



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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

Next Week's Program: September 13, 2007
To be announced

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting promptly at 12:30 p.m. **Ken Hickman** gave the invocation. **President Gary's** joke of the day was about a trial for murder.

The lone visiting Rotarian was G. Malou. Our Rotary guests at today's meeting included Lynn Eaton, Dr. Ed Metacovich, Andrea Kogoj, our youth exchange student from Italy, and his host father Marc Bevis.

President Gary reminded people to pay their dues. Forty-four Rotarians still need to pay. He also reported to us on the reception for R President and how Rotary is accomplishing wonderful things around the world. **Victoria Dow** sent a thank you letter for the monetary donation sent to the library.

We are invited to a new Rotary Club-Shadybrooke at Yardley County Club October 9th. The cost is \$50.00. See **President Gary** if you are interested in attending. **President Gary** also announced that **Dave Rayburn** has broken his hip. We wish Dave a speedy recovery.

Ed Malet is in need of individuals to pair up with the international students for the West Chester University International student picnic to be held September 23rd.

Mike Alfonsi announced that starting September 6th our Rotary club will meet at the West Chester Golf and County Club on Ashbridge Street. The meal cost is \$14.00. If you have 85 points - age plus years in club you will receive a reduction in price. August 31st at 3 p.m. a work force is needed to take items from the Elks Club to the country club. An inventory of the Rotary signs needs to be done so that our location can be changed on all signs.

Dr Ed Metacovich from WCU athletics stated that WCU has excellent coaches and athletes. Last year the athletic program ranked 12th in the country. October 20th is West Chester Rotary Day. We are invited to see a football game starting at 6 p.m. WCU vs ESU. Please let **Lee McFadden** know how many tickets you need by October 13th. If there is a project Rotary needs

assistance with WCU would be more than willing to help out.

Jeannie McGinn announced that posters and flyers are available to be placed in businesses and other locations. **Steve Quigley** is in need of a half dozen people to assist with houses on September 13th and 14th. Please see Steve if you can assist.

Jeannie McGinn extended birthday greetings to **Christina Combee**.

Happy Bucks: **Bill Hess** (youth exchange), **Bill Winters** (Collegium school- 240 - 5 year olds and 1,100 students. survived the first day of school), **Bob Connolly** (rode in a 100 mile bike ride), **Tom Spackman** (SPCA wine and beer tasting October 9th.), **Steve Riley** (new job), **Dave Wood** (both his children are off at college), **Joe Polito** (soccer tournament) **Faith Woodward** (Barclay Friends garden party and tour), **Steve Quigley** (Chester County Days-tribute to **Jean Oakes**).

Dr. Ed Metacovich pulled the winning 50/50 ticket- today's winner **Joe Polito**. \$256 dollars will go to Brian's Run. The new recipient for the next few months is the Goodwill Fellowship Ambulance.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Elizabeth Guman arranged for and introduced today's speaker, Mary Anne Feeley, the Program Coordinator for the Chester County Leadership Connection. Elizabeth helped to found the Leadership Connection and serves on its Advisory Board.

Mary Anne recognized and expressed appreciation for Rotary's role in providing leadership and for giving back to the community. She described the increasing needs in the social service sector, especially in the past 20 to w5 years as governments have withdrawn support. This has led to a rise in the existence and importance of mission-oriented, non-profit organizations.

A group of visionaries came together seven years ago to link the wealth of human resources

with the organizations that have need of these resources. They founded the Chester County Leadership Connection. This is a partnership of the United Way (which knows the needs), West Chester University (with contributes instruction, space and curriculum development) and the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry (which provides the network with the business community). The result is a comprehensive curriculum that includes awareness of the Non-Profit world, awareness of community-specific needs, and professional and personal development. The program spans seven months, October through May, and classes generally meet for one day, once a month, at the WCU Graduate Business Center.

The cost for the program is \$1500, with many companies sponsoring employees. The business benefits by enhancing the professional skill of their employee while doing something positive for the community. Our Rotary club has sponsored nine members over the last six years by providing half of the funding. **Chuck Swope** will attend this year's program.

Participants get to "get away from work for a day", interact with other participants, learn more about Chester County and its needs, and truly make a difference. Three graduates spoke about one thing that they learned in their time in the program. **Eric Metzker** described learning about how different generations view "giving back" differently. **Charles Streitwieser** said he learned more about fiduciary responsibility, even after serving on boards for years, and described a market plan that his group developed for the Coatesville Community Center. **Steve Quigley** emphasized the great need that organizations in our county have for talented and trained leadership on their boards.

Participation in the Chester County Leadership Connection is a great way to enhance your own professional and leadership skills while making a difference in our community: a perfect match with Rotary.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Volary are provided at our meeting by **Bill Ronayne**, Brandywine Valley Heating and AC..

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Joe Paivia, Chief Financial Officer- Orivita Medical; Sponsor: **Bill Winters**, Classification: Industry, Management

Katie Decker, Business Development Officer –DNB First; Sponsor: **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**; Classification: Banking - Business Development

Michele Parent, Director of community Outreach- Makemie Ridge; Sponsor: **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**; Classification: Institution - Personal Care Residence

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS

Host Family: Mark and Ellen Morun

416 Chrislena Ln, WC 610-344-0205

Bert Volger 610-793-1708(H) 484-459-9023(C)

Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS.

Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis,

110 Merrymet Farm Dr. Kennett Square

610-444-0324(H) 610-563-0443(C)

Joe Polito 610-692-8123(H) 610-431-3090(W)

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 23 International Picnic

Oct 7 Chili Cook-off

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