



# ROTARY VOTARY

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

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

**Next Week's Program: January 18, 2007**  
**Fruit Sale**  
**Speaker: Geoff Baker**  
**Arranged by Geoff Baker**

## MINUTES by Faith Woodward

**President Annalie** opened the meeting and gave her joke-of-the-week highlighting Precious the pooch after **Joe Polito** gave the invocation.

**Jon Egan** introduced the lone Visiting Rotarian, Dave Muldoff from WEGO.

The following Rotarians introduced their guests: **Dave Pressley** (Justin Fortiscue), **Jon Egan** (Nicole Markham), **Carol Hanson** (Jody Button), **Concetta Schiattarella** (Brian Mitchell), **Dave Rayburn** (Edwin Mallay), **Joe Cunnane** (tom Froio), Bill Ronayne (son Jim), **Victoria Dow** (Becky Cacacae), and **Terry McGrath** (Bruce Beadle).

Happy Bucks: **President Annalie** (**Gary Hess** "subbed" last week), **Steve Riley** (Honorary Rotarian **Eddie Lewis** turned 96 yrs. old on Saturday), **Joe Polito** (son Christopher got tickets to Atlanta and prayed for lions), **Martha Carson-Gentry** (Precious got the job- you had to hear **President Annalie's** joke to get that one)

Happy Birthdays were extended to **Lee McFadden** by **Marc Bertrando** and to **John Olszewski** by **Mike Alfonsi**.

Announcements:

**Lee McFadden** described the upcoming career opportunity day at WCU in Feb. 2007. He needs volunteers to come to WCU to present career information. All the details will be forthcoming.

**President Annalie** invited everyone to the board meeting at DeStarrs next Thursday at 7:30AM. She also presented

**Clint Wiggins** the December Rotarian of the Month award that includes a \$200 contribution for his Paul Harris Fellowship.

**Bob Struble** asked for volunteers for the roadside cleanup on Saturday.

**Victoria Dow** solicited nominations for several categories of Literacy Heroes.

The 50-50 was won by **Dave Pressley** but he didn't get the big pot. Proceeds go to the Chester County Association for the Blind.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

**Don Stonestrom** extended **Laura Burford's** apologies for postponing her Classification Talk until her face heals following a fall.

**Marc Bertrando** was present and looking good so he gave his classification talk. He and his wife, Monique, are both Chester County natives. Marc's father was a teacher and administrator and his mom owns Sam's Subs in Kennett Square. Marc's and Monique's daughter (7) and son (5) both attend Hillsdale and Lilianna is only 4 months old. When she was born, Marc was working on his doctorate and a new school was opening. Wow!

Marc started as an educator and since he's always lived around here, everyone seems to know him. He taught in Wilmington for 2 years and then while teaching middle school he interviewed at WCASD. He taught English at East HS but **Lee McFadden**, **Rick Dunlap**, and his father all thought he should be an administrator. After getting his credits for

administration, John Hewlitt convinced him to use his degree and Marc became the Assistant Principal at Henderson. Marc is proud of Henderson's diversity and sense of community. Now as the principal, he has been overseeing the renovation project. Graduates still come back for programs and are envious of this beautiful building.

Marc quoted from his own internal book, Everything I Needed to Know I Learned as a High School Principal, "A plugged toilet will overflow, kids need second chances, parents make terrible sports fan, spray paint doesn't come off, groups of people sometimes make terrible mistakes, horizontal is a pile, vertical is filed, deep breathing, parking lots have trash, get over it, the buck does stop at your desk."

He told a great story about an old man, a boy, and a donkey. Receiving advice from everyone, they tried to determine if the old man, the boy, or both should ride the donkey. The punch line was "Try to please everyone and you lose your ass."

Marc is proud to be a Rotarian and we're fortunate to have him join our club.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Feb. 6** West Chester Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

The West Chester Rotary Club is this year's recipient of the J. Dewees Mosteller Community Service Award. Awarded by the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, the club has been recognized for its outstanding service to the community. This year banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Mendenhall Inn to present the award.

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### THANK YOU

Copies of the Voluntary are provided at our meeting by and anonymous Rotarian this month.

### EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary's role in responding to disasters will be the subject of the North American Rotary Disaster Relief Workshop, to be held 11-13 January 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

The workshop, convened by RI directors Bob Stuart, Don Mebus, and Barry Rassin, focuses on preparedness, response, and rebuilding. Participants will learn from the experiences of Rotarians who survived and volunteered during Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, including Don Chauvin, past governor of RI District 6200 (Louisiana), one of the hardest hit regions.

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