



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: May 17, 2007

**Honorary Rotarians –Martha Carson Gentry
CC Community Foundation- Beth Brilia
CC Fund for Women & Girls- Heidi McPherson**

Next Week's Program: May 24, 2007

**Exchange Student –Francois Dellis
Self Motivation - Charlie Hauck**

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President **Annalie** called the meeting to order at 12:30. **Gary Hess** gave the invocation, and Pres. **Annalie** told a very successful joke about dead politicians, a suspicious sheriff and a savvy farmer.

Becky Caccace introduced visiting Rotarian **Leo Gibbons** from WEGO. Guests today included **Lynn Eaton** here with **Bill**; **Dr. Jason Nardone** introduced by **Chuck Swope**; **Brian Marrinan** came with **Katie Walker**; **Joe Penero** introduced by **Andy Stump**; and **Danny Delaney** who came along with her grandfather **Paul Woodruff**. **Bob Frame** wished a happy birthday to **Bob the Builder**, aka **Charlie Lyddane**.

Pres. Annalie, as always, started off the Happy Bucks, this time with one for our club's board of directors and a record (short) board meeting. **Terry McGrath** had one for **Bruce Beadle** for getting him to the meeting. **Sue Casso** had one for **Terry** and his mother, whom she met in a golf tournament (small world!). **Frank Helms** had a Happy Buck for the very happy news of a clean scan. **Joe Polito** had a buck for the Senior Center's Tri-fecta raffle, the huge pot, and the two cards left in the deck. **Mike Alfonsi** had a dollar to congratulate **Jim Gasho** on his daughter's fine recital. **Jack Wintermute** brought THE list (whatever that is) and has a new grandson (name already forgotten)! **Buuny Welsh** paid her dollar so she could tell a good Sheriff's joke. **Bill Gotwals** was happy as he and his golf-buddy won in their last outing. **Dave Biffen** was a bit confused as he may be grateful, or not, to **Terry McGrath** for keeping his wife's dog alive. **Bob Crow** had a dollar to announce that he had baseball tickets to the Blue Rocks game that evening. And, finally, **Steve Karp** was happy, really happy, for Disney World fun and a second adoption underway.

Pres. Annalie awarded the Rotarian of the

Month (for April) to **Rob Feenan** for managing the club's finances. At its April meeting the Board passed new policies for reimbursing club-members for expenses incurred on club business – expenditures must be pre-approved to qualify for reimbursement. Club members may also submit bids to do work for the club when such bids are requested. Please see the board minutes for April as posted on the website for details. Anyone interested in submitting a marketing package bid for the Chili Cook-off should see **Bill Ronayne**. The club received a thank you from the YWCA for our donation. Meet-the-Judge Night is coming up – more on this at a later date. The Rotary Club of Chester, which is our club's parent, will celebrate its 90th anniversary; tickets to attend are \$50. **Steve Godsall-Meyers** sent greetings and a newsletter from Wittenberg.

Gary Hess urged everyone to get their Gundaker donation in so we can boast of 100% participation. **Charles Streitwieser** announced the date for the District Assembly – focusing on membership – as May 22, from 1pm – 5pm at DCCC. **Ed Malet** asked the International Committee to meet right after today's lunch to being planning the student picnic. **John Schwab** congratulated **Linda Hicks** and **Brian Brockman** on completing the Chester County Leadership Connection training. Both are now trained to serve other non-profits in the community. **Linda** received a scholarship for one-half of the tuition from the club to attend.

Danny Delaney pulled **Jean Oakes'** ticket for the 50/50. **Jean**, alas, did not find the Black Queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Well, folks, this is what Rotary is all about—service above self. **Paul Woodruff** and **Michael Johnson** treated us to an update of our projects in Kenya. They were accompanied on a ten-day trip there in mid February by two of Paul's

granddaughters—Danielle Delaney and Julie Purcell--, and Morley and **Charlie Lyddane**. Danielle was Paul's guest today and contributed her impressions of the trip, which has been dubbed "Charlie and Paul's Excellent African Adventure."

So much needs to be done and the West Chester Rotary Club is doing its part. The terrible consequences of the AIDS epidemic ripple through African society. As in all such crises, the children suffer the most. There may be two million orphans in Kenya alone, most of whom migrate to the cities.

On this trip our group inspected a water project that will benefit up to three thousand people. Water collection consumes an inordinate amount of productive time. Readily available water is the foundation of improving society, as Paul, Michael, and Charlie explained. Fields can be irrigated to produce almost any crop, improving the diet and health of the people. Better hygiene from more easily accessible and plentiful water improves health, too. As families relocate near the source of water and improve their standard of living, they are able and willing to adopt an orphan child from the cities.

All this follows our water project in Kenya. Quite a nice set of consequences for our investment--so much so that our club is applying for a matching grant to fund another water project there. Our money goes only to hiring heavy equipment and technical labor. The land and much of the labor were donated for the latest project. But matching grants are difficult to obtain. Ours was turned down during the latest application cycle, but we are not to be deterred.

SAVE THE DATE

- 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 Volary are provided at our meeting by **Faith Woodward** of Barclay Friends.

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, Adrienne Masak-Rozier, Paul Woodruff, Bob Crow, Terry McGrath, Martha Carson-Gentry, Joe Cunnane and Duke Evans.** Thank you!

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