



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: February 15, 2007
Dental Clinic in Central America
Speaker: Pete Thompson
Arranged by Pete Thompson

Next Week's Program: February 22, 2007
Classification Talks
Speakers: Laura Burford & Jon Eigan
Arranged by Don Stonestrom

MINUTES by Sue Casso

President Annalie rang the bell at 12:30 followed by an invocation by **Steve Karp** reflecting on the goodness and greatness of our past U. S. Presidents.

President Annalie's weekly joke told the tale of **Bob Frame** sending many Valentine cards.

President Annalie apologized for her attire today saying that she can only dress up ("jump into panyhose") once a week and she actually dressed up twice on Tuesday to attend the Chamber of Commerce events at which Rotary received an award. She then passed around the various citations our club received upon being awarded the J. Dewees Mosteller Community Service Award. It was a proud day for our club! Those in attendance at the Chamber events on Tuesday should notify **President Annalie** so they can receive a make up.

New Rotarian, **Jodi Button**, introduced visiting Rotarians Reese Reynolds from Kennett at Longwood club and John Saling from Greater Sunrise Rotary.

Guests were Jack Devinney with **Andrew Stump**, Dave Morratti with **Katie Walker**, **Steve Karp's** brother in law, Albert, Bruce Beadle with **President Annalie**, and Becky Cacasae with **Victoria Dow**.

Cathy Palmquist wished Happy Birthday to **Fran Luft** and **President Annalie** gave birthday greetings to **Carl Werner** with a big basket of Rotary goodies.

President Annalie announced that Miriam Cording's memorial service will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Steve Quigley presented the by laws, which had been approved by the board, to the club for approval. **Mike Alfonsi** established a quorum. **Joe Polito** moved the adoption of the new by laws. The motion was seconded and approved.

President Annalie announced that the Past Governor from India will be visiting on Saturday and **Carol Metzker** has arranged an enjoyable day of travel in which all can participate.

Happy Bucks: **President Annalie -Steve Karp** was attired better than she was today. **Pete Thompson** delivered a check to CVIM from our club and will present a program next week about dental care in Honduras. **Ed Malet** - happy to be a member of this club and happy to hear from his son who will be in a track meet. **Dave Wood** -we can be Carolina Tar Heels fans simply by association and was happy that Carolina beat Duke. **John Olszewski** -5th grandchild and for the visual of **President Annalie** "jumping" into her pantyhose. **Rich Kauffman - Jack Wintermute** was sitting at another table. **Ken Hickman** -his son will be in a TV program on the History Channel about the USS Constellation. **John Saling** -heard from his son in Manchester, England. **Paul Woodruff** announced the CVIM golf outing on June 19 and has raffle tix for \$100.00 each with a \$10,000 purse. **Bill Gotwals** -thanks to the club for the cake which celebrated his perfect attendance. **Gary Hess** apologized to **Bill Gotwals** for overlooking his perfect attendance record last week and wrote a poem to make amends (is this what we can look forward to next year?) **Mary Lou Dupont** announced the Chester County Hospital Explorer Post on March 9th from 9 - 1 for students wishing to explore careers in medicine. And she also is happy that her 2 sons wives are pregnant - with 7 girls in the family, she is hoping for a boy. **Cathy Palmquist** expressed pride to be a member of our Rotary club following our receipt of the Community Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce. She is pleased with the level of leadership in our club and congratulated **Katie Walker**, President of the Chamber, and **Sue Casso**, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber, for their leadership.

Geoff Baker reminded us that March 10th is the fruit distribution and there are only 3 more Thursdays to turn in sales. We are currently ahead of last year, but behind the previous year.

Adrienne Masak Rosier encouraged us to help entertain the exchange students. We now have 2 outbound students for next year so we will have 2 incoming students and need host families, one in the Henderson HS area and one in the Bayard Rustin HS area.

Matt Bradley reminded all of the Blood Drive tomorrow.

Rich Kauffman won the 50/50 but the queen is still intact.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Speaker: Karol Smith Williamson, Director of Development from Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

On average, almost 40 different people per week, mostly women, were served last year at the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC). And that doesn't count the children they served.

The DVCCC operates behind the scenes – there are no tee shirts or pens that advertise its presence. And yet it strives to be a beacon of light to those who suffer from abuse in the home. Anyone in Chester County who suffers from violence in the home can pick up the phone 24 hours a day and reach a person, not an answering machine, who will listen and guide the caller to help.

What kind of help can they reach? Housing, clothing and counseling are available as well as help for the kids who can learn that hands aren't for hitting. The Center operates out of a safe house in West Chester.

The Center offers four housing possibilities to help abused people get out on their own into a safe living situation. There's a 30 day emergency shelter, 18-month communal living or living in one of 5 independent houses in the county or even a program that can last up to 2 years in one of 13 townhouses so that the client can get into a stable, safe living situation that can lead to safe independent living.

Contact info: 610-431-1430, 1-888-711-6270 (toll free), or www.dvccc.com

Celebrating 30 years of service, the Domestic Violence Center is holding its 2nd annual masquerade ball. Remember to bring your mask and leave the costume at home! It will be held at the Chester County Historical Society on February 24th, the last Saturday in February. Contact the Center to participate or just buy one

of their 'Big Tickets' for \$5 to help out a great cause and receive a chance to win a week at a beach house or an iPod.

The club showed its respect and appreciation for the Center and for our speaker for providing such a valuable resource to our County.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Charles Streitwieser** of Morningside Coffee this month.

SAVE THE DATE

March 9 Explorer Post at CCH

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

To add events send e-mails to:
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