



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: April 26, 2007

Paul Harris Presentation

Speaker: Bill Hess

Arranged by: President Annalie and Bill Hess

Next Week's Program: May 3, 2007

Elwin Inc.

Speaker: Jim Harvey

Arranged by Stan Zukin

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Annalie opened the meeting. We sang *My Country Tis of Thee* acappella. (Sounded ok, but makes us appreciate Faith's talents!) In light of the tragic events of the week, we had two invocations. **Ken Hickman** offered a moving invocation remembering the victims at Virginia Tech and **Bob Connolly** offered an important message of hope from the writings of the Dahli Lama.

President Annalie followed these with her own words of remembrance for the tragedy. She then moved us on through a joke that cleverly included **Terry McGrath**.

Three Rotarians from other clubs visited us: Mary Mosley and John Saling from West Chester Sunrise and Henry Mustin all the way from Lake Forest, Washington! We had four guests: Bill Eaton (Jr.), Debra Bridges, Brain Marriman, and Marion Young.

We wished **Victoria Dow** a Happy Birthday! Announcements: **President Annalie** read us a thank you from the Brandywine Valley YMCA for the \$500 we sent them. Carole Metzker reminded us of the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute. At the Board meeting they announced that the fruit sale made \$10,500 and that the Community Services Avenue will be determining the recipients. April 28 is clean-up day in conjunction with the Kennett Club—let **President Annalie** know if you can make it and if you can contribute the use of a truck or wheelbarrow. Hats are still for sale \$15. And if anyone is planning to attend the International Convention in Salt Lake City this year to let **President Annalie** know.

Many happy people! **President Annalie** was happy for the support of **Past President Duke Evans** (and gave him a pin!). **Faith Woodward** was happy for the completion of renovations at Barclay Friends and invited us all to celebrate (last Friday). **Carol Hanson** was happy that the Salvation Army is having a spring plant sale

(contact her if in need of plants!). **Bob Crow** was happy for all the support for getting him out of jail in support of the MDA and is still open to more support! **Geoff Baker** was happy that he is recovering so well from surgery and encouraged all the men to be proactive about checking their PSA levels. **John Saling** was happy about his recent trip to England and Scotland. **Chris McCawley** was happy to announce that she had visited **Frank Helms** in the hospital and that he's doing well and will be home later this week. **Joe Polito** was happy that there are people like the VA Tech professor who jumped in front of the gunman to save the kids. **Katie Walker** was happy for **Sue Casso**, et al who sold so many tickets for the Chamber's 10K dinner (last Friday). **Steve Karp** was happy that Alexa was scheduled for her first haircut (last Friday – a big day for lots of things!) We then learned that **President Annalie's** daughter has so many haircuts that she cannot go to a salon and uses Petsmart instead!

The 50/50 (proceeds going to the Chester County Association of the Blind) was won by **Jon Eigen**, but he did not win the jackpot.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Francisco Ott

Classification Talks by

Jodi Button and Doug Marshall.

Jodi Button is the Executive Director of the Friends' Association for Care and Protection of Children and comes to us from Canada. Her first career was in broadcasting, starting with a position with a college radio station and continuing with national TV news in Canada and doing documentary film work on social justice issues. These films took her to the Yukon and Africa. She continued to travel internationally at every opportunity.

In the 1990's, she came to the United States because she married an American and they have come to settle in our area. Her interest in social justice issues led to her second career of

working with non-profits. She was Executive Director of the Reading for Blind and Dyslexics for seven years.

The Friends' Association has a two-fold mission—providing services for foster and adoptive children and shelter housing for women and children. Affordable housing is a key issue in Chester County and it is a challenge for women who are making minimum wage to afford a two-bedroom apartment in this area. The Friends' Association is trying to find creative ways to help this population. Jodi was drawn to Rotary because of our goals of helping others.

Thanks to **Carol Hanson**, who sponsored this new member.

Doug Marshall is retired from Northrop Grummond where he worked in the area of corporate procurement. Northrop Grummond is the second-largest defense contractor, and Doug, a graduate of Auburn University, earned his degree in aviation management.

Defense contractors have become very aware of environmental factors, and solving problems of the environment have become a very key focus. He explained a carbon-offset fund, which is a program established by Delta Airlines to plant trees with additional money donated by those purchasing airline tickets. He personally is involved in keeping bees and creating a natural grass meadow. One of his favorite sayings, by Theodore Roosevelt, is "do what you can where you are with what you've got", and believes this motto is very much in keeping with the goals of Rotary.

We welcome both of these new members who have very interesting and diverse backgrounds.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Sue Casso** of Custom Printing and Promotions

SAVE THE DATE

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:
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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, Eric Metzker, Lance Knauth, David Wood, Rich Kaufmann, Lee McFadden, Irvie Hoffman, Mac Neilon, Charlie Lyddane, Doug Marshall, Dick Yoder, Jean Oakes, Bert Volger, Michelle Venema, Pat Barron and Linda Antonowich.** Thank you!

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