



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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

Next Week's Program: September 27, 2007
To be announced

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary started the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance; **Dave Biffen** gave the invocation; and **Pres. Gary** told a joke.

Visiting Rotarians were Henry Karash and Steve McGann. Guests included Dave (?) with Henry Karash; Primrose and Archibald Ntlantsana from South Africa, guest of **Bill Hess**; Debra Ward-Spare with **Linda Hicks**; Mrs. Eaton; Melissa Koomson with **Carol Metzker**; and Jeanie McCuskey with **Katie Walker**.

Bill Winters extended birthday greetings to **Alan Elko**; **Rich Kaufman** wished **Linda Hicks** a happy birthday; and **Bill Hess** wished guest Archie many happy returns; and **Carol Metzker** congratulated **Judy Ray**.

Lots of folks were happy today: **Terry McGrath** (road trip to Michigan for his daughter's 21st and a Green Bay win); **Ken Hickman** (Penn State win); **Ed Malet** (International Students' Picnic and Red Cross project to install smoke detectors in some Coatesville homes; contact Ed for information on how to help). **Paul Woodruff** (20th anniversary of his wife's ordination as well as the football win at a grandson's still new high school). **Cathy Palmquist** (congratulated **Paul Woodruff** on being named outstanding alumnus at Michigan State and also reminded everyone about the Meet the Judges Night, Sept. 19). Steve McGann (Chester County Bar Foundation's Casino Night on September 28; tickets \$75 with great silent auction prizes). **Chuck Swope** (joiners for the afternoon's charity sporting clays event). **Katie Walker** (being godmother to her friend's first child, Sophie). **Mark Sammarone** (reminded everyone about the website password for member-only items- polio; and thanked **Ed Malet** and **Bruce Beadle** for assisting on the website team). **Steve Quigley** (Rotary workdays for Habitat for Humanity, and their September 28 fundraiser). **Charlie Lyddane** (his daughter's boyfriend got a job in the area then went to Phoenix to help Charlie's daughter move to PA); **Don Stonestrom** (two grandsons at PA universities – Penn Medical and Carnegie-Mellon). Henry Karash (Sunrise

Pancake Breakfast, October 20 at Westminster Presbyterian). **Gary Hess** (happy to be putting his son on the school bus, reminded that the boy's great-grandfather was in the coal mines by the age of 12).

Pres. Gary mentioned that John Kenney of Scotland will be the 2009-10 RI President. **Pres. Gary** will let us know of any change in the nomination process for RI Pres.; **Bob Crow** needs volunteers to help at the Rotary booth at the Restaurant Festival. **Ed Malet** is still accepting reservations for the International Students' Picnic on Sunday, September 23; it is free thanks to **Mel Joseph's** efforts. He still needs some "experts" on things American to help students familiarize themselves with the US and to mingle! Experts are **Bryan Mitchell** on Cards & Casinos (!), **Adrienne Masak** on local attractions, **Carol Metzker** on holidays, **Chris McCawley** on American slang, **Ed Malet** on US parks and travel, and **Bert Volger** on the American chemical industry. Ed is also looking for donations of desserts (American!) and gifts. He is also looking for members to participate in the *Take a Student To* program – invite an exchange student to lunch, an event, etc.

Paul Woodruff asked a moment of silence for everyone affected by September 11. He then told about the eldest son of a Nairobi South Rotary member who is studying in California. Paul challenged club members to contribute to a scholarship fund for him; Paul will match those funds. Please email Paul if interested.

Terry McGrath announced the annual Canned Food Drive, set for October 23. He is looking for a partner for **Jack Wintermute** for the pick up.

Elizabeth Guman reminded members of the Assimilation/Membership Committee meeting directly after the lunch meeting.

Frank Helms has some vacancies for the Rotary Reading program – sign-up sheets on the tables or contact him.

And, **Anita Trump** won the 50/50 though not the pot.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Wearing a beautiful long dress that she had made during her trip, **Carol Metzker** mesmerized her audience with a narrated slide presentation of her working trip to a remote area of Ghana. Earlier in the year Carol's fourteen-year-old daughter, Katie, announced that she had saved enough to travel there to teach school for four weeks as part of a program arranged by Westtown School. But Katie could not travel by herself--she had to travel with an adult. Not only was Carol concerned about her daughter's safety, she and Katie compete for Metsker family honors of having set foot first on other continents. Carol was not going to allow Katie to get ahead of her, so she signed on. Carol and Katie left the U.S. on July 22nd and returned on August 21st. Through Rotary Carol arranged for a five-day "Friendship Exchange" at the beginning of the trip at the home of a member of the Rotary Club of Accra South. Accra is the capital of Ghana, and the five-day home stay allowed Carol and Katie to become acclimated to life there. Then they traveled to a remote village to assume their teaching duties. Carol was very impressed with the high value that both teachers and students displayed toward education. To quote Carol, "The teachers were enthusiastic, and the students were joyful." Village life had its challenges. Electricity is unreliable and obtaining potable water is difficult. Carol and Katie bravely sampled the local cuisine of a doughy substance that one dips in soup broth and swallows whole! Ghana is a nation of contrasts between rich and poor and between the modern and the traditional. Rotary is needed there. All acclaim to Carol and Katie for making this sacrifice for the benefit of others. Just consider the alternative pampered vacations that they could have enjoyed. Instead Carol and Katie gave generously of their time and money to helping their fellow man. Makes me proud just to know them.

THANK YOU

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

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

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)

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 three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

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Dede Carruthers, Ass't District Governor

Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

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