



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: May 24, 2007
Exchange Student –Francois Dellis
Self Motivation - Charlie Hauck

Next Week's Program: May 31, 2007
To be announced

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President-Elect Gary Hess called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** gave the invocation entitled UNTIL. **President-Elect Gary Hess** told a successful joke about a preacher golfing on Sunday.

Visiting Rotarians included Jane Williams, Tim Wolf, John Sailing, and Joe Cunne. Guests today included Shel Witmeyer, Maureen Wallace, Beth Brillia, Heidi McPherson, Lisa Berry, Jow Penero, and Brian Marrianan. **Irvie Hoffman** wished a happy birthday to **Duke Evans**. We did not have Happy Bucks today due to a full schedule.

Announcements: **Charles Streitwieser** invited fellow Rotarians to the District Mtg. on May 22nd from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.. This meeting is being held at Delaware County Community College. We wish **President Annalie** a speedy recovery from knee surgery. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** announced that in order to host one or two male exchange students we need host families to step forward immediately. Please help out if at all possible. **Jim Gasho** announced that names are needed now from our Rotary Club for sponsors for the Chili Cook-off.

West Chester Area School District Students of the Month are: Shawn Cordy, Tracy Dorian, Joe Isomatic, Elizabeth Salivano, Lisa Izzo and Sam Nassau.

The 50/50 ticket was pulled by **President-Elect Gary Hess**- winner?

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Today's triple feature included the

Honorary Rotarian program and two groups brought in by the Community Service avenue: Chester County Community Foundation and the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls.

Martha Carson Gentry introduced the Honorary Rotarian Program. This year **Jean Oakes** addressed the club on behalf of our newest Honorary Rotarian – Mrs. Albert E. Filano, better known as Rita. Jean told of Rita's extensive work with the Women's Auxiliary of Chester County Hospital. Skilled in fund raising, the Women's Auxiliary raised \$576,084.76 in the past 12 months. Rita also gave countless hours of volunteer service to the Women's Auxiliary. As a further example of her service, Rita is on the board of West Chester Day Care Center. Jean declared that, after 51 years of living in and serving West Chester, Rita truly exemplifies service above self. **President-Elect Gary Hess** presented Rita with a plaque and a pin commemorating her as our 2007-2008 Honorary Rotarian.

After **Jean Oakes'** stirring presentation, **Cathy Palmquist** introduced the second program on the day's bill: Beth Briglia, VP of the Chester County Community Foundation. The Community Service Avenue wants the club to be informed about the needs of the county so that we can select projects that excite us about helping our community.

The Foundation's mission is to build philanthropy throughout the county to benefit the residents of the county. (see their website at <http://www.chescocf.org>) The group has been in existence for 12 years and has \$23M in assets. Their motto is "connecting people who care with causes that matter". (Sounds like it's made for

Rotarians). Among the 12 major themes of needs the Fund discovered through household-based surveys, four kept recurring in the interviews: Transportation, Health Insurance, Access to Medical Care and Housing. If you didn't get a chance to see their brochure, you can view it at: <http://www.chescocf.org/H&HSNeedsAssessmentSummaryReportFinalforWebsite.pdf>

Heidi McPherson presented the third topic: The Chester County Fund for Women and Girls. (<http://www.ccwomenandgirls.org/>) This group just celebrated their 10th anniversary and is one of only 113 foundations like it in the world and the first in Pennsylvania. Their mission is to improve the lives of women and girls, their families and their communities. They are operating on the principle that if you help women and girls who are most often the key caregivers in our community then you help the whole community. The Fund gives grants to non-profit organizations who address these needs. Interestingly, it isn't the board or staff who decide who benefits. Instead, community representatives determine who receives the money.

A few facts – the poverty rate rose from 3.1% in 200 to 5.9% in 2005. 20% of these people are families of single mothers with kids. A person has to earn 17\$ an hour to afford a two bedroom apartment. Most earn minimum wage – \$6.25 in Pennsylvania. Almost all of these families with single moms live along the bus lines which only serve a fraction of the county. In Chester County, more girls in 9th-12th grades are using stimulants and depressants at a higher rate than boys.

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>

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

THANK YOU

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

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