



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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

Next Week's Program: March 1, 2007
Dragonfly Forest
Speaker: Fred Weiner
Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Annalie called our meeting to order. **Charlie Lyddane** focused us with the invocation. **President Annalie** set the mood with a joke about a monk.

We had two visiting Rotarians: Mary Mosley from Sunrise and Bronwyn Martin (who used to be one of our members and worked the Sergeant of Arms table) from Kennett. We had many guests, including our two exchange students, Francois and Fiona.

We wished four happy birthdays: **Jeff Sommer** via **Jack Wintermute**; **Joe Polito** via **Dick Yoder**; **Mark Sammarone** via **Michael Alfonsi** and **Doug Marshall** via **President Annalie**.

Much happiness: **President Annalie** was happy she didn't have to get dressed up for the meeting because of the snow; **Charlie Lyddane** was happy that he'll be meeting **Paul Woodruff** in Africa in a few days; **Terry McGrath** that the van started; Bronwyn Martin for being back with us for a meeting; **Katie Walker** for Matt Combee's willingness to give the exchange students rides and for the good video of the chamber event (that will be available soon); **Geoff Baker** for enjoying the ski trip with the exchange students; **Joe Polito** and **Bob Poole** for knowing Lt. Naylor (a guest) from long ago; **Adrienne Masak Rosier** for a gift she had for **President Annalie** (we watched **President Annalie** blush and we still don't know what the gift is); and **Matt Bradley** for the club members who donated blood last week.

Carol Metzker started off the announcements with notice of the Rotary

governor from India's visit coming up in March. **Geoff Baker** of course reminded us there were 10 more days to sell fruit and offered us a few pitch lines we could use with our friends and neighbors.

Rick Dunlap introduced us to the two outstanding students of the month from East: Lauren Arvanites and Sara Palmer. John Trezise introduced the two outstanding students from Henderson: Dorie Heald and Lee Naylor.

We did the 50/50 but I didn't seem to write down who won (oops!) but whoever it was did not win the jackpot. [ed: **Rob Feenan**]

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Our own Pete Thompson presented an impassioned program on the challenge and opportunity in Honduras. Preparing for his trip to the town of La Entrada, Pete learned that 33% of the town of 30,000 people is unemployed and 90% live in poverty. Before leaving, of course he took Spanish lessons to learn the dental terms of open, close, and pain.

Challenges presented themselves in the forms of no electricity (generators were used for the equipment), no lights, no running water, and rampant tooth decay. The kids were friendly and well-behaved but the permanent teeth of grammar school children often had to be extracted. One girl even needed her front tooth removed. The dental chair was a chaise longue on cinder blocks with a tall Pete bending down on one knee. After the children were treated, the adults, waiting in long lines, hoped to be seen. Many were turned away.

Two out of three people are ill and have

no where to go for health care. Prescriptions are usually too expensive or not available. The needs were greater than this annual program could achieve.

A group called "Manos Amigas" was formed by two friends in the town. Their supporting board here is called "Serving at the Crossroads." The goal was to build a medical clinic where modest fees are charged. Medical practitioners are Honduran and a pharmacy is on site. Sixty people were served on the first day it opened and 14,000 have now been served. Money has been raised for a new building to include dental and optometry offices, therapy rooms, and diagnosis rooms. Equipment has been donated including dental chairs that were stored by the Charter School thanks to **Bill Winters**. They still need blood lab instruments.

Lack of sanitation, lack of education, and low income make up the circle of poverty. The town of La Entrada offers a Rotary opportunity through club and individual financial support, matching grants, and time. The Rotary Club in La Entrada would be the conduit for support.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Bruce Beadle, Retired from Mars Electronics; Classification: Industry -- Electronics Sponsors: **Annalie Korengel Lorgus & Terry McGrath**

Charles Swope, Jr., Realtor, Source Realty Group, Inc.; Classification: Real Estate -- Commercial; Sponsor: **Jim Lees**

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.

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
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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Francois Dellis (Belgium) East HS
Host Family - Claudia and Dr. Gregory Simone

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Counselor - **Bert Volger**
610 793-1708

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