



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: April 19, 2007

Classification Talks

Speakers: Jodi Button and Doug Marshall

Arranged by: Noel Stanek

Next Week's Program: April 26, 2007

Paul Harris Presentation

Speaker: Bill Hess

Arranged by: President Annalie and Bill Hess

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

We were piano-less, so we observed a moment of silence for Rotarian unity. **Charlie Lyddane** gave the invocation. **Prez Annalie's** joke had to do with boyfriends, anticipation, and pharmacist fathers. **Geoff Baker** is doing well after his surgery. **Jodi Button** greeted visiting Rotarians **Rick Stevenson**, **Mary Mosley**, and **John Saling**, all from Sunrise, and **Joe Colón** from Longwood. Guests today included **Bill Eaton, III**, there with his Dad; **Alice Hall** who was shadowing **Joe Polito** for the day. Prez Annalie introduced **Katie Decker**; and **Steve Karp's** guests, **Debora Bridges**, **Dan Link**, and **Marion Young**. **Cathy Palmquist** introduced **Kathy Seaman-McGowan**, **Steve Quigley** introduced **Brian Brockman**, and **Bob Rogers** brought along his son, **Bob Jr.**

Sue Casso wished her one-and-only Bob Rogers a happy birthday. **Mark Sammarone** praised **Laura Burford** and wished her many happy returns; and **(Dr.) Bob Poole** wished a happy birthday to "**Mr. Rotary**" **Irvie Hoffman**.

Happy Dollars started off with the Prez thanking the hard-working club Board of Directors. **Anita Trump** was happy about finally moving to West Chester. **Katie Walker** invited all to attend the Images of West Chester release party next Wednesday, 5:30pm to 7:30. **Sue Casso** reminded all about the \$10K Club raffle tickets available from the Chamber. **Ed Malet** was happy to share that an employee is recovering from cancer and in honor of the employee he will ride in the May Festival bike race.

Announcements from Prez Annalie: please sign the card for **Frank Helms** who just had surgery; Rotary hats are available for \$15 each; **Geoff Baker** reminds every male club member who is 50+ and doesn't know his PSA to visit his doctor, immediately; and the clean-up day in conjunction with the Longwood Club at Chadds Ford Historical Society, Saturday, April 28th, is coming up, please let Prez Annalie know if you are coming so that she can advise her mother on how much food to make.

Jon Eigen won the 50/50 though not the right Queen.

In today's membership minute **Mike Alfonsi**

noted that the Board is sensitive to the number of times members are asked to give in addition to club dues, and RI Foundation and Gundaker yearly gifts. Projects that members think would be appropriate for the club to tackle should be introduced at the Avenue level and brought before the club after consideration there. Happy Dollars are a great way to let the club know of projects members are personally involved in. To have a say about club projects and budgeting Mike urged everyone to get involved at the Avenue level. The club's 07-08 budget will be presented in a couple of months and planning is going on now in the various club Avenues.

Jack Wintermute has tickets for the club's annual outing to the Blue Rocks – they are \$35 each and include food and beverages, primo seating, and further hilarity from the gang often seen sitting with Jack at lunch.

Carol Metzker announced that the International Service Avenue will meet after today's meeting to discuss next year's water project in Honduras; next week they will meet, again after our lunch meeting, to discuss the Avenue's 07-08 budget.

Gary Hess reminded everyone to send in their Gundaker contributions; response has been good. **Prez Annalie** thanked Gary, who is Gundaker President, for his good work.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess

Brighter Futures Project 2005-2006– **Cathy**

Palmquist – back-up vocalists: **Katie Walker**, **Matt Schwab** and **Greg Radford**

In response to a Board request 2 ½ years ago, the Brighter Futures committee was born, sporting its own mission statement and project criteria. The criteria for projects are as follows:

- 1) Must be located in West Chester;
- 2) Have an impact on the neighborhood;
- 3) May involve non-Rotarians;
- 4) May include other volunteer organizations (Scouts, church members, Rotaracters).

Following up on the success this committee had spearheading the Danunzio project, they sprang into action on **Past-Prez Gary Hewitt's** request, and took the reins as the club sought to adopt a family left homeless by Hurricane Katrina. **Gary Hewitt** provided the initial legwork (is it still legwork if it's

done over the phone?) to find and relocate the Kents, a single mother and her young daughter. Under the watchful eyes of **Chuck Hawkins** and **Adrienne Masak-Rozier**, Rotarians too numerous to mention stepped up to the plate and provided furniture, financial support, services, employment, and a whole lot more. The Religious Council of West Chester contributed \$1,000 toward the effort as well. Starting from scratch, the Kents are now back on their feet and settled in Lancaster County. Jessica has a good paying job with Verizon, and is still probably shocked that a bunch of strangers would give her so much without being asked, a bunch of **Yankees**, no less. Such is the awesome power of Rotary.

Not content to rest on their laurels, the Brighter Futures Committee (BFC), prowling for a new project like a hungry lioness on the Serengeti, finally found fresh prey – the Care Center for Christ. The Care Center provides pre-school and also after school tutoring, geared toward families making the transition off of welfare. In the spring of 2006, the BFC voraciously ripped into this project, providing renovation work inside and a fresh coat of paint and mural on the outside. The major portion of the renovations entailed removing mirrors from the ceilings (don't ask), which were falling through the drop ceiling onto kids below. The day of the event, the BFC crew took it one step further. They combined the work day with a block party for the whole neighborhood, with face painting, hot dogs for all and a moon bounce to ensure proper digestion. Kathy McGowan, past executive director of the Center, thanked our club and filled us in on the impact of this project. The kids had an awesome time at the party, and the Care Center, now with its fresh coat of yellow paint, has become a beacon of light in the neighborhood.

SAVE THE DATE

Apr. 19 All-hands international service avenue meeting, after our regular Rotary lunch
April 28 Clean-up /Kennett @ Longwood Club
May 10 Blue Rocks
July 12 Presidential picnic for **Gary Hess**
Oct 7 Chili Cook-off

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

To add events send e-mails to: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THE GUNDAKER FOUNDATION

The annual fundraising campaign for the Gundaker Foundation is now underway! On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank the following Rotarians who have made a contribution already this year: **Mary Lou DuPont, Anita Trump, Lee Bunting, Faith Woodward, Joe DellaVecchia, Bruce Beadle, Steve Quigley, Joe Polito, Annalie Korengel-Lorgus, Fran Luft, Chris McCawley, Bill Gotwals, Cathy Palmquist, Carol Metzker, Carol Metzker and Lance Knauth.** Thank you!

THANK YOU

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

Bryan Brockson: EDIS Company; Classification: Management -- General Contractor; Sponsor: **Steve Quigley**

Bryan Mitchell: Waddell & Reed; Classification: Business -- Financial Management; Sponsor: **Concetta Schiattarella**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their induction.

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