



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: December 14, 2006
District Governor Marty Phillips
Rotary District 7450
Arranged by Annalie Korengel Lorgus

Next Week's Program: December 21, 2006
To be announced

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Annalie opened the meeting and called on **Cathy Palmquist** to give the invocation, a reading about what music brings to our lives.

Instead of telling a joke, **President Annalie** read a mock list of "memos" to club members regarding the upcoming holiday party at her home. After reading several revised memos in an attempt to be "politically correct" to all, she left the podium and **Gary Hess**, president-elect, stepped up and read a concluding memo.

Visiting Rotarians were Brian Schill (Upper St. Clair/Bethel Park) and Shannon Hicks (Exton-Frazer). Guests included Lyn Eaton, Bill's wife, Jody Button, executive director of Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children, and Wendy Hoffman from the Bar Association. **Adrienne Masak-Rosier** introduced Fiona Baldinger, our exchange student from France, and Fiona's host sister, Karli Hicks (host mom, Shannon has been previously introduced). **Bert Volger** introduced Francois Dellis and members of his host family, Claudia and Maddy Simone.

Rotary travelers, **Patrick Barron** presented a flag from his visit to a Rotary club in Cologne, Germany, and **Carol Metzker** presented one from a "down under" club in Australia

President Annalie reminded members that District Governor Marty Phillips will be visiting next week, and thanked all the members who helped with Brian's Run last Sunday, under the able leadership of **Ken Hickman**, as well as **Bill Ronayne** who ran in the event.

To remind members of the annual holiday party at her home, **President Annalie** asked questions in rapid-fire order, awarding holiday gifts to those coming up with the right answers.

On a more serious note, **President Annalie** asked for a moment of silence on this day, the anniversary of Pear Harbor, and in tribute to all

the service men and women who have served our country.

Jack Wintermute reported on the annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army, saying there were still 5 unfilled slots. Annalie promised a Lead the Way leadership pin to anyone who filled the final slots.

Al Filano won the \$19 in the 50/50 drawing, but missed the \$184 pot.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Our two RYE [Rotary Youth Exchange] students, Fiona Baldinger and Francois Dellis, gave us professional Power Point presentations of their personal biographies and countries' background.

Fiona's home is Haguenau, France, near the large city of Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament. German culture is so influential that some of the older residents of her home area speak a unique Franco-German dialect. Fiona, who celebrated her seventeenth birthday on December 6, has two younger sisters, ages fourteen and six, plus a large extended family. Her parents were a Rotary host family for a RYE student from Australia the year before Fiona came to the U.S. They wanted Fiona to learn what it would be like to live in a foreign land. Nevertheless, Fiona's life changed to a greater extent that she expected when she landed in the U.S. after her nine-hour transatlantic flight. Fiona enjoys music and drawing and wants to be an architect. When she returns to France, Fiona still must complete one more year of high school before graduating.

Francois is from the village of Mellet, near Brussels. Brussels is home to both the European Union and NATO. Julius Caesar stated that "of all the peoples, the Belgians are the bravest." Belgium gained its independence from The Netherlands in 1830. It is a constitutional monarchy. King Albert III has been

monarch since 1993. The Belgians speak three languages—French, Dutch, and German. Francois' parents are remarkable people. They adopted Francois, who is Ethiopian by birth, when he was one year old. He has five other brothers and sisters, all adopted except the youngest, whom his parents claim is home-made! Francois enjoys skiing and plays soccer and runs track for East High School. He has already graduated from high school in Belgium and will enter college when he returns. Francois wants to be a pharmacist, the same occupational field as his parents.

RING THOSE CHIMES

Many thanks to the following men and women who manned the Salvation Army kettles on Sat. Dec 9th.

Patty Jefferis, Kristi Blackburn & kids, Joanne Tadeo, Bert Volger, Katie Walker, Gary Hess & kids, Adrienne Masak-Rosier, Terry McGrath, Fiona Baldinger -exchange student, **Eric Metzker, Tom Spackman, Jean Oakes, Carl Werner, Elizabeth Guman, Bob Feenan, Anita Trump, Steve Quigley, Bruce Beadle, Duke Evans, Geoff Baker, Chris McCawley, Sue Casso, Dave Rayburn, Mac Neilon, Steve Karp, Marylou DuPoint, Mike Alfonsi & kids, Jon Eigen & child, Frank Reilly & kids, Charles Streitwieser, Bill Ronayne, Bob Poole, Jim Gasho, Hal Green, Bob Crow, Judy Ray, Mel Josephs, and Jerry Alfano,** and to **Jack Wintermute** for organizing this service to our community.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Counselor - **Adrienne Masak-Rozier**
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Host Family - Claudia and Dr. Gregory Simone
930 Weston Rd., West Chester, PA 19382
Ph: 610 701-5445
Counselor - **Bert Volger**
610 793-1708

SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 6 Chamber Annual Dinner at Mendenhall Inn to receive our club's Volunteer of the Year award

THANK YOU

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

NEW MEMBERS

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

Jodi Button: Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children; Classification: Professional -- Human Relations Counseling
Sponsor: **Carol Hanson**

Becky Cacace: Director, Chester County Library
Classification: Organizations -- Library Director
Sponsor: Victoria Dow

Marc Ernst: Fulton Bank; Classification: Banking – Management; Sponsor: **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus**

Edwin Malet: Publisher, Valleydel Publications
Classification: Business – Publishing; Sponsor: **Dave Rayburn**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their induction.

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