthened commitment, enhanced cooperation and community involvement."

Dobriansky and Wirth noted that in the United States, government and private organizations have already greatly contributed to efforts that have made the world 99 percent polio-free. For example, the UN Foundation, other nonprofit organizations, and individuals have joined the growing number of supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. U.S. government backing includes total contributions of more than \$1.2 billion since the initiative's launch.

"The United States is working through the G-8 and other forums to ensure the support of world leaders and address the \$50 million

funding gap this year, and the even bigger projected shortfall for 2007-2008," they said. In their account of the initiative's 18-year history of remarkable success, the authors acknowledged Rotary's unflinching support. "Rotary International has continued its key role, and has provided hundreds of millions of dollars," they said.

According to Dobriansky and Wirth, international cooperation, as well as a higher level of participation by communities and governments in polio-endemic countries, will be vital in finally getting rid of the disease. Now, only Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan are still polio-endemic.

"Local political and religious figures have a crucial role to play in disseminating helpful information, dispelling myths and instilling confidence in communities regarding immunization," they observed. "National and world leaders, both secular and religious, must reach out to the communities affected by polio and urge local leaders to support vaccination efforts."

SAVE THE DATE

All are welcome to the following events:

- Dec 7 International Service Avenue Meeting immediately after Rotary
- Dec 8 Holiday Party at President Annalie's house 429 W. Union Street from 5:00 PM to ? Bring a dessert, hors d'oeuvres, or a beverage.

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THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by Capital Security Management (thanks to **Gary Hess**) this month.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated a desire to become a member:

Doug Marshall, retired from Northrop-Grumman
Classification: Industry – Aerospace,
Sponsor: **Annalie Lorgus**

Carol Schaffer, AASC, LLC; Classification: Institutions -- Elder Care, Sponsor: **Dave Rayburn**

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