



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: August 30, 2007
Chester County Leadership Connection
Speaker: Mary Anne Feeley
Arranged by Elizabeth Guman

Next Week's Program: September 6, 2007
West Chester Inclusive Communities Project
Speaker: Fran Pierce (YWCA)
Arranged by Victoria Dow

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting with a miniature bell and after we all sang "America," **Carol Hanson** gave an invocation on "peace."

Cherie Lewis-DiGian (Exton) was our sole visiting Rotarian.

Carol Metzker presented the club with a banner form a Rotary club in Ghana.

Visitors presented by **Adrienne Masak Rozier** were Mark Morun, host parent for Bjoern Brauner from Germany and temporary host for Benjamin Latour from Belgium. **Geoff Baker's** guests were Bryan Marrinan and Katie Decker. **Annalie Korengel Lorgus's** guests were Jane Burgarella and Michelle Parent.

President Gary reminded people to pay their dues and that the Sept 6 meeting will begin our move to the West Chester Golf and Country Club on Ashbridge Street.

Katie Walker needs help with Chili Cook Off teams. We have 35 signed up and need at least 50. A new rule is that restaurants and non-profits who have food handlers licenses can bring pre-made chili.

Anita Trump reminded us of the Valentine's Day in August event on August 30.

Ed Malet invited everyone to the planning meeting for the West Chester University International Student Picnic. Individuals are needed to pair up with the international students. The picnic will be held on Sept. 23.

Happy Bucks: **Eric Metzker** (Carol and Katie have returned safely form Ghana), **Martha Carson-Gentry** (the sun is out),

Annalie Korengel Lorgus (**Chuck Swope**

was reminded to wear a helmet when biking), **Steve Karp** (International Avenue Meeting today), **Dave Biffen** (**Terry McGrath** operated on his wife's dog), **Terry McGrath** (participated in his 35th Philadelphia Folk Festival and he was able to play hammered dulcimer with his childhood idol, Bill Spence), **Steve Quigley** (the equipment purchased with a district grant to interview elders' life histories has arrived at the senior center), **Carol Hanson** (Barclay Friends' Festival of Gardens will be on Saturday, Sept 8 from 10am to 3 pm), **Charlie Lyddane** (Eldest daughter, top trainee at Enterprise Rentals, will be moving home from Phoenix), **Anita Trump** (Son graduated from Kent State and Carol and Katie are back), **Geoff Baker** (Daughter Sarah moving home to work in Real Estate with her parents).

President Gary read legislation that was up for repeal. Our club voted unanimously to repeal Act 07-231 that increased the RI president nominating committee of 17 members to 34 members.

The 50-50 was won by **Elizabeth Guman** but she found not the queen of hearts.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Bryan Mitchell has one of the most interesting backgrounds of the new members of our club. He grew up in the projects in North Philadelphia and saw family members and friends shot. He was seated next to his uncle when a bullet entered their car and struck his uncle in the leg.

While living in Delaware County with his mother, he became a child prodigy in

game theory, i.e., he was an expert player of blackjack and poker, which he couldn't take advantage of until he turned 18. Between 2001 and 2003, his job was to play poker and blackjack in Atlantic City and Las Vegas—60 hours a week. Even though his mother taught him to play cards, she, as a college professor, was embarrassed by his "profession". He wrote two books so she could say her son was an author—*Top Producer*, about sales techniques, and *NWQ Blackjack*.

Bryan's less exciting career has been in financial services for 17 years. Recently, he joined the lobbying group of National Federation of Independent Businesses to lobby at the state and national level for small businesses. He lives in Newark, Delaware, has two children and plays basketball 6-7 hours a week—a more mundane activity than his prior racing-car, skydiving and riding motorcycles.

Bryan is a former member of WEGO, and he took **Conchetta Schiattarella** to a dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn, only to find out that there was no meeting. Their friendship survived that embarrassment. We will miss Conchetta introducing him, as no one says, "Bryan Mitchell is in the pipeline" the way she does. And what nationality is Bryan? Well, he's not Irish.

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SAVE THE DATE

Aug 30 Valentine's Day in August

Sept 23 International Picnic

Oct 7 Chili Cook-off

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