



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester  
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**This Week's Program: January 4, 2007**  
**Classification Talks**  
**Speakers: Mark Bertrando**  
**Arranged by Don Stonestrom**

**Next Week's Program: January 11, 2007**  
**Keeping New Year's Resolutions**  
**Speaker: Noah Blumenthal**  
**Arranged by Carol Metzker**

## MINUTES by Faith Woodward

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

**President-Elect Gary Hess** led the meeting since **President Annalie** was ill.

**Bill Ronayne** gave the invocation after we sang "America."

Guests were Bruce Beadle; Becky Cacasi with **Terry McGrath**; **Howard John's** wife, Linda, and daughter; Daniel Callahan with **Steve Reilly**; and **Eric Metzker's** daughter Catherine.

**Ken Hickman** wished a Happy Birthday to **Steve Karp**, **Charlie Lyddane** to **Noel Stanek**, **Geoff Baker** to **Bert Volger**, and **Jack Wintermute** to **Ken Hickman**.

Happy Bucks given by **Charlie Lyddane** (planned a surprise birthday party for his wife but his mother-in-law spoiled it), **Duke Evans** (Grandson in the army was home for two weeks), **Bill Hess** (Remembering his best meeting as club president when Tony Campolo spoke and to those who help others in West Chester), **Terry McGrath** (Eagles winning and friend's child from Okinawa), **Howard Jones** (he and Linda celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary), and **Joe Polito** (Christmas card form Kevin in Kuwait, Eagle's win, and tickets to Atlanta).

The 50-50 recipient will now be Chester County Association for the Blind. **Joe Cunnane** held the winning ticket but that's as far as his luck held out.

Ending the year with our best type of program, we were treated to two classification talks – those of **Noel Stanek** and **Pat Barron**.

First up was **Noel Stanek**. She revealed this wasn't her first classification talk. She made some local history in Pottsville, PA in 1987 by being the first woman inducted by that club. She thanked us in advance (and after she was done) for being welcoming, smiling and attentive...unlike the audience at her first talk who were split down the middle, half supportive and half in an uproar. Luckily for us and for Rotary, Noel stuck it out and brought her considerable experience and enthusiasm to our club.

Born in Coaldale hospital in 1952, little did anyone know that another baby in the ward born just 7 days earlier would later become her husband. The mothers of these two fated babies would later recall meeting each other in the nursery, although it took until Noel's freshman year at Marion Catholic High School to meet her husband-to-be. They became engaged in college and have been married for 32 years.

College was where Noel learned the skills that would fuel her passion and career in nursing. Noel noted that it is the greatest profession and the best thing she ever did. And apparently she did it well enough to be asked to help the hospital grow. Having moved into marketing, it was a short hop to development in 1983 when she was asked

to help the hospital where she worked raise funds for a new wing. Perhaps this is where her career motto crystallized. "How hard could it be?" she said, and thus was born the career she has maintained until today – Noel is a professional developer who has helped many organizations raise funds and grow donor relationships.

She came to our club via her work with Community Volunteers in Medicine where she met **Paul Woodruff** who wisely (in this writer's mind) invited Noel to visit our club. Today her work includes teaching at local universities such as Villanova and executive coaching which makes use of interpersonal skills honed during a career in development.

Next to speak was **Pat Barron**. Pat revealed his short-held secret – he is not the brother of **Brad Barron** (who joined the club earlier) but rather is his father! Many gasps of surprise were heard that day I can tell you (not really – c'mon Pat). But not as many gasps of surprise as the day Pat was born. In a day before ultrasounds, Pat's mom was hardly expecting Pat. It's not that she didn't know she was pregnant. She successfully delivered a healthy boy who turned out to be Pat's brother (not Brad – are you staying with me?). Pat didn't show up for another 6 or 8 minutes, much to the surprise of all in attendance.

Born in Peoria, IL like **President Annalie** and Brad, Pat let us know that we don't really have winters here. Apparently our winter snowfall accumulation is about 1 week's worth in Peoria. Another interesting Peoria fact is the derivation of the phrase "Will it play in Peoria?". Apparently Peoria was the end of the vaudeville circuit and only acts good enough to survive to the end would play there.

### SAVE THE DATE

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

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