



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: January 24, 2008

Speaker: Matt Bradley
Community Grant Recipients
Arranged by Matt Bradley

Next Week's Program: January 31, 2008

Speaker: Katie Decker
Classification Talk
Arranged by Noel Stanek

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary started things off by asking **Michele Parent** to give the invocation. He then shared 5 Deep Thoughts with us.

Visiting Rotarians today were Shauna Yeldell of Jackson MS, Joe Kahn of WEGO, and Jason Pyrah of Central Chester County. Guests were Lynn Eaton, and Gail Jefferies introduced by **Ed Malet**, Dan Cosgrove introduced by **Patti Jefferies**, and John Alpaugh introduced by a soon to depart **Brian Marrinan**.

Birthday wishes were extended to: **Bob Poole** by **Bill Gotwals** and **Bill Ronayne** by **Charlie Lyddane**, **Bruce Beadle** by **Mark Sammarone**, and **John Olszewski** by **Carl Werner**. Birthday girl **Concetta Schiattarella** deserved extra mention from **Bob Frame** because she and **Bryan Mitchell** are engaged (must be something in the water...).

There were lots of Happy Bucks to share today. **Brian Marrinan** shared a not so happy one for the club when he announced he will be moving to the Pittsburgh area. **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** was happy about her contract with her new church in Parkesburg: she can still come to Thursday meetings. **Geoff Baker** was doubly happy: he saw his daughter and grandsons in the UK and was able to watch a key football game via satellite TV. **Terry McGrath** had a Happy Buck for **Bruce Beadle** who successfully weathered an appendectomy, and Doc Terry admitted to driving to the Elks Home today. **Joe Polito** just had to mention that it was snowing and St Joe's (presumably) basketball success. **Jeanne McGinn** asked for thoughts and prayers for **Joe Paiva** who is undergoing major surgery. **Bill Gotwals** was very happy that his eye doctor told him his eyes are healed. **Chuck Swope** celebrated his two-week wedding anniversary.

Moving on to announcements, **Pres. Gary** was relieved to have found the Rotaplast quilt raffle tickets – see him to purchase a ticket. Nominations for an open seat on the Board will

be posted January 31, with the vote taking place February 7; please send nominations in writing. There will be a group study exchange meeting Wayne; we're looking forward to hosting the group from Italy. Six members helped out on the Habitat project: **Steve Quigley**, **Michele Parent**, **Katie Decker**, **Mac Neilon**, **Gary Hess** and **Jeanne McGinn**. Anyone who would like to view the Aid to Africa video go to www.google.com and search for: west chester aid to Africa. Once on the WCU page scroll down to find the video link. **Pres. Gary** will be out of town (at Daytona) and asks all to be kind to **Pres. Elect Steve Karp** who will preside next week.

John Messersmith announced the upcoming Career Awareness day at WCU – Feb. 19 and 20, both days 5 to 7pm. **Lee McFadden** will have details next week.

Elaine Kirkland, Assistant Principal at Henderson HS and John Rogers, East HS Assistant Principal introduced the students of the month: Emily McFadden and Erin (EJ) Herman of Henderson, and Gillian Oliviera and Robert Wu of East.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Our Fruit Czar was our featured speaker today – our very own **Geoff Baker**. He started with a warm greeting, explaining he was very glad to be here because he had just vacationed in England for a week and for the first time in ages it had rained every day he was there. We then viewed slides of delicious looking fruit to whet our appetites for the coming sale.

The beneficiary of this year's sale is Habitat for Humanity in West Chester. Geoff introduced Jason Pyrah, the Associate Director for our Habitat for Humanity, and also the President of the Rotary Club of Central Chester County. Jason gave us an overview of the exciting things Habitat is doing in West Chester. There are plans for 14 new homes in West Chester and the

house that our club is working on is the 100th house in Chester County. On a larger scale, Habitat has built over 200,000 homes worldwide and is in the top 5 builders in the world.

While Jason was speaking Geoff supported his talk with slides of the homes being built in West Chester, and in each slide there was a fruit box! (It's everywhere!). As Jason finished his remarks, Geoff presented him with a set of fruit sale slips so he and his club could contribute to the cause.

Speaking of contributing, the Interact Club will also be selling fruit, with their proceeds going to their club's initiatives.

We were then introduced to the team leaders. Using the Olympic theme, but moving to the summer sports, Geoff painstakingly matched the team leaders to their appropriate sport: **Ed Malet** (wrestling); **Steve Quigley** (sailing); **Cristina Combee** (athletics/running); **Steve Found** (tennis); **Carol Hanson** (gymnastics); **Duke Evans** (baseball); **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** (swimming); **Paul Woodruff** (equestrian); **Dick Yoder** (fencing); **Chuck Swope** (shooting); **Joe Polito** (volleyball); **Geoff Baker** (field hockey – a sport he used to play!)

Some logistics – we start collecting sales slips at next week's meeting (1/24). The goal is to raise \$14-15k. The prices are the same as last year, so we each need to sell just 10% more than last year to reach our goal. The yellow copy goes to the person picking up the fruit. Orders due by February 29. Pick up March 8 at A Duie Pyle Warehouse.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS
Host Family: Mark and Ellen Morun
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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)

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 Project Fair and District Assembly
Feb 29 Fruit orders due
Mar 8 Fruit Pick up
Oct 5 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

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

FROM PDG DAN BRONSON

This Saturday we will have our inaugural ROTARY SHARES Project Fair and District Assembly. This is a drop in anytime and leave when you need to affair. It will be a great opportunity to invite a prospective Rotarian to see what we do, show your family the great works of our Rotary clubs, and bring all of your Rotarians to share this unique opportunity.

Below you will see the schedule for presentations this Saturday at the Alternative Education Center of the Chester County Intermediate Unit at 335 Manor Avenue, Downingtown, PA. You should enter from the rear where there is plenty of parking. For a map go to

<http://www.rotary7450.org/common/calendar.htm>.

The building will open at 9:45 AM, more than thirty displays will be available at 10:00 AM, and we will remain open until 3:00 PM when we will close with the drawing for the Rotaplast Amish quilt.

Youth Services - Interact	10:10
RYLA	10:20
Group Study Exchange	10:30
Teaming for Health in Honduras	10:50
Polio Plus	11:10
Rotaract	11:30
Mobile Women's Clinic - Brazil	11:50
Rotaplast	12:10
Rotary Jeopardy	12:30
Kennett at Longwood	1:00
Ardmore	1:20
NE Sunrisers - Winterization	1:40
Shelter Box	2:00
Water Resources	2:20
Youth Exchange	2:40

Contact me at danbronson@epix.net or 717-786-7277 if you have any questions.

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