



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

Next Week's Program: April 3, 2008
District Attorney-Chester County
Joe Carroll
Arranged by Bunny Welsh

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary rang the bell promptly at 12:35 p.m. **Paula Ott** gave the invocation. She reminded us that for Christians this is Holy Week. She gave a fitting invocation on diversity of racism and culture. **President Gary** shared another of his fine gems of humor about a Quaker.

Visiting Rotarian was Reece Reynolds. Guests included **Charlie Lyddane's** daughter, **Mark Sammarone's** daughter, **Don Stonestrom's** wife and **Bob Poole** introduced Ralph Freed.

We had our annual meeting today at Westtown School and several Westtown School employees attended. The school follows the Quaker tradition. **Jeannie McGinn** extended birthday greetings to **Pat Barron**.

Announcements: **President Gary** announced that there is an open board seat for 2008-09. Elections will be 6 weeks from today on May 1st. If you would like to be considered for the board seat please give your name in writing to **President Gary**. On April 6th the Italian GSE team will be here. They will be taking trips to York, Lancaster, and have a vocational day. Assistance will be needed. In other news- **Chris McCawley's** Honorary Rotarians Committee is accepting nominations for one more week. So far there are four nominations. Please give **Patty Jefferis** any nominations at next week's meeting. The nominee should be someone who has made a major contribution in the community and exemplifies Rotary values. **Geoff Baker** has sold all remaining cases of fruit. The club has sold more fruit this year than before.

Geoff will be picking up the 2nd shipment of fruit tonight in Jenkintown. Fruit can either be picked up tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Westtown School or at **Geoff Bakers'** home.

Cristine Combee gave a report as one of the team members who returned from Honduras. Team members included **Eric and Carol** and Elizabeth **Metzker, Pete Thompson, Carol Schaeffer, Gary ?** and **Anita Trump**. Cristine stated that traveling to Honduras gave the team experience in a third world country. Some of their experiences included meeting children in a homeless shelter where there are thirteen 4-15 year olds who are able to have meals, clothing and attend school. They also toured a medical clinic and observed patients arriving at 6 a.m. They visited nearby communities- block homes which housed eight or more individuals in three rooms. They also visited a burn clinic. The purpose of the team's visit was to assess the needs of the community in order to secure grant money.

The 50/50 was conducted by **Bob Crow-Dave Rayburn** is the winner today.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Bats, Balls and Rib Stalls – 19th Century Athletics at Westtown School.

Westtown School, founded in 1799 by Quakers from Philadelphia, supported physical activity long before organized sports became part of the school curriculum.

An early tradition was hiking to the lake for camp suppers, with skating and sledding popular winter activities.

Baseball was the first organized sport and a boys' team, called a club was started

in 1865. The girls followed with their own club in 1884. Herb Pennock, of the Philadelphia A's and a Baseball Hall of Famer was an alumnus and played in 1907.

Basketball followed in the 1890s, again both boys and girls had teams. As one would expect there were tennis courts but more surprising, a six hole golf course was created on the school campus and one quarter of the female students were in the golf association.

A precursor to weight lifting was the Indian Club where the participants used barbells and clubs. This led to the building of a gymnasium in 1899 and rib stalls were erected (wooden slats that appeared to be used for stretching).

Football came in 1893 and again the girls played, but with modified skirts. Football was stopped by the administration in 1903 as it was considered too dangerous. A peaceful protest was held culminating in the ceremonial burial of a football. That year a natatorium was erected for swimming and diving.

The previous year lawn hockey was started but many students didn't like it because of too many rules. They persevered with tutorials from other schools and this year the school will be celebrating 100 years of field hockey; being honored for the oldest continuously used hockey field.

This fascinating history was presented by **Bob Connolly** with the use of wonderful old photographs assembled by Mary Brooks, School Archivist.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS
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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
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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.

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>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference will be held 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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