



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester
Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: June 21, 2007
Meeting at the
West Chester Area Senior Center
Arranged by Steve Quigley

Next Week's Program: June 28, 2007
Speaker: Paula Kielich
Pals for Life
Speakers: John Olszewski & Michael Alfonsi
Budget Presentation

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

Bill Winters lead us in the pledge (remember, no pause in the phrase "one nation under God"); **Cathy Palmquist** gave the invocation. The weekly joke featured Riley and Jamie and **Bill Hess** and a question about where God might be. **Bruce Beadle** introduced visiting Rotarians Reece Reynolds (Kennett / Longwood) and Harry Karash (Sunrise). **Pres. Annalie** presented a banner from the River Cities, IL club.

Club members introduced a host of guests: **Chuck Swope** introduced Dr. Phil Duncan of WCU; **Andy Stump** brought along Joe Panero; **John Messersmith** brought son John; **Katie Walker** again introduced Brian Marrinan; **Bill Winters** had Joe Paiva as his guest; **Pres. Annalie** introduced Roaming Rotary Riley and friend Jane Burgarella who was doing her best to keep RR Riley somewhat corralled; **Doug Marshall** introduced Matt Kaiser; **Bill Ronayne** had Mary Bigham along as his guest; **Goeff Baker** introduced brother-in-law from Virginia J.J. Stapleton; and **Frank Helms** introduced Dr. Dwight McCawley.

Happy Bucks were also numerous. **Pres. Annalie** thanked the Board for a great year and her last Board meeting as Pres.; **Dr. Poole** mentioned the second graders in the district who all received dictionaries from our club and who were sad the Rotary Reading program was done for the year; **Dave Wood** celebrated his son's successful tumor surgery (and we all celebrate with him!); **Sue Casso** mentioned the YMCA's annual golf tournament on July 30; **John Olszewski** (!) is proud of his granddaughter's acceptance to the Royal Ballet's (as in London, England) summer program; **Steve Quigley** was happy to announce the club's lunch location for June 21 at the Senior Center to dedicate the Rotary room; **Joe Polito** was happy he is not a teacher and has to sweat out the end of the school year in un-airconditioned classrooms, also see Joe for an explanation of why Tony Soprano is actually dead; **Mike Alfonsi** is proud of this son's West Side Little League team and their prospects for getting into the championship game; **Bill Gotwals** (an example to all!) played golf the day before in a senior tournament and won; **Chuck Swope** was happy for best friend Mike DellaVecchia's wedding; Harry

Karash had a hello for the club from former exchange student Marius from Norway; and finally, with the last word, **Steve Karp** thanked everyone for making last week's Rotary Fair a success.

Adrienne Masak Rozier wished **Goeff Baker** a happy birthday (one wonderful accent to another).

Pres. Annalie had a thank you from the Krug family for Brain's Run funds for their disabled child. **Pres. A.** also reminded everyone of the change in location for next week's lunch – the Senior Center. There will be a fundraiser for the club on August 30 at Ruth's Chris Steak House in KoP; registration deadline is July 18! **Bob Frame** was honored as May's Rotarian of the Month for his work as the Birthday Wish Scheduler. **Bob** in turn announced the club's golf outing, this year at Honey Brook, on July 23; cost is \$70. **Frank Helms** introduced and thanked all the 2006-07 Rotary Readers: **Jack and Janet Wintermute, Lance Knauth, Katie Walker, Dave Wood; Dwight McCawley, Bob Poole, Jim Stuart, Bob Struble, Terry McGrath, Bob Connolly, Joe and Marie Polito.** Together they held 272 reading sessions, covering 16 classes at 3 schools. **Not-Quite-Yet Pres. Gary Hess** announced the July 13-14 President's Conference at Villanova, a chance to meet and hear incoming RI President Wilf Wilkinson. **Cathy Palmquist** thanked everyone who had filled out a community service survey and asked anyone who had not had a chance to fill one out today. Guest Matt Kaiser spoke about conditions in Haiti.

Rick Dunlap, before introducing our students of the month, thanked the club for this program which highlights the good things going on in local public education. The first student was Carolyn Wegemann, and East HS junior and honor roll student. She is VP of her class and active in organizing events. She plans on attending Sts Joe's to major in PolySci or Economics. Our second student was Ryan Wallace also of East. He is on the soccer team and involved in musicals and theatricals. He is treasurer and a founding member of the Interact Club. He plans to attend college in PA, and wants to come back to the area to teach history. Congratulations to both!

RR Riley picked **Joe Cunnane's** winning number for the 50/50. No Queen was found, though.

**SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron
Becky Cacase**

To prove her love for her husband, Becky Maxim took his last name—Cacase--pronounced K-K-C. Easy to remember now, isn't it? Becky comes from fine German stock who immigrated to Maine, where Becky was born and raised. Her most famous relative was Hiram Maxim, a man of peace who invented the first fully automatic machine gun, smokeless gunpowder, and the silencer. He also invented a mousetrap, carbon filaments for light bulbs, and a flying machine. As Casey Stengel would say, you can look it up. Becky is a college-trained psychologist who learned how to implant subtle messages into our brains to make us buy things we do not really need. Only kidding, Becky! Call off the gun-toting Maxim family! She spent one college semester in Aberdeen, Scotland and backpacked all over Europe, so Becky is able to take care of herself. Currently she works for the Chester County Library system, setting up foundations, applying for grants, etc. Ours is her third Rotary club. She finally got it right. The Cacase's have a fourteen-month-old daughter, who has already applied for her concealed carry permit.

Concetta Schiattarella

Born in beautiful Italy, where she spent wonderful summers at her family's beach house, Concetta followed her parents to America in 1993 in order to give her two children more opportunity in life. (That one statement made me fall in love with her.) She arrived speaking no English, had no job and no home of her own. But that didn't keep Concetta from proving once again that America is the land of opportunity. She started a banking career after trying retail sales and has been branch manager at several financial institutions. Like Becky, she finally got it right—she now is a branch manager for The First National Bank of Chester County, who encourage her to get involved in the community she loves. (I also happen to know that Concetta will join the advisory board of the local Salvation Army.) Concetta speaks very rapidly, a habit she freely admits, and I found this puzzling for someone for whom English is a second language. But then I understood the reason—she has two teenagers at home and if she wants to get a word in edgewise, she has to talk fast. It is a matter of necessity.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **President Annalie**.

SAVE THE DATE

July 12 Presidential picnic for **Gary Hess**
Sept 23 International Picnic
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

PROPOSED CLUB BUDGET

The Proposed Club Budget is available at
(www.westchesterrotary.us).
Your comments on the budget are
welcome, on-line, through July 5.
A brief overview of the budget will be
presented at the June 28 meeting.

AN EVENING OF FUN AND FUND RAISING

What: Valentine's Day in August dinner
When: Thursday, Aug. 30th, 7 p.m.
Where: Ruth's Chris Steak House, KOP
Cost: \$75 per person
Menu: Petite Filet, Atlantic Salmon, or Stuffed
Chicken Breast;
Reservations and personal checks will be
accepted before July 18th at Rotary meetings.
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