



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: December 6, 2007
Speaker: County Commissioner Carol Achele
Arranged by Bunny Welsh

Next Week's Program: December 13, 2007
Classification Talk by Michele Parent
Arranged by Noel Stanek

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary got the meeting started around 12:30; **Frank Helms** gave a wise invocation on "Lessons Life Has Taught Me." Visiting Rotarians were Steve McGann, PDG Paul Osimo, and DG Elect Al Marlynd. **John Schwab** introduced guests Tom Dintaman and Rick Kurt. **Patty Jefferis** brought a prospective member Dan Cosgrove, Steve McGann introduced Lynn Mander.

Andrew Stump extended birthday wishes to **Katie Walker**; **Ken Hickman** congratulated **Rich Kaufman**; and **Charlie Lyddane** feted our very own rescuer of cats, dogs and assorted exotic pets, **Terry McGrath**.

Pres Gary shared an announcement from the DG about a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to Rotary, which, with RI's matching funds, will total \$200 million towards the fight to eradicate polio. This marks the largest ever Gates Foundation grant to a non-profit organization.

Dick Yoder reminded everyone about the joint Blood Drive with the borough. Time slots are still available for the Thursday, 12/6, 10am – 3pm drive.

Rich Kaufman, this year's Brian's Run point man, was looking for volunteers for both Saturday, 8am at the gym, and Sunday, 9am at the stadium, for Sunday, 12/2's run. He is also looking for someone to drive a truck to help pick up various food items.

Terry McGrath announced an in-house canned food drive to help augment area food banks. Terry will collect items at lunch and deliver on Thursday, 12/13 and 12/20. He is looking for donations of non-perishable items: canned or boxed food items, diapers, etc.

Carol Metzker, a pale stand-in for **Past-Prez Annalie**, reminded everyone of the Holiday Party at Annalie's on Friday, 12/7, from 5pm on. Bring a dish (yes, with food in it) or a drink. An announcement about donations will follow next

week.

Adrienne Masak-Rozier is looking for a host family for the exchange student at Rustin from the end of December on. She will collect for the annual gift to the exchange students next week, and, the students had a good trip to NYC. **Chuck Swope** has volunteered to be counselor for Benjamin.

Linda Hicks announced that our club will send four students, the two exchange students and two others, to the RYLA conference in Feb. 08. Nomination forms are available now; deadline is 12/19. The conference is for 11th graders.

Paul Woodruff announced that the scholarship fund for Hudson Asiema stands at \$3,960, and he expects it to reach \$4,000. The payment was made in time, meaning that Hudson's student visa did not become invalid. The family sends its sincere thanks.

Bob Poole found an explanation of all the buildings pictured in Barclay Rubincam's painting of West Chester's main drag of long ago.

Charlie Lyddane – also excited about the Gates Foundation award mentioned above – announced that a \$10K gift from the Chili Cook Off proceeds will go to the Kenya water project. Gifts have also been received from ERM and Sanofi towards the project. In order for RI Foundation to commit the \$300K still needed the project must be sustainable – Michael Johnson's organization has committed to providing \$40K in funding each year to achieve that. Charlie also thanked **Paul Woodruff** and his fabulous staff for their invaluable help with this project.

Steve Quigley announced that nominations for club officers and directors are now open. Please talk to Steve.

The 50/50, though not The Queen, was won by **Becky Cacace**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Carol and Eric Metzker gave a power point presentation of the board-approved plan to proceed with sponsoring a new, Friday afternoon club. This would be the first afternoon club in the district. When our club was formed in 1921, it was sponsored by the Chester club. Our club has sponsored several new clubs in the past, including the Kennett club and Westtown-Goshen club. (It is not required that any current Rotary club sponsor the new club, but this seems to be the most typical procedure. Sometimes a new club has more than one current club sponsor.)

Rotary rules provide three valid reasons for forming a new club. One, there is no club in the area. Of course, this does not apply to us. Two, there is limited space for the current club members to meet. This does apply to us. And, three, an alternative meeting time would benefit the community. This applies to us, also.

There is a ten-point process for proceeding in the formation of a new club. The half dozen interested member of our club have completed the first two. Number one, they have completed a survey of population growth, economic trends, etc. West Chester is expected to grow from its current 65,000 population to around 80,000 in the next few years. Ours is a growing and prosperous area, suitable for a new club. Two, Rotary District 7450 has appointed Past District Governor Paul Osimo as the "extension chair" consultant in the process. Paul was present at this meeting and spoke briefly. Next the interested founding members need to get at least twenty people, not necessarily all Rotarians, who will join the club. This is the current step in process.

There was a lively question and answer/comment session after the power point presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 6 Blood Drive @ Borough Hall
Dec 7 Holiday Party @ Annalie's
Dec 8 Bell Ringing @ W. Goshen Acme
Dec 13 & 20 Canned Food Drive @ meetings

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 **Linda Hicks** of First National Bank of Chester County.

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)

FROM Annalie Korengel Lorgus

The annual Rotary Club Holiday Party will be Friday, December 7 from 5:00Pm until the last person leaves. Please join us for fellowship, food, drinks, and music (bring a musical instrument and join the band)! Please bring a dessert or beverage to share with the crowd. New address: 500 West Union Street. Please watch parking restrictions if you park on the 400 block of West Union Street.

There is a trip being set up to go to Honduras to nail down the plans for furnishing a blood lab. Please bring baby outfits, over-the-counter medicines or cash or check (payable to the Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation) to help a school or orphanage. The blood lab committee members who travel to Honduras in March would deliver them.

See you on Friday!!!

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Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

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