



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: March 20, 2008**  
**Bats, Balls and Rib Stalls:**  
**19th Century Sports at Westtown**  
**Speaker: Bob Connolly**  
**Arranged by Bob Connolly**  
**Meeting at Westtown School**

**Next Week's Program: March 27, 2008**  
**The Wilmington Blue Rocks**  
**Speakers: Chris Kemple and Bill Levy**  
**Arranged by Jack Wintermute**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Gary** rang the bell promptly at 12:33 p.m. **Sue Casso** had an excellent invocation about the priorities of life. **President Gary** shared another of his fine gems of humor about a bar, a watch, a woman, a man, and drinks (don't ask).

Visiting Rotarians included Fred Kemmerly from South Carolina, Shauna Yeldell from Mississippi, and Reece Reynolds from the Longwood Club. Guests included our speaker Harry McHugh, Ray Slater, Marc Bevis and Blatt a former exchange student from Romania. There were no birthday celebrations today.

Announcements: **President Gary** announced that the Team in Honduras is safe, visiting clinics etc and has seen people who need employment and literacy needs. Next week 3/20/08 our Rotary meeting will be held at Westtown School. **Patty Jefferis** received her Rotary Sponsor pin as she sponsored Rotarian **Dan Cosgrove**. **Linda Hicks** announced that the Rotary Scholarship Applications are due 3/11/08. These applications are for Henderson or East High School students who have community service/volunteerism. The scholarships are worth \$2,500.

Happy Bucks: **Faith Woodward** - Barclay Friends continues its 115 year anniversary celebrations this Friday at 3:30 p.m. Come join in the fun. **Charlie Lyddane** - wife is going on vacation and their daughter is

coming home for a week- party time. **Steve Quigley**- good job at fruit sale. **Pat Barron**- Reece Reynolds' helping to set up today. **Joe Polito** - St. Joe's and fruit sale assistance. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier**- exchange kids always come back.

In other news- **Chris McCawley's** Honorary Rotarians Committee is accepting nominations for two more weeks. Nominee should be someone who has made a major contribution in the community and exemplifies Rotary values. **Geoff Baker** thanked everyone who assisted with the fruit sale. Names have been submitted for a make-up. Geoff miscalculated the order. A second order is being made so additional fruit can be purchased until Sunday. Contact Geoff. The fruit will be delivered 3/21. **John Schwab** gave an up date on Rotoract. They had their third meeting. and are going to appoint officers and a president. They have three projects which they would like to work on.- 3/26 park clean up, May festival at the hospital, and fund raising campaign entitled the Empty Bowl. The proceeds will be going to charity. The Buddy Holly Story will be held at a theater in Media.

50/50 was conducted by **Pat Barron**- **Joe Cunnane** was the winner today.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

We were honored to have Harry McHugh and Ray Slater of the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red

Cross with us this week. **Carl Werner** introduced Harry, who presented an overview of the challenges and rewards of Red Cross work. He placed much of the credit for what the Red Cross does as the results of the contributions of the volunteers. It is their selfless contributions that have convinced Harry that "there is nothing wrong with Americans." One volunteer spoke for thousands when she said that she was "just trying to make the world a better place one step at a time." Harry witnessed the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Biloxi, MS area and described the power of Mother Nature, which lifted a four-story building out of its foundations and slammed it into an apartment building. Harry said that the Red Cross's biggest challenge is funding the two million dollar annual operational cost of Red Cross House in Philadelphia. Carl had mentioned that Harry also works for Wawa, which resulted in many questions from the audience. Wawa is a major player now in the retail distribution of gasoline now; its major competitor is Sun Oil.

### SAVE THE DATE

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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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)

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Geoff Baker** of RE/MAX Preferred.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference is fast approaching and the committee wants to be sure that everyone who would like to join us has the opportunity to do so.

For those who have never attended a District Conference, this is a great one to make your first. We will be holding it jointly with D-7430, our neighbors immediately to the north. It will provide us an even greater opportunity for learning, networking, and a lot of fun!

It's appropriate for the whole family, with a great golf course, spa, indoor and outdoor pools, and even an indoor miniature golf course! So, be sure to come join us at the beautiful Skytop Lodge in the Poconos from April 25-27. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Rotary,  
Russ deFuria

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