



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: April 10, 2008**

**Gundaker Kickoff**

**Speaker: Pat Barron**

**Arranged by Pat Barron**

**Next Week's Program: April 17, 2008**

**Italian GSE team**

**Arranged by Gary Hess**

## **MINUTES by Sue Casso**

**President Gary** rang the bell at 12:31 and **Charlie Lyddane** delivered an invocation on the theme of Motivation. Charlie had visited 3 Rotary Clubs in 36 hours and reminded us that "success begins with a person's will." Charlie definitely walks the walk of making the Rotary project successful, Thanks Charlie!

Gary's joke included Moses and a Bush (George W.) in the wilderness. Gary said if we didn't understand the joke, we need to attend Church more frequently.

Our visiting Rotarian today was Jim Horn from Kennett at Longwood Rotary. Visitors were Gary Altoonian, Shauna Yeldell (who is actually a visiting Rotarian, getting ready to join our club) and Dr. Michael Johnson.

**Bob Poole** wished a Happy Birthday to **Harold Greene** who regaled us with stories of flying, jumping and physical fitness - we are all hoping to be a fit as Harold who did 100 push ups! **Jim Gasho** gave birthday greetings to his good friend, **Andrew Stump**.

**President Gary** reminded us that there is a seat open on the Board and nominations are being accepted through next Thursday. A club vote will be taken on May 1st.

The Group Study Exchange Team will arrive on Saturday and a full week of activities is planned for them.

Condolences went out to **Michelle Parent** in the loss of her father.

**Pat Barron** reminded us that Gundaker letters went out - please contribute. **Jack Wintermute** has tickets for the annual outing to the Blue Rocks on May 21st. **Bruce Beadle** announced that the

Southeastern PA Hazardous Waste Collection will take place this Saturday from 9 - 3. While computers donated to this site are scrapped, there is opportunity to donate used computers. See Bruce or the Rotary website for details.

**Charlie Lyddane** introduced Dr. Michael Johnson who is returning to Kenya for 2 years. Charlie said that the Rotary Foundation people came to the water project to assess the project. A large amount of money has been raised for this effort. Dr. Johnson thanked Rotary saying that as citizens of the world our resources have a tremendous impact in projects around the world. While we have the "lion's share" of the resources, we are sharing with others.

Mary Bingham, President of the newly formed Rotaract Club with 20 members, invited us to participate in their first fund raiser which will be a progressive dinner around West Chester. Tickets are 25.00 and well worth it!

The 50-50 was won by **Bill Gotwals**, but he didn't find the queen of spades.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward**

**Bunny Welsh** introduced District Attorney Joe Carroll, a very committed man of integrity with whom she has worked well for 8 years.

Early on, Joe wanted to be a prosecutor feeling he could do a better job than the prosecutors on Perry Mason!

The DA office includes 41 lawyers with 10,000 cases a year. The DA decides what to investigate and how. Joe has been on 150 murder scenes in his lifetime and, on the scene, he is the most experienced law

enforcer there. Chester County has the lowest crime rate in the Philadelphia area and it continues to drop.

Joe Carroll shared 5 new programs that his office is working on:

1. *Internet Crime Against Children Task Force*- Detectives search teen web sites using aliases and perpetrators are arrested when they arrive to meet a "13-year old girl." Training sessions for parents are held to raise awareness of these dangers.
2. *Forensic analysis*- Computer crime is the fastest growing field of crime. Identity theft can happen through criminals posing as banks, the Internal Revenue, or with "You have Won a Prize" to get info. Computers hold records, victims have schedules, and criminals keep logs. People will lie to the police but tell the truth in their e-mails. Of the 800 forensic analysis specialists in the world, Chester County has two.
3. *Police Information Sharing System*- People take advantage of the non-communication that has occurred between police in different areas or counties. By the end of this year, this information sharing system will have the capacity to search for crime patterns. In 2 instances in the past year, finding a pattern has prevented the next crime.
4. *Elder Abuse Unit*- Joe was on an advisory board for Elder Abuse. Police can work with The Department of Aging that has the power to require accounting from Powers of Attorney. Thirty-five to forty officers have been trained.
5. *Incidence Response Team*- Training for responding to a catastrophic event occurs locally and in adjacent counties. Training for terrorist activities has been scheduled for next year.

Other programs include an integrated ballistic system, a credentialing initiative, a child advocacy center, and mental health court.

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## SAVE THE DATE

Apr 25 District Conference  
May 15 Community Grant Applications due  
May 17 CCH May Fest @ Goshen Fair Gnds  
May 21 Rotary at the Blue Rocks  
June 12 Blood Drive  
Oct 5 Chili Cook Off  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at  
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
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