



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: May 10, 2007

Africa/ The Water Project

Speakers: Michael Johnson & Paul Woodruff

Arranged by Charlie Lyddane

Next Week's Program: May 17, 2007

Fiduciary Responsibility for Non-Profit Funds

Speaker: Don Price

Arranged by Rob Feenan

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Annalie opened the meeting. After members sang an a capella rendition of "America," **Faith Woodward** read a thought-provoking Quaker writing about listening to God, followed by a few minutes of silence to listen to God. **President Annalie** told a cute joke about three men who were interviewed as they were waiting to enter heaven.

Visiting Rotarians included Leo Gibbons of WEGO and Steve McCann of Sunrise.

President Annalie introduced Bill Eaton III, attending with his dad, **Bill Eaton II**; **Carol Hanson** introduced Jennifer Levy-Tatum, **Cristina Combee** introduced Fiona Baldinger of France, our exchange student who will be returning home soon, and her host mother, Peg Eberts; **Bert Volger** introduced François Deilis, our exchange student from Belgium; and **Katie Walker** introduced Brian Maranon, who is "in the pipeline" for membership. **Bob Frame** wished birthday greetings to the "networking king" **Dave Rayburn**, **Victoria Dow** extended birthday wishes to **Carol Hanson**, who brought Victoria into the club, and **Steve Quigley** wished a Happy Birthday to **Shannon Royer**, who he had the good fortune to meet and work with at the West Chester Senior Center.

President Annalie kicked off Happy Bucks with a generous contribution to celebrate the finding of her historic Lorgus family Rotary pin; **Duke Evans** was happy to receive a call from his grandson in Iraq, **Steve Quigley** was happy to announce activities at the WC Senior Center, in particular, the new book store which is accepting books; **Carol Hanson** was happy that **Geoff Baker** bought flowers from the Salvation Army and urges others to support this fundraiser; **Pat Barron** was happy about his visit to the John Deere museum and display in Moline, IL and a special book he was able to find; **Katie Walker** was happy that fellow

Rotarian and Chamber member, **Mac Neilon**, was one of the winners in a recent Chamber event; **Carol Metzker** was happy that daughter Kathryn ran in the Penn Relays; **Chuck Swope** was happy about friends expecting a baby and put in a buck for a girl and a buck for a boy; **Jon Eigen** was happy about the cruise he just returned from with a beautiful and charming woman – his wife!.

President Annalie announced that ours is one of the few clubs which won a Presidential Citation from the District Governor. She also read a letter of appreciation from the Colorado Rotarian who gave a Paul Harris Fellow award to his daughter- in-law, which we presented to Kimberly Gotman at last week's meeting. **Jack Wintermute** announced the need for a new charity and #36 was drawn. However, we will have to wait until next week to find out the name of that charity, since Jack had a senior moment and left the list at home. The 50/50 was won by **Geoff Baker**, who took home \$14, but missed the queen and the pot of gold.

Past president **Jeff Sommer** conducted the induction of two new members, **Brian Mitchell** and **Brian Brockson**. Having recently returned from Stonehenge, Jeff talked about people believing in things unseen, with no expectation that they will see the project completed, like those who built Stonehenge, which took over 300 years. Rotarians are much like that, working on projects unseen, such as eliminating polio in the world. Jeff warned that it is tempting to think of Rotary for business camaraderie and friendship. It is equally important to recognize the power of service that comes with Rotary membership.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Fiona Baldinger, our exchange student from France, gave her farewell talk to our club today. She showed us pictures of her time here with us.

A key moment for her early in the year was

the Chili Cook-off. She was very proud of being able to work the concession stand and speak English to the customers! She went on numerous trips including Washington DC, Philadelphia, Baltimore and NYC. She also made it up to Happy Valley and followed instructions by getting the classic picture of her and her friends sitting on the Nittany Lion. She said she loved being spoiled at Christmas time. Her gift was a week in Florida which she really enjoyed. She also made it out to California where she saw a real cactus for the first time.

In January she joined her new host family, Paul and Peg Ebert. She enjoyed living in the borough where she could walk places. She told us about her first baseball game, although she was disappointed she didn't catch a ball. And she showed us a picture of the Eberts' dog who she has become very attached to!

Fiona talked about what she learned. A lot of it was about herself. She feels much stronger and confident. A huge accomplishment is that she is no longer afraid to speak in front of groups and maybe is even beginning to enjoy it. She learned a lot about her own country by being able to see it from another point of view, from the "outside". She is leaving with a much more mature view of the world, not thinking that France is "better" but rather appreciating differences.

The program ended with many heartfelt good-byes. Fiona thanked her host family and our club for this amazing opportunity. She talked about how she will be homesick for her host family. She said this experience has truly changed her life and made her a better person.

Peg Ebert, her host mother, commented that she was proud of her new daughter. **Cristina Combee**, her host counselor, spoke of how much she appreciated the opportunity to get to know Fiona and she encouraged us all to consider serving as a counselor. As Annalie so aptly put it as she closed the meeting, this was truly a great representation of our Rotary dollars put to great work! Best wishes, Fiona!!

SAVE THE DATE

May 10 Blue Rocks
May 19 Help @ Mayfest at CC Hospital
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>

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THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Geoff Baker** of ReMAX Preferred.

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THE GUNDAKER FOUNDATION

The annual fundraising campaign for the Gundaker Foundation is now well 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, Linda Antonowich, Geoff Baker, Victoria Dow, Don Stonestrom, Ken Hickman, Bill Winters, Bob Poole, Grant Nelson, Elizabeth Guman, Carol Hansen, Dave Rayburn and Adrienne Masak-Rozier.** Thank you!

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