



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

Bulletin #23 www.WestChesterRotary.us December 20, 2007

This Week's Program: December 20, 2007
Visit from St. Nicholas
Arranged by the Santa Committee

Next Week's Program: December 27, 2007
Election Slate from Nominating Committee
and Seasonal music
Arranged by Gary Hess

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

The meeting was opened by **President Gary** and **Joe Polito** gave the invocation on the folds of the flag in military ceremonies.

Following a turkey joke by **President Gary**, Visiting Rotarians Reese Reynolds (Kennett at Longwood) and Steve McGann (Sunrise but transferring to our club) were recognized.

Visitors included Lynn Eaton (with **Bill Eaton**) and Bob Lawrence (with **Andrew Stump**).

Thank yous were expressed to **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** for hosting a great holiday party, to all the Salvation Army Bell ringers, and to the Brian's Run volunteers.

Last week our meeting was suspended until we could meet with **Bill Gotwals** at Bellingham this past Tuesday. Eight members were able to participate and Bill was pleased to retain his perfect attendance for 64 years. He is slowly getting his vision back but will go back to the hospital tomorrow for eye surgery.

Annalie Korengel Lorgus passed around cards for Bill and for **Bob Poole** who had a hip replacement yesterday. He has already begun therapy.

President Gary announced that nominations for District Governor were open. He also announced that we will be hosting a Group Study Exchange from Italy in the spring. Volunteers are needed to host in April. An outbound group needs members between the ages of 25 and 40.

Apologizing for the confusion around the new Friday Rotary club, **President Gary** said that the board was giving a recommendation for the club not that it had been approved by the board.

Bill Ronayne thanked **Frank Helms** and all Rotary Readers and shared a booklet that some of the students had made for him.

Linda Hicks reminded us that next Wednesday is the deadline for RYLA applications and that none have been received yet. RYLA will be held in February. She also

showed photos of the tree in a contest at First National with Rotary banners from around the world. Her entry was a hopeful winner.

Mac Neilon invited all to help Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 8:30-3:30 at Worthington and Barnard Sts. Please talk to Mac or **Steve Quigley**.

Happy Bucks: **President Gary** (completed NY Times crossword), **Clint Wiggins** (making progress with the meeting), **Noel Stanek** (thanks for condolences), **Terry McGrath** (thanks for canned food, next week is the last week, sophomore daughter at East HS has a 4.04 average), **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** (\$12 for the 12 days of Christmas, we'll have a party next year, **Judith Ray** has a CD out with **Terry McGrath** playing the hammered dulcimer), **Charlie Lyddane** (Asbury College donated \$2,000 for the project in Africa), **Linda Hicks** (Ashley graduated from Penn State and has a job!), Steve McGann (Police record not found), **Joe Polito** (will pass hat next week for operation Warm. Needs \$300).

There will be a Quilt Raffle to benefit Rotarplast.

50-50 was won by **John Schwab** (but no queen of spades was found).

\$750 and a suitcase full of baby products and medicines were collected at the Holiday party.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Classification Talk of **Michele Parent**

Michele's maiden name is Berardi, and yes, she is part of the bakery family that has been in West Chester for over 100 years. They never had Wonderbread in their house, and she was always jealous of her classmates' lunches made from Wonderbread because hers were made with Berardi rolls—I'm sure she outgrew that jealousy.

Michele graduated with a degree in economics from Immaculata and started working at Roy Weston in the Human Resources

Department. From there, she went to SCT and after experiencing layoffs in 2000, decided she would like to change emphasis in her career and is now working with retirement communities through Presbyterian Retired Life as the Director of Community Relations and Marketing. Her company is proposing a community in Westtown Township behind the Presbyterian Church.

Her motto, from a previous employer, is "work hard and play hard", and she felt her involvement with the Chili Cook-off showed that her motto was equally applicable to Rotary fundraising events.

Michele and her husband are NASCAR fans and enjoy boating on the Chesapeake Bay—motoring and not sailing (and for those of us who are sailors, we affectionately call those boats "stinkpots"). We are pleased that Michelle has followed a family tradition of remaining in and contributing to the West Chester community.

FROM RICH KAUFMANN

I want to take an opportunity to thank all the Rotarians for their help with Brian's Run this year. The day was cold and wet. Did I mention the day was cold. Over the last 10 or so years I always saw Brian Bratcher there in his wheel chair watching the runners. After seeing him this year, the weather didn't matter; the cold became warm. Our labor was for a good cause and will benefit those less fortunate than us. I again thank you for all your efforts and look forward to seeing more Rotarian there next year.

ELECTIONS

The Committee for the Election of Officers and Directors for 2008-2009 nominates the following slate of candidates. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting, December 27, 2007.

OFFICERS:

President: **Steve Karp**, President-elect: **Dave Rayburn**; Vice-president: **Bill Ronayne**, Past President: **Gary Hess**, Secretary: **Trish Kotsay**, Treasurer: **Rob Feenan**, Sgt-at-Arms: **Bob Crow**

RE-NOMINATED DIRECTORS

John Olszewski (Third year), **Mark Sammarone** (Second year), **Terry McGrath** (Second year)

NEW DIRECTORS

Cristina Combee, **Elizabeth Guman**, **Jeannie McGinn**, **Bert Volger**

THANK YOU

Copies of the Rotary are provided at our meeting by **Linda Hicks** of First National Bank of Chester County.

NOTICE

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

Daniel Cosgrove, Marketing Director/ Manager, La Difference Salon & Day Spa, Classification: Business Service – Beauty Industry, Sponsor: **Patty Jefferis**

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

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 20 Canned Food Drive @ meeting
Jan 12 Work on House for Habitat

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)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS –

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WC- District 7450

President, Gary Hess; President-Elect, Carol Metzker; Vice-President, Steve Karp; Past President, Annalie Korengel-Lorgus; Secretary, Patricia Kotsay; Treasurer, Rob Feenan; Sergeant At Arms, Mike Alfonsi; Directors-at-Large: Rich Kauffman, Adrienne Masak-Rozier, John Messersmith, John Olszewski, Dave Rayburn, Bill Ronayne, Mark Sammarone, Joanne Tadeo.

Russell deFuria, District Governor

Dede Carruthers, Ass't District Governor

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

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Votary Committee: Faith Woodward, Publisher. 610-918-3432 fwood@bf.kendal.org Mark Sammarone, Vice-Chair and Web site maintenance. Committee Members: Pat Barron, Bruce Beadle (Web site), Matt Bradley, Sue Casso, Victoria Dow, Elizabeth Guman, Charlie Lyddane, Fran Luft, Eric Metzker, Paula Ott, Cathy Palmquist, and Joe Polito