



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: March 22, 2007
Westtown School
Arranged by Bob Connolly
MEETING AT WESTTOWN SCHOOL

Next Week's Program: March 29, 2007
Chris Kemple, General Manager of
the Wilmington Blue Rocks
Arranged by Jack Wintermute

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Annalie started the meeting off at 12:28 and we had piano accompaniment due to the efforts of our Sergeant-at-Arms and assistant pushing out a wheelless piano. **Jeff Sommer** gave a fine invocation once he had made the obligatory Irish joke. Pres. Annalie introduced **Terry McGrath** who played us an Irish tune on his pipes (one does not serenade with bagpipes) in memory of fellow Rotarians who have passed away. Our Pres's joke for the week had to do with a momentarily drunk man of Irish descent believing he was deaf; the treats on the table were in honor of the green and **Madam President** informed us she was wearing Dollar Store brand pantyhose with shamrocks on them.

Visiting Rotarian was **John Diffy** from Sunrise. Guests included **Hiz Honor's** [the Mayor's] granddaughters Katie and Stephanie Schick, who helped remind us about March 22's meeting at the Westtown School, which they attend. John Trecize from Henderson HS was standing in for **Marc Bertrando** introducing Ed Hart and Carly Hammond, more about whom in the program section. **Mary Lou DuPont** was on a date with her husband Yves DuPont. **Rick Dunlap** introduced students Megan Falcone and Sara Palmer (more about them later as well). **Ed Malet** introduced the founder of County Lines magazine Kathy Meade; and **Terry McGrath** introduced **Bruce Beadle** (for the last time). **Pres Annalie** welcomed back a cancer-free **Joe DellaVecchia**, whom all were happy to see.

Past President Linda Hicks led the induction of new members **Chuck Swope** and **Bruce Beadle**. She noted that this induction had special meaning for her: Chuck's father **Charlie Swope** invited her to join Rotary in 1988. Chuck represents the third generation of Swopes serving in Rotary. Chuck's sponsor **Jim Lees** rounded out the picture, noting that Chuck was born and raised in West Chester, attended

college in Maryland, is well on his way to his real-estate broker's license, and is "a genuine chip off the old block." Our second inductee, **Bruce Beadle**, was introduced by his long-time friend and vet to his cats, **Terry McGrath**. Terry noted that Bruce is a mid-westerner, has a number of patents for machinery to his credit, and is from Mars, Mars Inc. that is. Linda continued with the ceremony, giving us a succinct overview of Rotary – its history, purpose, service avenues, and our club's projects. She urged Chuck and Bruce, and all of us, to be Rotarians and not just club members. Linda also called attention to **Irvie Hoffman**, soon to celebrate a milestone birthday, and the fact that he has, directly or indirectly, brought over 70 members into this club.

Pres Annalie read an invitation from the Longwood club's President, probably known as President Mother, to join them for a day of service in Chadds Ford at 9:30am. Picnic and softball afterwards (calling **Coach Wintermute**); more on this as the date nears. And, last reminder about the March 22 meeting at the Westtown School.

Fruit Czar **Geoff Baker** (or should be he called Fruit King?), thanked everyone who helped distribute oranges and grapefruit on Saturday; he is still looking for the seller of the 4 cases that went to 501 West Street Road; he had one box of grapefruit left to sell, which **Joe Polito** promptly bought.

Bill Ronayne, Chili Honcho, stepped up to talk about the October 7 (got that date?) Chili Cook-Off. The WC Boro Police Department has approved the event; past sponsors are already calling for information about this year's event; and we have a strong team hard at work with lots for everyone to do in the coming months.

Duke Evans had two Happy Dollars – one for **Irvie Hoffman's** birthday and one for **Jack Cording's**. One is older than the other... much older, says Jack. The 50/50, benefiting the

Association for the Blind was won by **Jean Oakes** who did not find the Queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Today's program was the presentation of certificates to the March Students of the Month from East and Henderson High Schools. On behalf of East High School, **Richard Dunlap** presented awards to Lindsay Mangold and Austin Leathers.

Lindsay is a junior, who is active in her church and community, and at her sixteenth birthday party, raised \$1,200 for St. Jude's Research Fund. She is active in the theater group and was winner of the East Girls Speaking Contest. She hopes to attend Penn State.

Austin Leathers is an honor student who plays ice hockey with both the school and community teams. He is Treasurer of his class, a member of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), and news anchor for the school radio station. His community service involves CARE and Brian's Run.

John Trezise, Assistant Principal from Henderson, presented Carley Hammond and Edgar Hart.

Carley is also a Junior and honor student with a 4.06 GPA. She is a member of the Indoor Track and Cross-country Teams. Carley is also a member of the Leo Club and hopes to pursue a career in special education. She has spent the past four summers as a volunteer at Camp Bournleaf.

Ed Hart is involved in DECA, was on the football team and is participating in track and field this spring. He volunteers at the Downingtown Senior Center.

Certificates were also presented to two young women who represented our Rotary Club at the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) Conference. This conference involved a weekend of programs at the Freedom Foundation. Sara Palmer and Megan Falcone, as representatives of our Club, participated in a mock congress that repealed the Patriot Act and voted on a re-enactment of an amended act. They also heard a living history presentation by "Thomas Jefferson". Both Sara and Megan thanked the Club for the opportunity to participate in this unique event.

As one who too often sees juvenile delinquents, to hear about the achievements of these six young members of our community was heartening. Our club should be proud of all that we do to encourage and recognize the success of high school students.

THANK YOU

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

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March 24 "Walk for Water" in Philadelphia
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