



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: July 19, 2007
Speaker: Stephanie Perea
Chester County Futures

Next Week's Program: July 26, 2007
To be announced

MINUTES by Sue Casso

For her final meeting as President of the Rotary Club of West Chester, **President Annalie** invited 4 people, who have given her guidance throughout the year, to participate in the invocation. **Eric Metzker, Duke Evans, Mike Alfonsi** and **Rev. Bill Hess** each lead an appropriate prayer. Annalie then delivered her final joke referencing **Bob Frame** and golf. Thanks for making us all smile this year, **Annalie!** Following the joke, we were all treated to the bag pipes of **Terry McGrath**, kilt and all, following the tradition of one being "piped in and piped out."

Visiting Rotarians: Bonnie Korengel (Annalie's mom) who gave **Annalie** a banner from her Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood and gave back to **Annalie** a gavel which **Annalie** had given to her mom early in the year with the new inscription regarding their Mother/Daughter Presidencies. Don Barr was also visiting from Greater Sunrise.

Guests included Dale and Terry McClure and their son Justin, who is receiving a scholarship, **Ed Mallet** introduced his summer interns, **Bill Winters** introduced Joe Paiva, incoming **President Gary Hess** introduced his wife, Molly, their two children, Molly's sister and his mother in law, Winifred Rupp. **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Patty Griffin, **Katie Walker** introduced Dot Kennedy and Brian Marrinan, **Bill Ronayne** introduced Mary Bingham. **Annalie** introduced her husband Gary, friends Stephanie Krug, Elizabeth and Natalie Connors and Jane Burgarella.

In order to celebrate many birthdays, **Jack Wintermute** invited **Steve Quigley, Charles Streitwieser, Jean Oakes** and **Lance Knauth** to the front of the room. He asked if any of the participants could recite the 4 Way Test - **Charles** did it word for word! The others, who could not recite the 4 Way Test had to perform a birthday dance of joy - "get down," **Steve Quigley!!**

Happy Bucks - **Charlie Lyddane** (collected 6000 children's books and arranged to have

shipped to Africa though a Rotary Club). **Carl Werner** (**President Annalie's** great year, Gary's upcoming great year, pay your dues, and, oh yes, retiring from FNBCC). Congratulations Carl! **Duke Evans** (grandson is home from Iraq). **Adrienne Masak-Rosier** (successful operation on the gerbil by **Terry McGrath**). **Jean Oakes** (sponsored **Gary Hess** who will be our new president). **Paul Woodruff** (18 of his 19 grandchildren at the family's Christmas in July celebration). **Sue Casso** (**Patty Jefferis's** granddaughter's picture on the front page of the Daily Local News, her 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Rupp [**Gary Hess's** mother in law] and her high school chum, Dale McClure at today's meeting). **Katie Walker** (the tremendous success of the Bike Race last Saturday [I'll bet **Mac Neilon** echoed those sentiments]). **Chuck Swope** (finally found the Board Meeting which he thought was at DeStarr's but now is held at the Senior Center [who knew?]). **Carol Metzker** (**Mark Von Hacht** for help getting new glasses). And **Terry McGrath** (the Greystone Ramblers are playing at Westtown School and **Bob Connolly's** help finding location on campus).

Rotarian of the Month was **Bruce Beadle** for jumping in and helping out with the website.

Annalie passed around letters of thanks for donation from Camp Abilities, Senior Center, and Chester County Association for the Blind.

Reminders - dues are due, Valentine's Day in August on Aug 30 at Ruth Chris' Steakhouse is fast approaching - see **Carol Metzker** for details, and the President's Picnic is tonight.

John Schwab introduced Justin McClure who is the recipient of our club's annual scholarship to a graduating senior. Justin's essay was terrific. Justin is proud to be a firefighter, like his father, and is happy to give back to the community. His essay opened with "you can't go through life wearing two catchers mitts, sometimes you have to throw something back." (Maya Angelou) Congratulations Justin!

Joe Polito won the 50/50, but did not pull the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

President Annalie began her farewell address saying "Humor can be risky." She has learned and grown in her year as president thanks to many people. Her important aphorism is "Rotary is second and family is first."

President Annalie thanked the four gentleman who gave the innovation (for their leadership) and the four women introduced as her guests (for their help with family). Also thanked were the board of directors and the avenue chairs. She is quite proud of the budget process this year. She is also indebted to the resources of all our Past Presidents.

Thanking her parents for her mother's teaching of how to juggle a career and her father's watching her kids every week, **Annalie** concluded by thanking her husband Gary for his support.

President Annalie passed on several items to **President-Elect Gary** including the shamrock pantyhose and the presidential pin.

Speaker for the transition, **Bob Poole**, mentioned that we are changing from a theology student to a money manager and also changing from a female to a male president.

Bob suggested we read an article in the July 5th issue of Time Magazine by Madeleine Albright, Giving the Poor Their Rights, wherein she describes the poor living conditions of a woman and her family of 12 children in Nairobi. This poverty is experienced by more than 50% of the world's population who are powerless.

One way that we have been able to help the poor is through Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio by the year 2000. Although we did not achieve this goal, the polio epidemic in 100 countries in 1988 has been reduced to Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and Nigeria. The money spent on the eradication of polio has exponentially saved many health care dollars.

The induction of our new slate of officers included: **Gary Hess**, President; **Carol Metzker**, President-Elect; **Steve Karp**, Vice-President; **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**, Past President; **Patrica Kotsay**, Secretary; **Rob Feenan**, Treasurer; **Mike Alfonsi**, Sergeant-at-arms; and board members at large: **Rich Kauffman**, **Adrienne Masak-Rosier**, **John Olszewski**, **Dave Rayburn**, **Mark Sammarone**, and **John Messersmith**.

President Gary joined Rotary in 1995 and has just completed his chairmanship of the Gundaker Foundation. **President Gary** thanked **Past President Annalie** for a great year that was also entertaining. In his estimation, she accomplished more in her year than any in the past. **President Gary** presented **Annalie** with a plaque to hold the double gavel that her mother had given her earlier. **Carol Metzker** was

given the President-elect pin and a training gavel. The new theme is *Rotary Shares*. Membership in service organizations is waning and RI President, Wilf J. Wilkinson, has made this his primary concern. He will be at St. Davids in August. Don't miss this opportunity.

SAVE THE DATE

- July 23 Rotary Golf Outing at Honeybrook Country Club
- Aug 30 Valentine's Day in August
- Sept 23 International Picnic
- Oct 7 Chili Cook-off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

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