



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: November 1, 2007

**Speaker: Bill Hess
Rotary Foundation
Arranged by Bill Hess**

Next Week's Program: November 8, 2007

**Speaker: The Honorable Thomas G. Gavin
History of the Courthouse &
Former Judge Darlington
Arranged by Paula Ott**

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Opening the meeting at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, **President Gary Hess** called on **Bill Hess** to give the invocation. **Bill** read a short piece about helping and helpers from the book, *The World According to Fred Rogers* (a.k.a. Mr. Rogers), then added his own prayer for helpers who give assistance at disasters like the fires in California and in so many other ways. **Gary** had no joke he thought worthy of sharing today.

Visiting Rotarians were Shauna Yeldell, a Rotarian who has relocated to Kennett Square from Jackson, Mississippi, and Joe Cunnane (the younger) from WEGO. Guests included a friend of **Mark Sammarone** who is in the pipeline for membership, Zack Linvilla introduced by **John Schwab**, and Jim Bowers, a guest of **Geoff Baker**.

No birthdays but lots of Happy Bucks. **Geoff Baker** put in \$5 because his daughter passed her real estate exam and has joined the family firm, and their first exchange student returned to visit. **Pat Barrone** announced his son Brad (a former member of our club) got married in Hawaii, and **Bruce Beadle** noted that **Joe Polito** answered the new trivia question correctly. Also happy was **Anita Trump** who attended a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by Sunrise Rotarians, and enjoyed her visit on **Steve Karp's** (The Good Doctor) radio show. The Good Doctor followed up by saying that **Sheriff Bunny Welsh** will be on his next show, and that he is going to Guatemala to provide treatment to his new daughter.

Terry McGrath was happy that 11 Rotarians showed up to pick up canned food, gathering 179 bags and boxes. **Carol Metzker** and **Bruce Beadle** were so enthusiastic they started to load up a man's groceries! **Terry** also was happy to be at the meeting since he had been in surgery with a Labrador earlier and both he and the dog made it! **Jeff Sommer** was happy that the tumor removed from his son's

brain was benign. **Katie Walker**, always bringing happy news from the Chamber of Commerce, reminded us of Old Fashioned Christmas and a special performance by a 12-year-old singer at the parade on November 30th.

President Gary led off announcements by saying he received a thank you from District Governor Russ DeFuria following his meeting with us last week, and noting a correction regarding Group Study Exchange. Family members of Rotarians are not eligible to participate in GSE. **Gary** also reminded members of the November 8th district meeting at Valley Forge that will honor veterans and club presidents, and thanked (an absent) **Lee McFadden** for arranging for tickets to the West Chester University football game. **Gary** announced that **Joe Paiva** had appendix surgery and a get well card is circulating. He also reminded members of the cell phones off rule, simulating a call from his wife.

Charles Streitwieser invited members to join him at a workshop about Rotary International on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Best Western in Lansdale. Each club is entitled to free lunch for 2 members.

Steve Quigley reminded members of the annual Senior Center gala on Nov. 3rd and also thanked **Judith Ray** and **Adrienne Masak-Rosier** for showing up today at the Habitat for Humanity house, although work was cancelled due to the rain.

Paul Woodruff read the names of a number of Rotarians from whom he has received financial assistance for the deaf Nairobi youngster who is attending college in California; Paul is still taking donations.

Matt Bradley reminded us of the new format for non-profits applying for grants through the Community Philanthropic Committee (formerly Allocations Committee) that were emailed to members. He reiterated a few of the main points of the application and reminded us the first

deadline for applications is Nov. 15th, with grants awarded in December. The second deadline is May 15th, with grants awarded in June.

The 50-50 was won by **Matt Bradley** but he didn't find the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

John Schwab, having been asked by District Governor DeFurio if we wanted to sponsor a Rotaract club, invited our speaker, Jane Williams, the Rotaract District Chair to speak today. Our Vocational Service Avenue will be sponsoring such a club.

Jane is a member of the Ardmore Rotary and had a dream to revitalize Rotaract in 2005. Rotary + action = Rotaract or Jr. Rotary as Jane calls it. A Rotaract club is open to 18-30 year-olds. A worldwide effort, people join for service and to grow professionally. It's the fastest growing Rotary program and is actually a "farm" team for future Rotarians.

In 2005, our district had 4 clubs. Now we have 7 university-based and 2 community-based clubs (Main Line and Philadelphia). The benefits of a community-based club would be to invigorate the club, groom future members, reach a new facet of the community, and work together to accomplish more.

Rotaract members gain tools for leadership such as professional and leadership development, satisfaction, and fun.

Last week the Philadelphia club cleaned up a city school and members reported having a great time. The Main Line club raised \$50,00 to build a well in Guatemala. The Philadelphia club raised \$3,000 in a walk for older, needy people in Philadelphia.

Although there is a Rotaract at WCU, it is joined mostly by members of the Social Work Department. Ours would be an older group.

It is requested that they meet every 2 weeks and events can replace meetings. Each club decides on dues (Main Line club is \$30 and the Philadelphia one is \$5). Rotaract Clubs do not usually contribute to RI. In the past clubs have dropped by the wayside because the host club doesn't follow through with its commitment.

It is inspiring to watch them organize, plan, and serve. Jane has found this to be the most meaningful activity in Rotary. It starts with a core of leaders who build the club. Jane will work with our club throughout the whole process. The initial budget of \$500 for banners, pins, etc. has been committed for in our budget. The group would be self-governing and would choose its own projects. Initially there is a fair amount of liaison work and **Clint Wiggins** has agreed to fill this role.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Chuck Swope** and **Jim Lees**, Source Realty Group, Inc.

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>

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