



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: January 3, 2008
General Assembly with
Presentations from the Avenue Chairs.
Arranged by Gary Hess

Next Week's Program: January 10, 2008
To be announced

MINUTES Reconstructed by Faith
(Assigned writer must have
taken a vacation)

President Gary opened the meeting and the brief invocation was given by almost-like-a-member John Saling.

After a rousing rendition of "America," **President Gary** presented his joke (I remember some laughs).

Bill Gotwals was welcomed back by all and last week's meeting was officially closed. **President Gary** thanked Santa Claus for his visit the previous week. Group Study Exchange is still looking for people for the trip to Italy. Rotaplast is raffling off a quilt. The country club will be remodeling in the next two weeks, so please enter the building through the banquet room door. Meals and weekly charge will be increasing to \$15 in January.

We had a few Visiting Rotarians and guests who were introduced and birthday greetings were given to **Ken Hickman** by **Bob Frame**, to **Steve Karp** by **Dave Biffen**, and to **John Schwab** by **Faith Woodward**.

Several people had Happy Bucks to share.

President Gary presented **Anita Trump** a belated Rotarian of the Month award from November. She was the first Rotarian in our club to donate to the recent Rotary Foundation drive.

Someone won the 50-50.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Today's program came in two parts – election of 2008-2009 board members for the Rotary Club of West Chester presented by **President Gary Hess** and a brief musical interlude provided by **Judy Ray, Terry McGrath, Faith Woodward** and **Eric Metzker**.

The election of the board was conducted as an official part of the annual meeting before the beginning of the new calendar year which turned out to be today. **President Gary** announced that nominations were closed. Several questions arose. Some members volunteered that in the past nominations were held open until the day of the election so that nominations could be made from the floor. Another member asked that the nominating process be reviewed for the club.

Past President Charles Streitwieser reviewed the nomination process for the club from his point of view as chair of the nominating committee. The nominating slate was opened at the end of November and nominations were accepted from members over the next two weeks. The nominating committee reviewed the nominations, made some recommendations, interviewed candidates and prepared a slate based on the 17 nominations received. The nominations were then closed and the slate was presented to the club during last week's meeting. That is how we arrived at the elections today with nominations closed.

Another member suggested that the board allow the club to vote on each nomination rather than provide an up or down vote on the slate provided by the nominating committee. It was suggested that we may want to revise the by-laws to incorporate our previous practice of leaving nominations open to the floor until just before the vote.

At that point the vote was called and seconded. **President Gary** conducted a spoken vote. The majority was 'aye' with a few 'nays' and abstentions so the new board was approved. **President Gary** thanked the club for their spirited participation and introduced the second part of the program

The second part of the program was a brief rendition of "I'll be home for Christmas" sung by **Judy Ray** with **Terry McGrath** on hammered dulcimer, **Faith Woodward** on keyboard and Eric Metzker on Guitar. This was followed by "Mrs. Fogarty's Pie", an Irish tune led by Terry McGrath who encouraged the club to sing along using printed lyrics. The finale was "Auld Lang Syne" and it was all over before we knew it, with a bit of holiday spirit renewed in the room.

APPROVED ELECTIONS

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

Mark Sammarone (Second year), **Terry McGrath** (Second year)

NEW DIRECTORS

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

John Olszewski (Third year) requested to be removed as a director.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Mark Sammarone** of Arthur Hall Insurance.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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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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