



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: October 18, 2007

Speaker: Russ DeFuria

Visit from the District Governor

Arranged by Gary Hess

Next Week's Program: October 25, 2007

Speaker: Jane Williams-Rotract District Chair

Starting a Community-based Rotatact Club

Arranged by John Schwab

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Opening the meeting at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, **President Gary Hess** called on **Charlie Lyddane** to give the invocation which expressed gratitude for a successful Chili Cook-off, due to good weather and hardworking volunteers.

Visiting Rotarians were Marilyn Buckley and John Saling from Sunrise Rotary. Guests included Joe Stroud from the Lions Club, Lynn Eaton and Dick Palmquist. **Ed Malet** introduced Brian Richardson, **Patty Jeffris** welcomed Don Cosgrove, a nephew of **Joe Polito**, **Jeannie McGinn** introduced her intern Christy McDonald and **Andrew Stump** introduced a co-worker from First National.

Sue Casso kicked off birthdays by offering greetings to **Carol Metzker**, by way of an interesting story of how Carol got into Rotary. Carol and husband Eric were literally dropped on our Rotary door with instructions to Sue to involve them. Sue detailed our good fortune at having Carol become such an active member of our club, including her willingness to serve as our club president next year! **Bob Poole** wished birthday greetings to a golfing buddy **Bill Gotwals**, who is in his 90s. **Charlie Lyddane's** birthday greetings were directed at **Paul Woodruff** who is entering his 70s, and according to the projects that Charlie and Paul are able to accomplish, Paul doesn't miss a beat!

President Gary lead off announcements by reminding members of the November 8th district meeting at Valley Forge that will honor veterans and club presidents. He also reminded members to check our website and be sure names, addresses, phone and email addresses are correct.

Lee McFadden reminded members to let him know if they would like tickets to the West Chester University upcoming football game. He also noted that WCU is ranked 15th in the country among level two teams – way to go WCU!

Visitor Joe Strode announced he is selling brooms for \$12 each. He also wanted to congratulate our own **Jean Oakes** for the nice newspaper article about her volunteerism throughout the years.

His Honor **Dick Yoder** invited members to the Veterans Day dinner on November 8th being sponsored by the West Chester Men's Club, and to remind everyone to come out for the Veterans Day parade on November 11th.

Terry McGrath reminded members of the canned food drive on Tuesday November 23rd, meeting at 7 p.m. at North Hills Medical Building. Also, he is working with the Salvation Army on a canned food drive before Christmas, where Rotarians would bring canned foods to our meeting.

Steve Quigley invited members to several upcoming activities at the Senior Center: a spaghetti dinner tonight, and the annual gala on Nov. 3rd which will honor our own **Shannon Royer**. The center has received a grant for seniors to record their life histories, so stop by the center and record your life history. He also announced Habitat for Humanity building dates are Oct. 25th and 26th.

Annalie Lorgus had photos to share of the room made possible from donations from Brian's Run. She also reminded members to put Dec. 7th on their calendars for the Rotary holiday party at her home.

Paul Woodruff reminded us that he is still receiving financial assistance for the deaf Nairobi youngster who is attending college in California. Donations go directly to the university to assist the young man.

Brian Mitchell was recipient of the \$13 pot in the 50/50, but failed to draw the correct queen.

INDUCTIONS and SPEAKERS REVIEW

by Faith Woodward

Five new Rotarians were inducted to our club which **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** reminded us is the largest club in the district. Quoting **Duke Evans**, Annalie said "Rotary is good people doing good things." She reminded us that the people in Rotary are the ones we want to do business with. Rotary is also about friendship and fun. All five inductees are already involved in doing good things in our community. Annalie introduced the three inductees she has sponsored, **Michele Parent**, **Jane Burgarella**, and **Katie Decker**. **Bill Winters** introduced **Joe Paiva** and **Katie Walker** introduced **Brian Marrinan**. Please welcome these newest and most important members to our club.

Bruce Beadle gave his classification speech and, as always, it was one of the most interesting programs! Bruce grew up in Beloit, Wisconsin. Bruce was the first college graduate of his family.

Never having been good at any sports, Bruce made up for it by excelling in academics. With some scholarships and his own hard earned cash, Bruce put himself through Illinois Institute of Technology. After graduating with a major in Mechanical Engineering, he decided to attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, get his MS and PhD and then look for a job only to find jobs were quite scarce. He did meet and marry the love of his life Sandy at this time.

Bruce found employment in Wisconsin with Giddings and Lewis Machine Tool Company becoming the VP of Engineering. Other employment included Gould Motion Control in Wisconsin and Mars Electronics in West Chester. Mars is the world's largest maker of coin and bill acceptors for vending and gaming. He found this company demanded one's total commitment in return for high pay.

His daughter Beth is one of the lights of his life. She was born in Wisconsin and eventually became the valedictorian of the 1993 class at East High School. Bruce can't say enough good things about the West Chester Area Public Schools. Beth was able to attend classes in different grades to keep up with her voracious educational needs. She is now working as a third year resident in Radiation Oncology.

After retiring from Mars in 2002, Bruce realizes that he did enjoy developing successful products and solving really tough problems. But now he has the opportunity to see the world including Brazil, Peru, and Ecuador. He also has time to give back to the community. He discovered Rotary on a trip to Brazil and then meeting Terry McGrath and Annalie, he decided to join our club since it fits his values and helps him serve the community. He has jumped right in and is involved in several committees. His help on the website has been invaluable. Welcome, Bruce!

Survey Report by Pat Barron

Our own **Cathy Palmquist** was our guest speaker today, reviewing the results of a poll taken by seventy-two of our members in June. The poll, titled "Rotary Community Needs Assessment", asked our members to help guide future dispersion of the proceeds generated by our various fundraising efforts by identifying the needs of the community. This is part of the Community Avenue of Service. Cathy thanked the committee members who helped draft and tabulate the poll. She then displayed a series of slides that gave the numerical results of the questions, while she read some of the interesting comments that accompanied the polls. The results reflected the generosity and commitment of our club—we want to do it all! When asked whether our club should disperse its money among many small projects or just one or two large projects, our club wants to support both large and small! When asked if our club wants to give many

small contributions or just one or two large ones, our club wants to contribute a large amount to one or two projects and smaller amounts to many others! But when forced to prioritize our largess, our members identified two distinct groups—children and seniors. Each garnered approximately one fourth of the votes. The other fifty percent were scattered among other worthy groups. Our members are satisfied with the list of current recipients of our contributions—all garnered strong endorsements for continued support. Several responders wrote that we should concentrate our contributions locally rather than nationally or internationally. And there were several comments that someone from our club should be very familiar with the recipient, serving as it champion so to speak.

THANK YOU

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

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

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