



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: February 28, 2008
Pre-Breath Testers (PBT's)
Chief Scott Bohn & Lt. Jeffrey Johnson
Arranged by Katie Walker

Next Week's Program: March 6, 2008
To be announced
Arranged by Bunny Welsh

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

Steve Karp, Pres. Elect filling in today for **Gary Hess**, rang the bell at 12:30. **Frank Helms** read the invocation – dogs' lives are so short because they already know how to love and don't need to spend as much time here learning how to. There was no joke. Well, almost. Read on.

Chris McCawley and new member (not even inducted yet!) **Sauna Yeldell** are the new Chair and Assistant Chair of the Honorary Rotarians Committee. They take over from **Jean Oakes**.

The only visiting Rotarian today was DG Russ DeFuria. We welcomed several guests. **Mark Sammarone** introduced Gary Altoonian. **Jack Wintermute** welcomed Ken Hickman, who is recovered and back. **Joe Polito**, after a false start, introduced Adam Gdowik. **Paul Woodruff** introduced Dan _____ and Bill Lorenz.

Bruce Beadle wished **Mark Sammarone**, webmaster extraordinaire, a happy birthday. Happy Bucks were numerous. **Katie Walker** was happy that **Patti Jefferies** had booked a great trip to Aruba for her. **Bob Rogers** reported that an under-the-weather **Sue Casso** is, none the less, still happy. **Cristina Combee** was happy that RI Foundation has agreed to support the Honduras trip in March; she, **Pete Thompson**, **Anita Trump**, **Carol Schaffer**, and **Carol Metzker** will be going to La Entrada where our club has helped provide a blood lab for the local clinic. **Pete Thompson** also added a happy buck for the Honduras trip and added that a blood-gas analyzer had been donated; also, with the club's donation of \$8,000 and another \$1,000 plus a gift from Gundaker he can

apply for a matching grant for the project from RI Foundation. **Charlie Lyddane** gave a "thank you" to **John Schwab** for doing a great job with the new Rotoract Club and getting the younger generation of professionals involved, such as Charlie's daughter. **Steve Quigley** was happy to report that **Bob Poole** is doing well after his hip replacement and was seen recently with his re-gripped golf clubs getting ready for a new season. **Pat Barron** was happy that his son's friend was doing well after cancer treatment and that he was benefiting from an experimental treatment donated to him. **Joe Polito** was happy about scoring a citrus fruit sale from a former **Gary Hewitt** customer; and the Italian Social Club's pig roast dinner is set for Saturday. **Carol Schaffer** also added a buck for the Honduras trip. **Steve Karp** was happy that **Terry McGrath** had, er, helped his bunny rabbit overcome a plumbing problem. Steve is also happy to be going off to PETS training (nothing to do with rabbit plumbing...).

Steve then read a funny from Bob Poole (the minutes taker has it on good authority that Dr. Poole provided this item after hearing that Steve had no joke prepared for today). The item was about how to efficiently clean the toilet; The Cat was involved, and, predictably the instructions were signed by The Dog.

Cristina Combee reminded everyone that there is only one more week to sell fruit. So, in true **Geoff Baker** fashion Christina had us repeat the mantra – Sell Fruit": buy it, sell it, or donate \$9.00 per case. March 8 is the pick-up date.

Katie Decker had an update on the family who were burned out of their home. They have

received gift cards from WalMart and Target and \$1,000 in donations from club members. They are very grateful and Katie thanked everyone for their generous support.

The 50-50 was won by **Dave Rayburn**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

If you're like me, you probably leave Rotary meetings on third Thursdays feeling a bit deflated. This is understandable, since that is the day that we are introduced to the students of the month – young people who have accomplished more in their high school careers than many of us can hope to accomplish in a lifetime. And today was no different.

February's students of the month are Lindsay Mitchell and Michael Pugliese from West Chester East HS, and Corinne Spangler and Khalil Bailey from West Chester Henderson HS. Between the four of them, these exceptional students' resumes include honors and AP classes, varsity athletics, science Olympiads, musical instruments, leadership development, church ministry, and community service both locally and internationally. Oh, and to top it all off, they are nice kids. Congratulations to them all.

Part Two of the program was an Interact update, presented by Yvonne deFuria and Molly Cheeseman, president and vice-president of the West Chester East Interact Club. Chartered in 2006 with 52 members, the club is jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of West Chester and the Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club with particular support from Rotarians Dawn deFuria, **John Messersmith**, **Steve Karp**, **John Schwab** and **Rick Dunlap** (who is also the club's advisor).

The East Interact Club has accomplished quite a lot in the two short years since its founding. Two Battle of the Bands events raised \$2,200 for a water project in Ecuador and \$1,800 to purchase shelter boxes. Members have participated in our Chili Cook-off and Fruit Sale. Service projects have supported Safe Harbor and Invisible Children, a program that helps protect children in Uganda (www.invisiblechildren.com). A total of eight members have attended RYLA conferences and 15 attended a district-wide Interact event at Valley Forge National Park. Such accomplishments are not surprising, given the energetic leadership that was evident in Yvonne and Molly's presentation, and the future of Interact at East HS promises to hold much more in store.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 29 Fruit orders due
Mar 8 Fruit Pick up
Apr 25 District Conference
May 17 CCH May Fest @ Goshen Fair Gnds
Oct 5 Chili Cook Off

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