



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester
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**This Week's Program: March 15, 2007
To be Announced**

**Next Week's Program: March 22, 2007
Westtown School
Arranged by Bob Connolly**

MINUTES by Eric Metzker

Invocation: **Frank Helms**. Frank's invocation reminded us all of the value of respect.

President Annalie's joke honored the more experienced Rotarians in the club (really, it did. You see, the poodle in the joke demonstrated the value of long experience that turns into wisdom which saved it from the leopard...well I guess you had to hear it to get it).

Visiting Rotarians: Steve McGann from Sunrise, PDG Mark McGill of Coatesville and Reese Reynolds of Kennett at Longwood

Banner Exchange: **Charlie Lyddane** presented **President Annalie** and the club with a banner from the Rotary Club of Nairobi, Kenya.

Visitors: **Steve Quigley** and **Sue Casso** among others introduced their guests to the club.

Birthdays: **Charlie Lyddane** toasted rocker **Steve Founds** and **President Annalie** honored **Joe Cunnane**.

Happy Bucks were offered by **President Annalie** (who looked fabulous in bright red, by the way) for the Rotary Board. **Steve Quigley** was happy about the Senior Center's equivalent to the Pot of Gold – it's getting big so join it. **Geoff Baker** was happy because the fruit is on its way. **Adrienne Masak Rozier** was happy for the youth orientation even this past weekend and the great outbound students we have. **Joe Polito** was happy to remind us that visiting Rotarian Mark McGill is better known as PDG Mark McGill and finally **Steve Karp** celebrated his 8th year in business and 2,000th patient – and that's a lot of back crackin' folks (could you imagine what that would sound like if all of them got adjusted at exactly the same time?).

Announcements: West Chester University thanked the club for our support of their career development event. Kennett Rotary thanks the members of our club who donated money to support the Ivory Coast students. **President Annalie** announced that DG Marty Phillips has announced the next DG (FDG? – ok, I know, District Governor Elect – but that's not as cool as a TLA – Three Letter Acronym) Al Morland (spelling?). Any objections (not that we expect any – **President Annalie** said good things about him) should

be sent to DG Marty at his home address.

The next Rotary Leadership Institute nearby is at Wilmington on April 14th. (**Pres Annalie** says "Just Google It" if you want to find out how to sign up)

IMPORTANT (if you don't want to eat lunch by yourself next week) The March 22 lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of West Chester (that's you!) will be at Westtown School, arranged by Bob Connolly.

The Rotarian of the Month – This Month the club honors **Bill Gotwals** for his outstanding service and continuity of attendance (announced as 877 years – that probably just seems that long to Bill with all of the lunchtime jokes he must have heard over the years!). Great Job Bill and thanks for being an inspiration to the club.

FROOT!!! Geoff Baker told the club that we are well staffed for Saturday's Fruit transfer extravaganza at the A. Duie Pyle loading dock. 844 boxes of oranges and 800 of grapefruit are wending their way up the east coast to brighten up a cloudy Pennsylvania.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

The annual Club Assembly was today's program, with three of the four avenue chairs presenting the work of their avenues and committees for the year (Carol Metzger was out of town and will report on the International Service Avenue another day). There were many details and many Rotarians were recognized for their work. Only the highlights are included here.

Club Service Avenue - Chairman Garry Hess took us through a weekly meeting from beginning to end to illustrate the work of this avenue which strives to insure a good experience for members and guests. The Sergeant at Arms Committee members are like our "roadies" (reminiscent of a Jackson Brown song). This avenue is also responsible for invocations, speakers, The Votary, and public relations, including the web site. The attendance committee gives gold stars, brown frowny faces. Membership Development, Rotary Information, and Assimilation and Rotary Information, Budget and Audit, Fellowship and Sports, and

Honorary Rotarian round out the invaluable work of this avenue.

Mike Alfonsi gave a thorough explanation of our financial picture, complete with pie charts. He explained what happens to the money we pay at the door, including how much we pay The Elks for use of room and food, and Rotary's "profit." The Finances Task Force has done a great deal of work to centralize the coming and going of the money. The importance – and existence – of full disclosure was stressed. Mike used helpful pie charts to illustrate the revenue and expense streams. Of significant note: Dues and The Chili Cook-off each account for 33% of our total revenue; the Cook-off accounts for an even larger percentage (47%) as a source of funds that go directly to direct giveaways and programs. Our club is very efficient for a "charity", but could be even better. More details are available on the club's web site.

Vocational Service Avenue – Chairman John Messersmith thanked the many Rotarians who have made this avenue's work so successful this year. Committees include Vocational Awareness, Reclassification Talks, Leadership Development (including RYLA), Leadership Institute and Interact. This avenue also provides the framed Four-Way Tests and the pocket calendars. New business for the coming year will be the development of a Rotaract Club.

Community Service Avenue – Chairperson Joanne Tadeo spoke glowingly of the members of her committees and their work: Allocations, Brighter Future, Environmental Protection, Human Development, Brian's Run, Fruit Sale, Bell Ringing, Food Drive, Rotary Readers, Operation Warm, and the Red Cross Blood Drive. At least 10 community projects have or will soon receive funding. Joanne described the diverse participation needs, ranging from Operation Warm (a team of two - Joe and Steve), to Road Cleanup (relies on 16 volunteers), Reading (15-20), Bell Ringers (32), Blood Drive (30 donors), Brian's Run (numerous), Brighter Future (supplemental donations of materials and labor), and the Fruit Sale (all of us). The recently formed Community Needs Assessment Committee has begun its work and will help guide the club in future decisions regarding the allocation of our resources (both time and money).

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Victoria Dow** of the West Chester Public Library.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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