



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: February 7, 2008
Vietnam & Personal Peace
Speaker: Bud Bruton
Arranged by Steve McFalls

Next Week's Program: February 14, 2008
Colorectal & Skin Cancer Prevention
Speaker: Katie Knuffer
Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Charlie Lyddane

President **Gary Hess** rang the meeting to order promptly at 12:30 and then read a list of questions. Among those was why will people believe you when you tell them there are 4 billion stars but touch paint that has a wet paint sign on it?

Bill Ronayne read an invocation about success by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Visitors included Lynn Eaton (**Bill Eaton**), Andy Winn (**Charlie Lyddane**), Christine Lear (**Ron Ginns**), and Dixie Johnson (**Alice Thomas**).

Visiting Rotarians included John Saling, Joe Kahn, Ferna Majewicz, **Steve McGann**, and former member George Trajtenberg.

Geoff Baker (who speaks strangely) paid a happy buck because there are 8 outbound exchange students. **John Saling** gave a buck because he is off to Naples to play golf and because regained possession of a pen which his wife gave him as a gift on his 22nd birthday. **Bill Hess** reminisced that George Trajtenberg once told him that one of our members looked better on the inside than the outside. **Bob Poole** welcomed George who he sponsored into our club as he did **Eric Trajtenberg**. Does **Bob Poole** surpass **Irvin Hoffman** by bringing in both a father and a son? **Terry McGrath** paid a buck because his daughter is on staff at the WCU Library. Terry also paid a dollar because he did surgery on Bambi with his automobile. **Steve Karp** is hosting a Chamber Card Exchange at his office and he invited the club. **Alice Thomas** had a happy buck because her husband Charlie is free of cancer. **John Schwab** reported that the

newly forming Rotaract Club's first meeting went well. **Greg Radford** gave a hb because his kids are doing well in school.

President Gary reported the results of the election for the board seat. **Bob Rogers** won !! It was a nasty campaign and hard fought. Bob's wife had been slandering his opponent in her campaign speeches on his behalf. He probably lost the South Carolina primary... oh, sorry wrong election. That's right... Bob was elected unanimously.

The Italian Group Study Exchange will be done with the West Grove Club, contact **Gary Hess** if you are interested. District Conference will be at Skytop Resort on the weekend of April 26th at a cost of \$675 (half the usual price) including all meals, skydiving, windsurfing, whale watching trip and fire-walking.

John Schwab got the new Rotaract Club off to a good start. **Bob Crowe** asked that anyone who would like to work at the registration desk each week see **Elizabeth Guman**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Dr. Bob Poole presided over the induction of three new members to our club today--**Eric Trajtenberg**, **Steve McGann**, and **Daniel Cosgrove**. Dr. Poole gave a very moving speech about the importance of helping our fellow brothers and sisters and Rotary's role in serving our community.

Then **Katie Decker** brought the room to tears (well, I was wiping away tears and swallowing hard) during her classification talk as she bore witness to the plight of others and how we Rotarians can help. But

first Katie explained how she learned to move lumber. When she and her sister were young, her parents built a home in northern Bucks County. Now, when most people say they "built a home", they do not mean that they themselves sawed lumber and hammered nails. But that is exactly what Katie's parents did. Working only on weekends and holidays, Katie's family built a home with their own hands. Rome wasn't built in a day and neither was Katie's family home. It took 768 workdays over a period of eight years for her parents, with Katie's and her sister's help, to complete the project.

In school Katie played the tuba in the marching band. (Isn't the tuba a large brass instrument? How did such a little girl carry that thing?) But she found her true calling as drum majorette. (That's more like it!) After getting her associate's degree in political science, Katie managed a Men's retail store before moving to a banking career with DNB First. She is an avid volunteer in many wonderful service organizations and it was her emotionally told story of her experience with the Girl Scouts that choked up our members. We can have no doubt that Katie joined our Rotary family to serve others. Welcome, Katie. We are honored to have you.

NOTICE

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

Adam Gdowik: Sales Associate at Comstar Technologies; Classification: Business-Sales; Sponsor: **Joseph Polito**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

THANK YOU

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS
Host Family: Christina Ellis & Andrew Sitkoff
852 Chandlee Dr. West Chester
610-692-4917
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

Feb 29 Fruit orders due
Mar 8 Fruit Pick up
Apr 25 District Conference
Oct 5 Chili Cook Off

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

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