



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: January 17, 2008
Speakers: ? and Jason Pyrah
Fruit Sale and Introduction of Fruit Sale
Beneficiary - Habitat for Humanity
Arranged by Geoff Baker and Mac Neilon

Next Week's Program: January 24, 2008
Speaker: Matt Bradley
Community Grant Recipients
Arranged by Matt Bradley

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting and the invocation, a very thought provoking poem about children, was presented by **Adrienne Masak-Rozier**. The joke for today was "Five reasons to go to work naked." You can fill in the rest.

Bob Crow announced the lone visiting Rotarian- John Saling. Visitors included Dan Cosgrove, two men from Good Fellowship Ambulance Association. and Matt Abier. **Jeannie McGinn** wished **Katie Decker** a Happy Birthday. Birthday greetings were also extended to **Bill Hess** by **Jack Wintermute** and **Don Stonestrom** wished **Bob Crow** a Happy Birthday. Fine master **Jack Wintermute** fined **Jeff Sommer** for not wearing his Rotary button.

Happy Bucks: **Charlie Lyddane** (funding is positive for project in Kenya), **Cristina Combee** (ten individuals assisted with fruit sale packets), **John Saling** (Name change).

Announcements: **President Gary** never received the Rotoplast raffle envelope last week- please contact Gary if you know where it is located. West Chester County Club apologizes for any inconvenience due to the floors being refinished today. **President Gary** stated that there are 9 individuals on the ad hoc committee to address Rotary problems. Any other interested committee members should see **President Gary**.

Nominations for an open board seat are being accepted for three weeks. They will be posted January 31st. The election will take place February 7th. The board voted to give a new scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to East High School. There is \$10,000 left of Chili Cook Off money to be allocated to projects. Please talk to avenue chairs to suggest project ideas. The Chili Cook Off made \$34,500. The club is sponsoring a new Interact Club at Henderson High School. They have 25 students interested and \$500 start up money would be needed. The club approves

this as a project if it is approved by the Vocational Service avenue.

Dr. Michael Johnson thanked the club for all we have done. The Nairobi project is in the last phase. **Jean Oakes** presented Good Fellowship Ambulance with a check for \$301.03. **John Schwab** announced that they have 11 names for a Rotaract Club- individuals aged 18-30. There will be a meeting of these individuals and training February 9th. This is a socially oriented club.

Jeannie McGinn and **Katie Walker** announced the kick off for the Chili Cook Off campaign. There is a meeting at 4 p.m. today. There are some open positions. They would like any feed back from last year's event. **Steve Karp** announced that **Charles Streitwieser** is going to be the vocational chair for the district. There is a revision of the district- We are in area 8. This revision is to keep clubs in better touch with the district. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** read an email she received from a exchange student who was here two years ago. The 50/50 winner today is **Jack Cording**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Today's speakers are students at West Chester University who support the Aid to South Africa project which aims to reduce hunger, provide comfort to children with AIDS and raise awareness about these issues in this region. Alyssa Conaway is the Logistical Coordinator for the project and Jennie Sherlock is the Co-Chair for Decoration and Awareness.

To raise funds and awareness for the project, the West Chester University Honors College holds a fair. The 3rd annual fair will be held on March 30th, 2008 at the Hollinger Field House from Noon to 6 p.m. Activities include a walk for awareness and the fair which has games, food, crafts, live music and magic for all ages. The walk consists of teams of people who keep at

least one person walking the indoor track at all times during the afternoon to raise money based on pledges through registration fees – 10\$-25\$ per person depending on the size of the team. The larger the team, the lower the per-person fee and of course, the less time each person spends on the track! Teams can range in size from 5 to 500 people.

So, fund raising seems worthwhile, but what do the funds support? Aid to South Africa supports two efforts: H.E.L.P. Ministries Soup Kitchen and Sparrow Village. The Soup Kitchen starts in the garage of Rev. Cecil Begbie. He and his team prepare 6,000 bowls of soup every day in the garage and then personally drive the soup to feed children in eight primary schools in the area. This may be a child's only meal for the day – soup and a slice of bread. The second recipient is Sparrow Village, a haven for children who are HIV positive. Many of the children die within four years and have little in the way of resources to make their short lives more comfortable. Sparrow Village gives them friendship and dignity as well as running water, daily meals, playgrounds, after-school tutoring, beds and teddy bears.

The club was moved by the enthusiasm of these two women, their persistence in the face of audio difficulties with their computer presentation and their willingness to overcome jitters in front of what to them were an intimidating group of local leaders. By the time they were done they found that we're not so scary and that we appreciate their efforts to help two worthy causes.

NOTICE

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

Stephen McGann: Vice President, Wealth Management Consultant at First National Bank of Chester County. Classification: Baking – Trust Investment. Sponsor: **Gary Hess**

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 **Mark Sammarone** of Arthur Hall Insurance

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS.

Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis,

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Joe Polito 610-692-8123(H) 610-431-3090(W)

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 District Conference

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Nigeria NID (National Immunization Days) and Adopt a Village. February 17 - 28, 2008. Join us as we depart from Detroit, MI for Kano, Nigeria on February 17.

We will immunize February 23-26 in Kano and Kaduna States within District 9120. D9120 still harbors 90% of the polio cases in Nigeria. Kano is where the controversies started that impeded immunization in 2003. In addition to participating in the NID, we will be working closely with DG Saliu Ahmed of D9120 through an Adopt a Village concept.

Team members must be prepared to participate in a Matching Grant through their local Rotary Club and/or Rotary District. Trip Cost - \$1913 includes airfare/in country transportation. This figure does not include hotel and food. Estimated hotel cost is \$50/day double occupancy and food at \$20/day/person. Hotel and food will be paid by individual team members while in Nigeria. Contact Ann Lee Hussey at annlee001@yahoo.com for registration forms. We need 18 people for the team. NID dates and Airfare are subject to change.

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