



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: October 25, 2007
Speaker: Jane Williams-Rotaract District Chair
Starting a Community-based Rotatact Club
Arranged by John Schwab

Next Week's Program: November 1, 2007
To be announced

MINUTES by Fran Luft

Opening the meeting at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, **President Gary** called on **Adrienne Masak Rozier** to give the invocation which reflected the Rotary motto.

The joke of the day is as follows- an individual received a phone call from his doctor stating you have good news. You have 24 hours to live. The bad news is I forgot to call you yesterday. Our visiting Rotarian today is our District Governor- Russ DeFuria. Guests today include Christopher Polito, Sue Brown, Bonnie Blair, Marian Stafford, Dan Cosgrove, **Andrew Stump** introduced a co-worker, from First National Bank and Eric Trajtenberg.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Eric Metzker** by **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** and **Bob Frame** wished **Ron Ginns** a Happy Birthday.

Announcements: Please turn off the ring on your cell phones. \$1.00 fine per Rotarian who has his cell phone ring during the speaker presentation. A thank you was received from the YWCA Chester County for monies received for scholarships for the Summer Enrichment Program. We wish a speedy recovery to **Joe Paiva** who is ill.

HAPPY BUCKS: **Andrienne Masak Rozier** (Rotarian from Kennett Longwood is going to take 10 exchange students for a weekend), **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** (Sergeant at Arms), **Ron Ginns** (**Bill Ronayne**- bailed him out at lunch), **Victoria Dow** (West Chester Library Art Auction and Sale see Victoria for details), **John Schwab** and **Cristina Combee** (Art of Caring at Hickman), **Steve Karp** (adopted 2nd daughter and his practice has been voted top in area), **Geoff Baker** (had 10 exchange students in Washington D.C. this past weekend), **Bruce Beadle** (23rd of this month is the canned food drive. Volunteers are needed. Please contact **Terry McGrath**), **Becky Cacace** (7th wedding anniversary)

Steve Quigley announced that workers are need to help out on October 19th and 25th- Habitat For Humanity. \$10,000 from the proceeds from the Chili Cook off will be given for the Habitat house. **Lee McFadden** announced that the tickets for the upcoming football game Saturday, October 20th will be at the "will call" center. The football team is currently ranked 14th in the nation. **Rich Kauffman** is the chair for Brian's Run which will be held this year on December 2nd. Assistance is needed. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Our District Governor pulled the ticket for the 50/50. **Mark Sammarone** is this week's winner.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

The club was honored to host District 7450 Governor Russ deFuria, whom they welcomed with a standing ovation. **President Gary Hess** introduced DG Russ as a Man of Action, energetic and interested in seeing the District continue to grow and change to meet the needs of our communities, both locally and internationally.

Wearing a jacket of bright green, this year's theme color for District Governors, DG Russ expressed his gratitude that the color was something which he could find clothes to complement. Beyond fashion, the training in San Diego introduced the theme of "Rotary Shares". DG Russ felt that was appropriate for our district which has a strong history of sharing time, talent and love with our communities.

Russ has grown up, been schooled, run a business and raised a family in this district having graduated from high school in Springfield, college from Villanova, worked in heating and air conditioning and settled with his wife Dawn in the West Chester area where his daughters attended the West Chester schools. He also follows in a family tradition as District Governor since his stepfather was District Governor in '89-'90.

DG Russ honored our own **Bill Ronayne** with a Governor's citation in recognition of Bill's work for the 5th annual Chili Cook off. Congratulations Bill!

Regarding goals for the District, his goal is simple: have 54 highly successful clubs according their own goals. His tips for success are: 1. clubs need to be interested and interesting, 2. get trained on tools and programs offered by Rotary, 3. be involved and relevant to both the community, 4. be able to use the District and Rotary International foundations and 5. support youth programs (DG Russ noted that our club has demonstrated great support of the youth program and congratulated us on leadership in that area – go **Adrienne, Bert, and Geoff!**).

Two keys that DG Russ sees for emphasis this year are 1) using the 9 areas created within the district to help clubs interact with other clubs and 2) enhance social interaction among district members. **Charles Streitwieser** supports our area which has 7 other clubs in it. DG Russ sees the area as a way of providing focus on getting to know and work with our neighboring Rotarians. The social aspect is being emphasized by a number of events:

November 8th in King of Prussia there is a gathering with the theme of Honor America which will recognize club presidents. The guest speaker is John Philip Sousa (which should be a bit of a trick since he died in 1932), the famous composer of marching music, much of which was written along patriotic themes. The second social event is the District conference to be held 4/25-27 at SkyTop Lodge in the Poconos. This is being arranged to be family friendly, highly social and highly affordable. The entire 193 rooms will be taken over by Rotarians so it will be easy to meet other Rotarians in a relaxed atmosphere – just talk to your neighbor at breakfast, they are bound to be a Rotarian or related to one! Bring your kids and your grandkids because there will be plenty for them to do and enjoy.

A major opportunity for connecting with the international side of Rotary comes on April 4-May 5 when the Group Study Exchange from Naples Italy arrives. Our own side of the exchange heads to Italy on May 4 and returns on June 1. Think about leading a trip and think about people from 25 to 40 years old who are not Rotarians whom we can nominate for this trip. They don't have to pay for the travel and lodging for the full month. They will of course have to be able to travel for that length of time – this is a great opportunity to connect people in the most meaningful way – face-to-face in our homes and the homes of our hosts.

District Governor Russ deFuria signed off saying he is proud to be our District Governor, reminded us that it is okay to rock the boat (don't tip it over!) and thanked us and we thanked him in return.

THANK YOU

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

SAVE THE DATE

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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