



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

**Next Week's Program: October 6, 2007  
To be announced**

## **MINUTES by Charlie Lyddane**

President **Gary Hess** gaveled the meeting to order at 12:15 and it began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a verse of America (written in 1831 by Samuel Francis Smith while a student at the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover Mass). Headmaster **Bob Connolly** invoked the name of the great Theologian Thomas Merton on the subject of loving oneself and loving others in his invocation. Another terrible joke ensued. Heavens, when will these jokes get better? Brace yourself Maureen!

Visiting Rotarians included WEGO's **Joe Kahn**, our own **John Saling** (occasionally lent to Sunrise) and **Dave Gilbert** from Newtown Square.

**Jim Gasho** wished **Jeannie McGinn** a Happy Birthday. Our guests were: **Adam Gadalis** past Bolivian youth exchange student with **Joe Polito**, and **Michelle Parente** from Presby Homes a guest of **Bill Hess**.

Fine Master **Jack Wintermute** then held court. **Gary Hess**, **Steve Quigley**, **Jeff Sommer**, **Bob Frame**, **Joe Polito** and **John Saling** were all fined for various trumped up infractions. Then **Jack** tried **Terry McGrath** for a fashion faux pas which had to be seen to be believed.

**Happy Bucks- Katie Walker** announced that **Chuck Swope** had been named the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year and **Bill Ronayne** was named Chamber Business Person of the Year.

**Joe Polito** displayed a cross stitch of the Rotary seal which his only client gave to him. The piece was originally made for **Amos Bassett**. **Joe Kahn** gave a pitch for the WEGO Duck Races on October 6th. **Christine Blake** was thankful that although her son got sick he did it at home instead of on vacation. **Mark Bertrando** thanked **Joe Polito** for sending him a huge exchange student to play hoops for Henderson. **Jeff Sommer** thanked **Joe** for a soccer player he sent to Unionville. **Jeff** also had a happy buck because the three Sommer boys each kicked a goal for their respective teams in soccer matches on the same day. **Bob Frame** (sorry ladies he has a new love in his life) thanked **Paula Ott** (in

Italy with her over vacationed husband Ray) and **Cathy Palmquist** for an excellent Meet the Judges Program last week. Announcements- **Geoff Baker** asked that we each consider taking an exchange student on an outing with us and entertaining them for the host families. **Important dates-** October 6th **Bruce Beadle's** Environmental Action Committee will help collect and dispose of environmentally unfriendly substances and old computers. The drop off point is at the Government Services Building (an architectural abomination) on Westtown Road. October 20th- WCU Rams Football Rotary Day-November 8th - Raddison event for Bored Rotarians with cash bar. **Steve Quigley** is arranging workdays for the Habitat for Humanity project in West Chester. December 7th - the Rotary Holiday Party. **Annalie Lorgus** sent around a get well card for **Dave Rayburn** who broke his hip.

The 50-50 was won by **Al Filano** but the Queen remained at large.

**John Messersmith** introduced the Four Way Test Essay winners- **Jackie Vincent** and **Steve Lyons**. **Mark Bertrando** and **Rick Dunlap** (both of whom I could have out run when I was in high school) introduced the Students of the Month from their respective schools. They are another group of fine young people with great futures. One of the young women was badgered into telling a joke which was believe it or not, worse than any of the efforts of either of our last two presidents. The young man she performed with played a jazz piece on the piano.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker**

Today we were all treated to an entertainment extravaganza likely to draw our watchers into a misty reverie, transporting us to the Atlantic Cities of our memories where we watched so many purveyors of World Peace answer tough questions in bathing suits and evening gowns. I'm talking of course about the Chili King and his coterie of volunteer beauties using a Miss America format to inform and enlighten us about all things Chili.

**Bill Ronayne** started with a rousing introduction in which we learned that we actually have a fallback in the case of rain – The Parking Garage will play host to our many cooking contestants. And speaking of contestants..., first up was our darling **President Gary Hess** as Miss Wisconsin. When asked how the Cookoff will help with the US' problems with Bin Laden, Miss Gary quipped that there would be enough gas generated to make us independent of foreign fuels.

In a similar vein, **PP Annalie Korengel Lorgus** appeared as Miss Illinois with a suggestion for world peace: The world will be so busy at the cookoff balancing their cups and spoons that they won't be able to hold guns. This was quickly followed by **Rob Feenan**, in charge of finance for the cook off and appearing as Mr/Ms Pennsylvania. Rob shrewdly slipped in an actual fact relevant to the cook off by noting that we'll be collecting money at the cook off at 12 registers which will even be able to accept credit cards this year. Rob proposes to help High School seniors learn their states and state capitols by studying the varieties of chili and their origins.

**Bob Crow** appeared for Texas, reported that he, **Bill Ronayne, Geoff Baker** and **Mac Neilon** sold 83 wristbands at the restaurant festival. **Mark Sammarone** represented the State of Confusion, noting that we have had 19,961 visits to the web site for chili information. And to feed all of those web visitors, Katie Walker as Miss Alaska reported that we were within 1 team of reaching our goal of 60 teams.

Sponsor chair **Jim "Miss Colorado" Gasho** worked with **Bob Frame, Jeff Sumner** and **Andrew Stump** to beat our goal of \$45K in sponsorship in cash and in-kind donations. Jim noted that the first two hours of preparation on cookoff day looks nothing like world peace.

And speaking of volunteers, **Carol "Miss Florida" Metzker** and vying for Miss Congeniality will use that charisma to charm our volunteers as their coordinator. Handling logistics is "Miss Arkansas", **Mac Neilon**. Our director of wristbands, Bob Frame, is introducing an innovation this year – stealth wristband enforcers/sales people. Director of Entertainment and representing a Random State of Entropy, **Terry McGrath** reported that we have several bands, free of charge. **Steve Founds'** 30 Years After, Big Suspenders with **Victoria Dow's** Jim at the helm, and Terry's own Greystone Ramblers. And finally, Marketing Maven **Jeannie McGinn** told us all about the road signs, posters and the Daily Local supplement, including our ability to place a business card add for \$100.

So tell your friends, buy your ads and get ready for October 7<sup>th</sup> come rain or come shine.

### THANK YOU

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

### SAVE THE DATE

- Oct 7 Chili Cook-off
- Oct 20 Rotary Night @ WCW
- Oct 23 Canned Food Drive in North Hills
- Nov 8 District gathering
- Dec 7 Holiday Party @ Annalie's

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**Andrea Kogoj** (Italy) Unionville HS.

Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis,

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