



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: October 11, 2007

Speaker: Bruce Beadle

Classification Talk

Arranged by Noel Stannek

Next Week's Program: October 18, 2007

Speaker: Russ DeFuria

Visit from the District Governor

Aranged by Gary Hess

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary rang the bell at 12:30 and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Charlie Lyddane** gave the invocation. There was no joke.

Visiting Rotarians were Jim Horn from Kennett, and Cherie Lewes-DiJian who is thinking about transferring to our club.

Joe Polito's visitor today was Adam. Bob Frame introduced Elizabeth Hunt. **Irvie Hoffman** wished a happy birthday to **Don Stonestrom**.

The Fine Master, **Jack W.**, was in rare form, fining first **Jeannie McGinn** for being quoted not once, but twice in the Phila. Inquirer article on the Chili Cook-Off; and then **Bob Frame** for squealing on Jeannie, and worse, for being pictured in golfing gear minus his Rotary pin.

Lots of Happy Bucks today. **Steve Karp** is supplying color commentary for two high school football games to be broadcast on WCOJ. **Jeannie McGinn** appeared on Steve Karp's radio show to tout the Cook-Off and she had another buck for the fabulous printing sponsor. Visitor Eric Trajtenberg was happy about his baby daughter born 9/14. **Kristi Blackburn** was happy to have gotten a great massage at a certain chiropractor's office. **Dave Biffen** reminded Steve Karp to say nice things in his color commentary about Henderson HS football since Dave's brother-in-law is coach there. **Chris McCawley** was happy for the weather report in the paper calling for sunny weather Sunday for the Cook-Off. **Carl Werner** put in a buck for newest grandson Owen. **Matt Bradley** was happy about the WC Friends' Schools' successful fall festival and having reached the half-way mark in the \$2 million capital campaign.

Pres. Gary announced that the club directory, available under the members' only section of the club website, will be updated – please check your entry for accuracy. November 3 is Rotary at United Nations Day; our exchange students will attend. The Rotary district event to honor Rotarian veterans and the district's past presidents will be held November 3

at the Radison; cost is \$60 per person.

Club members are invited to attend the WCU vs East Stroudsburg football game on October 20, free of charge! **Lee McFadden** is coordinating; please contact him ASAP so that he can give WCU a count. He noted that WCU is 17th nationally in Division 2 football, and are 4-1 having lost only to Delaware.

Bob Frame, in charge of wristband sales at the Cook-Off on Sunday, asked for a few more volunteers to help. Volunteer check-in is at the **YWCA** on Church Street.

Steve Quigley invited members to attend the Senior Center Gala on November 3. Shannon Royer will be one of the honorees that evening. Also, there is a county sponsored home-owners' hazardous waste (think oil-based paints, solvents, etc.) on Saturday, October 6 at the county government building.

Chili Queen **Jeannie McGinn** did not apologize for the color of the Cook-Off volunteer shirts: they are a fashion statement. She gave Traffic Czar **Charlie Lyddane** his official traffic-directing-pink pom-poms for Sunday (ooh, pink and lime green). Look for the Chili Cook-Off supplement in the Daily Local on Friday. Wristbands, on sale for 3 for \$25 through Friday are available from Jeannie, **Katie Walker** at the Chamber offices, and from **Mark Sammarone** at Arthur Hall offices.

Pres. Gary honored Rotarian of the Month for September **Ed Malet** for his great work on the International Students' Picnic (though one wonders what Pres. Gary was really doing there...)

Finally, today's note taker won the 50/50, though found only a King of Hearts.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

If you did not attend today's meeting, you missed hearing from two fine young men with good English skills, brutal honesty, and an ample supply of wine. Who are they? This year's exchange students, of course!

Björn Brauner, 16, is from a small town near Frankfurt, Germany, where he lives with his parents and younger sister and brother. He misses his family (well, maybe not his sister) but is very happy to be with his host family, the Moruns. Björn's maternal grandfather is a golfer (Björn is playing on the Henderson team) and his paternal grandfather is a vintner, mayor, and former WWII POW.

Back home, Björn's high school has about the same number of students as Henderson, but in a building that is half the size with classes of up to 35 students each. The students stay in class and the teachers move from room to room! Björn has studied English since the third grade and began playing basketball at the age of seven. He is trying out for the Henderson team. Do we think he'll make the cut?!

Andrea Kogaj is from Medea, a quiet city of 800 near Trieste and Venice in the northeast of Italy. His parents operate a bed and breakfast (looking for an Italian getaway?) and his father is a vintner (again with the wine theme!). Andrea's mother runs the largest pharmacy in the nearby town of Gorizia. He has a dog as well as a cat that acts like a dog.

Andrea plays striker for the Unionville HS soccer team. He seems to have some problems with the coach, but it's o.k. because, as he says, he plays. Andrea wore a tie for the first time when he attended the homecoming dance (it was also "o.k."). There are no dances at his school in Medea. He has many friends at Unionville, understands classes better than he did on the first day, and is enjoying learning English and fun experiences with his host family, the Bevises.

Many thanks to both host families for helping make these experiences possible.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Ed Malet**, County Lines Magazine

FROM THE CHILI CHAIR

I would like to thank the entire Rotary Club for their help and support that made this year's Chili Cook-off a great success.

I would ask for any comments and or feedback that will help improve the process.

If something worked extremely well please let me know so we don't change it, more importantly I am looking for things that did not work very well so we can improve.

Thanks again to all. [ed. And thank you, Bill Ronayne!]

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Host Family: Mark and Ellen Morun

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

Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS.

Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis,

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

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