ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: August 2, 2007 Speaker: Tim Harvey Elwin School Arranged by Stan Zukin	Next Week's Program: August 9, 2007 Speaker: Congressman Joe Sestak Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary opened the meeting and invited **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** to give the invocation. Past Prez Annalie, the Joke Queen, once again just happened to have a joke at the ready when **Pres. Gary** admitted to having misplaced his joke.

Visiting Rotarians were Assistant District Governor Dede Carruthers and Dr. Vijay Kumar Datla from the Rotary Club of Kakinada Central, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Guests were Michelle Parrant with **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**; Alexa Karp with proud **Papa Karp**; Jean Monaco with **Jeanne McGinn**; Charlie Streitwieser with his proud parent **Charles Streitwieser**; Katie Decker, who is in the membership pipeline, with **Geoff Baker**; and Calvin Idler with **Katie Decker**.

The only announcement was about orphaned serving pieces from Annalie's party. Any items not claimed will be auctioned off. And, **Charlie Lyddane's** photo is on the District website (www.rotary7450.org); it concerns his project to send books to Africa and is worth seeing since Charlie is pictured in shorts.

Bob Poole offered birthday congratulations to **Pete Thompson**.

Mike Alfonsi, the new Sergeant at Arms, announced an upcoming check-in change at the front desk.

Several folks had Happy Bucks to share today. **Geoff Baker** had $10: 1. to thank **Bob Frame** for a great golf tournament up in Honey Brook, 2. to celebrate his wife's success in that tournament, 3. to remind all male Rotarians and all Rotary women to remind their significant others to get their PSA number checked in the fight to thwart prostate cancer, and 4. to celebrate his own PSA number of 0. **Anita Trump** was happy for the friendly reception she got at a Rotary Club in Las Vegas and to let everyone know that the registration deadline for the Valentine's Day in August Dinner has been extended. **Katie Walker** put in a buck for Chili Cook-Off having 25 teams participating, and hoping for more. **Steve Karp** had a Happy Buck for Alexa and the happy prospect of a little sister for Alexa (Alexa had a comment, however, its import was unclear). **Eric Metzker** was happy that wife **Carol** and daughter Katie arrived safely in Ghana and are visiting with a Rotary family this week. **Bob Poole** was happy at getting to bed at all the night before due to Ryan Howard's home run.

Chris McCawley won the 50/50, though not the pot.

Pres Gary took advantage of a short meeting to share his goals for the year, since he was not able to do this at his induction. Herewith, his goals:

1. finish the meetings on time
2. have successful fund raisers; the Chili Cook Off for this year looks good and with carry-over funds from last year the club in a good position to fund programs
3. make great use of the money we have available – so, think big, make a splash in the community and use that to broaden community awareness of the club. For example,

Habitat for Humanity is coming back to WC with a huge building project where our club could get involved.

4. look for 100% participation, at whatever level, in giving to Gundaker and Rotary Foundations.
5. for all members to become Rotarians – that is, be involved and not be a RINO (Rotarian In Name Only).

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Our speaker, Dede Carruthers, our Assistant District Governor, gave her strong endorsement to **President Gary's** goals, saying they were fabulous.

Dede was able to bring a personal greeting from our International President, Wilf Wilkinson, because he recently attended the Membership Conference sponsored by Zone 31 and 32. She echoed President Wilkinson's messages to Share Rotary and the importance of "building Rotarians" for Rotary's great work to continue.

She relayed a story told at the conference about a man who stated, "I've been involved in Rotary for 14 years and I've been a Rotarian for 4." He had literally been active with a club in Massachusetts for 14 years, but only an official member of the club for 4 years. When asked how that could be the case he said "No one ever asked me to join." So Dede's mantra for us is "Ask, Ask, Ask." She challenged us to think of people we know who are already dedicated to the community, and invite them to learn about Rotary.

Dede also passed on greetings from District Governor Russ deFuria. She shared his message with us of "Rock the boat." She explained that Russ has a strong respect for the traditions of Rotary. At the same time, he challenges us to "rock the boat" a little to get us into some new ways of thinking.

Dede introduced the new role of "Area Coordinator" to us. We are a part of Area 8, made up of 6 clubs. There are 5 AC roles: Service Projects, PR, Membership, Youth Activities and District Conference. Only one of these is filled at the moment, and she suggested that if any of these are interesting to us, to let her or **President Gary** know.

On August 23 there will be a Rotary Foundation reception at Radnor that Dede encouraged our club to attend. (Gary Hess will be going, contact him if interested.)

Dede thanked **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** for her great leadership of our club over the past year. She then thanked our club for the many great programs that we do (she said our Chili Cook-off is legendary!). She left us with two thoughts: 1) Let's make this year the best year ever and 2) Ask, ask, ask.

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 30 Valentine's Day in August
Sept 23 International Picnic
Oct 7 Chili Cook-off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
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