



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: August 16, 2007

Classification Talks

Speakers: Chuck Swope & Bryan Brockson

Arranged by Noel Stanek

Next Week's Program: August 23, 2007

Classification Talk

Speaker: Bryan Mitchell

Arranged by Noel Stanek

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Opening the meeting at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, **President Gary Hess** called on **Jeannie McGinn** to give the invocation. Following **President Gary's** joke, we welcomed **Annalie Korengel Lorgus'** guest, Michelle Porter.

Visiting Rotarians were Mary Mosley from Sunrise and Leo Gibbons from WEGO.

Following a presentation and Q and A session with U.S. 7th Congressional District Congressman Joe Sestak, **President Gary** reconvened the meeting with announcements. He reminded members of the Aug. 23rd dinner in Radnor with Rotary International President Wilf Wilkerson. **President Gary** is attending and invites others to join him.

Club dues were due on July 1st and several members have yet to turn them in. Please remit payment to **Trish Kotsay** ASAP.

Jeannie McGinn announced she is starting to sell Chili Cook-off wristbands and urged members to purchase them for their employees and businesses, priced at three for \$25, a considerable savings off the regular cost of \$10 each.

Steve Quigley still needs volunteers to assist with the Habitat for Humanity West Chester house on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Adrienne Masak Rozier announced that she has found a family for both of the incoming exchange students, a boy from Italy and a girl from Germany. She will be meeting them at the airport and anyone who would like to help her welcome them is invited to come along. She also announced that her

committee will be interviewing prospective outbound students in November and December for the 2008-09 exchange year. The committee is hosting a Clays Tournament to help raise funds for the students who may not be able to afford to go.

Michelle Venema drew **Mac Neilon's** 50/50 ticket. He missed the queen, but went home with \$18.

Michael Alfonsi gave a brief introduction regarding the email he sent to all members regarding a change of venue from the Elks to the West Chester Golf and Country Club. Problems/issues with the Elks have prompted this discussion of change of venue. Lunch cost at the WCGCC would be \$14, the same as the Elks are starting to charge us. However, the cost will go up to \$15 at WCGCC in January, but will be good until 2009. There were a few questions about parking, space, menu, etc. after which a member called for the vote. Being there was quorum of members present, **President Gary** asked for a voice vote and show of hands. The vote was unanimous for moving to the WCGCC. Notice will be given to the Elks this afternoon and the first meeting at WCGCC will be Thursday, Sept. 6th. Further announcements will be made and emailed to alert all members of the change.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Sue Casso

Our speaker today was Congressman Joe Sestak (D) of the 7th Congressional District which comprises most of Delaware County, a portion of Chester County and a portion of Montgomery County. Congressman Sestak is originally from Springfield, Delaware County,

graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School and from the Naval Academy in 1974. He spent almost 31 years in naval service reaching the rank of Vice Admiral, was a 3 star Admiral and the first Director of "DeepBlue," the navy's anti-terrorism unit.

Congressman Sestak came to talk about 4 areas of concern: Iraq, health security, education and economics. He believes that the situation in Iraq is the most defining issue in our country today and that the resolution of this war should not be based on politics, but should be a bipartisan resolution. He feels that "we can't not re-deploy" and we can't just "get out." Instead there should be a long term plan for withdrawal which, he feels, could take up to 2 years to get out safely. He states that he is "not anti-war, but pro-safety."

Another area of concern for Congressman Sestak is health care and rising health care premiums. He recently held a summit on health care at West Chester University to bring together leaders in the health care industry and business to find solutions and opportunities. He is a believer that national security starts at home with healthy kids and that high health insurance premiums are hurting our small businesses and competition worldwide.

In addition to health care summit, the congressman held several Educational summits. He requested to sit on the Education and Labor Committee raising concern about the under funding of "no child left behind."

Finally, Congressman Sestak is concerned about the economics of his district. Delaware County has lost many small manufacturing businesses. While this district is still above the national income average, he points out that we are not as far ahead of the average as we were 10 years ago. He recently held an economic summit to benefit small business and women business owners. The Congressman plans to continue his investments in Education and Economics to help his district.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Victoria Dow**, West Chester Public Library.

RI PRESIDENT

RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be hosting a reception at the Radnor Hotel on August 23. The cost is \$75. will be attending. Please let **President Gary** know by August 16th, if you wish to carpool with him.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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