



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

Next Week's Program: September 20, 2007
Chili Cook Off
Speaker: Bill Ronayne

MINUTES by Annalie Korengel Lorgus

Following a fabulous spread in our new home (The West Chester Country Club), **President Gary** rang the bell and began the meeting. In the absence of our keyboard, we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (**Geoff Baker** was the only one to say it correctly...there is NO COMMA!) **Joe Polito** read us a Prayer for Peace as the invocation and **President Gary** told a GREAT joke!!

We had 2 visiting Rotarians - John Saling (he found us even though we moved) and Cheryl Lewis-DiGian. Long time member **Craig Scott** joined us and **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** returned following her leave of absence.

Guests were Charles Granville, Stephen Schoener, and Eric Trajtenberg. **Pete Thompson** celebrated **Bob Connolly's** birthday.

President Gary read us a thank you note for our help at the Goshen Fair. **Paula Ott** invites us all to "meet the judges" in historic courtroom number 1 on September 19 from 7:00am until 9:00PM. **Mac Neilon** encouraged Rotarians to participate in Habitat for Humanity on September 13 and 14, slots are available all day (9:00 – 2:30) for all skill levels. Our site is located at Barnard and Worthington Streets. **Jeannie McGinn** thanked **Katie Walker** for registering 50 teams and **Jim Gasho** for exceeding sponsorship goals. There are several marketing pieces available to spread the word for our Chili Cook Off. A round of applause was offered to Chili Billy...our Chili King, **Bill Ronayne**. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** encouraged all Rotarians to get involved with our exchange students. Take them to dinner, a music or sporting event, anything to give them a taste of the USA.

Happy Bucks included \$2 from **Geoff Baker**, he and his wife paid a visit to **Terry McGrath** for their new 8 year old shitzu "Yoshi." **Ed Malet** announced the International Student Picnic at West Chester University on September 23 from 5:00 until 7:00Pm. **Anita Trump** celebrated the success of "Valentine's Day in August." It was a

fun evening that raised almost \$500. Let's do it again!! **Terry McGrath** would like our support on October 23 for the canned food drive for the Salvation Army. We will meet at the North Hills Medical Building at 6:45 to pick up the food. **Jim Gasho** congratulated **Gary Hess** on the Club Championship; Gary shot a 72 (and it was NOT on the miniature golf course!). **Jeannie McGinn** was happy about the number of musically inclined Rotarians that will be performing at the Chili Cook Off: **Terry McGrath** and the Greystone Ramblers, **Steve Founds** and 30 Years After (after what? We all want to know!), **Victoria Dow's** husband, James Hipp, and Big Suspenders (possibly starring guest keyboardist **President Gary**).

President Gary announced the Rotarian of the Month...and it was YOURS TRULY! In exchange for sponsoring 3 new members, I got a pin, a certificate, and THE MICROPHONE!!

The Pot of Gold benefits Good Fellowship Ambulance or Good Will Fire Company (in the rush of being at the podium again, I lost track of what was going on) and **Anita Trump** won \$20, but pulled the 7 of diamonds.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Sue Casso

Today's speaker was Fran Pierce, President of the Board of the YWCA of Chester County. Fran was introduced by Rotarian, **Fran Luft**. Our speaker noted that there are lots of people named "Fran" at the YW which can become confusing for the students at the Y. Fran Peirce has been on the Board of the YW since 2004 following retirement from a 28 year career with PSEA. She currently is a business consultant in team building and management. Fran was happy to see some friends and familiar faces in our group.

Fran differentiated the YWCA from the YMCA in saying that the YWCA's mission is to "eliminate racism and empower women." The YW is a storefront location on North Church Street - famously known as "next to the pretzel store." Their main focus is on women in transition in many parts of their lives. The Y offers many

different programs for women - workforce issues such as computer training, single parenting support, mentoring programs, new baby programs, self esteem and skill development programs. They run a variety of after school and summer programs for children "of concern" - single family, language issues, learning issues. These programs for children also help the women and mothers in their lives. Fran Peirce noted that Fran Luft is key in pulling together many of the programs at the YW.

In an effort to focus on the other part of the YW mission, "eliminating racism," the YW found they needed to step up their programming. So they joined with the National League of Cities to celebrate the diversity of our community. The YW organized a meeting with many organizations around the area in an effort to plan events to build awareness of diversity. The result was "Celebrate Inclusive Communities Week" with a large calendar of events to be held in September addressing diversity, discrimination, and racism. The week will feature workshops, book discussions, and theater presentations. Fran passed out a schedule of these events which is available at the YWCA.

In closing, Fran reminded us of the upcoming YW Holiday House Tour celebrating it's 37th year. And said that opportunities for mentoring are available at the Y and we can look at their website www.ywcachesco.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 23 International Picnic
Oct 7 Chili Cook-off
Oct 23 Can Drive in North Hills

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS.

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

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:

Brian Marrinan, Community Office Manager, National Penn Bank; Classification: Banking – Management; Sponsor: *Katie Walker*

Jane Burgarella, Accountant -Umbreit, Korengel and Associates; Sponsor: *Annalie Korengel Lorgus*; Classification: Business – Accounting

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.

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

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