



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: November 15, 2007

**Speaker: The Honorable William P. Mahon
Drug Court
Arranged by Paula Ott**

Next Week's Program: November 22, 2007

**Happy Thanksgiving
No Meeting**

MINUTES by Charlie Lyddane

President Gary rang the bell promptly at 12:22. **Ken Hickman** gave an excellent invocation praising those who had served in the military and those currently in harm's way. **President Gary** shared another of his fine gems of humor about Alaskans and crabs (don't ask). The only Visiting Rotarian was current Head Possum of the Havertown Club **Skip Carlson**.

Guests: Deputy Sheriff **Frank Bromall** (**Bunny Welsh**) Some **goofball** (**Chuck Swope**), **Vince Range**, **Leonard Somebody** and **Another Guy** (**Geoff Baker**) {the blabbermouths at my table were talking and I could not understand what any of their names were} and **Bjoern Exchangerstudenten** (**Bert Volger**)

President Gary's Report from this week's Board Meeting included news that several members have approached the board with a plan to spin off a new Friday Club. The Club will have a Forum discussion on November 29th on the proposed formation of the new club.

Sad news that **Noel Staneck's** mother passed away this week and we were asked to keep Noel and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

Terry McGrath collapsed after not feeling well at the board Meeting. He apparently has Menieres Disease (rocks in his head – big surprise). Terry has since recovered.

We were a happy Rotary Club today with the following **Happy Bucks**: **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**- for the new club [being formed]. **Bunny Welsh**- \$5 for an election victory- seconded by **Pat Barron**. **Becky**

C a c a c e – Thanking **Bob Frame** (momentarily out of play ladies – sorry) for being auctioneer at a charity function. **Chuck Swope** donated in memory of **PP Charlie Swope** on the fourth anniversary of his passing. **Sue Casso** announced that the Chamber's Award for Community Organization of the Year goes to the WC Public Library under the leadership of M.L **Victoria Dow**. **John Schwab** paid a buck for having lunch with Rotatators **Bill Bunch** and **Phil Sachs** (PSofA).

PP Gary Hewitt led song to honor the Veterans among us. He got confused while introducing the Marines and the personnel from their Transportation Department.

Paul Woodruff announced that the fundraising to help **Hudson Aseimas** (the deaf son of **PP Francis Aseimas** of Nairobi South Rotary) attend college in California is going well and will be cut off at Thanksgiving.

Rich Kaufman asked for Brian's Run Volunteers for December 1st and 2nd. **Dick Yoder** (HIS MUNIFICENCE) announced the WC Borough- Rotary Red Cross Blood Drive. December 6th. **Mac Neilon** asked for more Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

The 50-50 was won by **Brian Murrinan**. The elusive Queen remained at large.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Bunny Welsh introduced our most unusual speaker (arranged by **Paula Ott**) since he was from the 1800's. We had the honor of being addressed by Isaac Darlington, President Judge of Chester

County starting in 1812.

Mr. Darlington, who came in period clothing, began with his background. He grew up on a family farm in Westtown. He knew he didn't want to be a farmer so when he was 15 he became a school teacher for a small rural school. After 3 years he went to study law with Mr. Hemple and at 21 (well, truth be told a few months prior) he passed the bar exam.

Mr. Darlington then provided us with a very interesting history of our court system here in the United States, and in our county. He explained that the first courts were established in Chester in the late 1600's and were housed in taverns. At that time there was not a jury system, but rather court decisions were made by the Justice of the Peace. When William Penn came to America he instituted trial by jury because he had experienced first-hand the potential corruptness of one person making judicial decisions.

In the 1700's the court moved back and forth between Chester and Turks Head a few times (even to the point of having political parties form – the Removalists and the Anti-Removalists.)

Mr. Darlington, amazingly, was then able to fill us in on some interesting things that happened after his death. All in all it was a very informative and enjoyable presentation. Thank you, Mr. Darlington, a.k.a Judge Thomas Gavin.

NEW MEMBER

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Eric Trajtenberg: Partner: Whalen Trajtenberg, LLC. Classification: Attorney – General Practice. Sponsor: **Robert Poole**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

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 2 Brian's Run
Dec 6 Blood Drive @ Borough Hall
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

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS
Host Family: Mark and Ellen Morun
416 Chrislena Ln, WC
610-344-0205

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

Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS.
Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis,
110 Merrymet Farm Dr.
Kennett Square
610-444-0324(H) 610-563-0443(C)
Joe Polito 610-692-8123(H) 610-431-3090(W)

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