



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: April 17, 2008
Classification Talk by Eric Trajtenberg
Arranged by Noel Stanek
Reclassification Talk by Paul Woodruff
Arranged by John Schwab

Next Week's Program: April 24, 2008
Young Adult Community Conferencing
Speakers: Bridget Carroll and
Chritina Valocchi
Arranged by Judge Gwenn Knapp

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Lacking our keyboard player and her substitute, **President Gary Hess** lead members in the Pledge of Allegiance. For the invocation, **Rich Kaufmann** read a Native American prayer for peace. **President Gary** declined to tell a joke about Hilary Clinton after the reaction he got from last week's tale.

There were a number of visiting Rotarians, since the Group Study Exchange team was visiting. The Italian team of three women and one man was escorted by Diane Hill and two other members of the West Grove/Avondale Rotary Club. **Bert Volger** introduced our exchange student Bjorn and host family parent who is also hosting one of the GSE team members. **Noel Stanek** introduced her friend Jim ? and **Jeannie McGinn** introduced the new executive director of the Chester County Visitors Bureau, as well as Colleen, her intern from West Chester University, and her parents, visiting from San Diego. Steve McCann introduced Lenore Guthrie.

President Gary announced this meeting is the last time to apply for or nominate someone to fill the open board seat. So far, **President Gary** has two applicants.

Jeannie McGinn announced she was passing around a card for the owner of Smaltz Motorcycles, a past loyal sponsor of the chili cookoff, whose health is failing and who will be unable to be a sponsor this year. The good news however, is that Infinity has signed up to be the presenting sponsor for three years!

Mark Sammarone announced he is still taking sign-ups for the Chester County Mayfest.

Claiming it was his first time as a winner, **Pete Thompson** won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

Bill Hess donated the only Happy Buck of the day by announcing he had just returned from a trip to Israel, and had written a blessing on behalf of **President-elect Steve Karp** and his family and placed it in the wailing wall.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Pat Barron spoke briefly to remind the club that April is Gundaker Foundation month. Our club has benefited greatly over the years from receiving matching Gundaker funds for various club projects. The goal this year is \$75 per Rotarian, but Pat emphasized that his personal goal is to obtain 100% participation in this year's campaign, regardless of the size of the individual contribution. All checks should be made payable to the "Gundaker Foundation" and mailed to Pat Barron, 20 McMullan Farm Lane, West Chester, PA 19382

This week's main attraction was certainly attractive—Fellow Rotarian Angelo Carrado Savasta, GSE team leader from the Rotary Club of Parallel 38 Degrees, Reggio Calabria, Italy, introduced four beautiful young ladies from his district. Each young lady gave a very informative and entertaining Power Point presentation about herself and her home environment. But first Angelo told us about his hometown, Reggio Calabria, which is located at the 38th Parallel (thus, the interesting name), and is across the Strait of Messina from the well-known city of Messina. The Strait of Messina is called the "door to Italy." And a most beautiful door it is, enticing all of us to travel there someday to enjoy the scenery and especially the deep-sea fishing. Angel's hometown of Reggio Calabria was completely destroyed by an earthquake exactly one hundred years ago. The only surviving structure was the 1,500-year-old Aragon Castle, proving that they just don't build things like they used to!

Here's a brief recap of the GSE members accompanying Angelo:

Marialuisa Iannaccone is from Avellio, located between Naples and Salerno. She is a business consultant and auditor, with a degree from the University of Salerno in 2004. She has a boyfriend (no surprise there!) and two younger sisters. She loves to travel, dance, and read and

is the treasurer of her Rotaract club.

In one of her lives Elvia Gregorace teaches high school Latin and Greek in Rome. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and is past president of her Rotaract club in Cantanzo. In her other life she is an actress and produces plays. She recently traveled to Tunisia to produce a show for deaf and dumb children. Elvia has two older sisters—twins—and her mother dressed her as a boy when she was little! Elvia loves to cook and admits to having a sweet tooth.

Antonella Citro lives in Sala Consilina. She is a student at the University of Naples and teaches school. Her passion is travel and archeology. Antonella works for both a newspaper and a radio station and has interviewed some of Italy's most famous actors and singers. She has many hobbies, including a doll collection, poetry, sports, reading, and the cinema.

Antonella (popular first name!) Chechile was born in Naples and now lives in Salerno. She is an accomplished businesswoman—the CEO of a real estate development company—with a degree in business from the University of Salerno and one in corporate taxes from the prestigious Bocconi University in Milan. Antonella has two sisters and a brother. She writes economic articles (!) and enjoys dance, travel, horse racing, and fashion shows.

Reserve the date: Joel Chesney will be installed as district governor on June 20th at Citizen's Bank Park. There will be a Rotary tent on Darien Street near the park, with free parking for Rotarians. The estimated cost of the ticket is \$60. More information will follow.

Joel announced at the latest Gundaker board meeting that he will hold his district assembly in April of next year at Longwood Gardens. Joel wants Rotarians to have fun while we work to serve others.

Nominations - Open Board Seat Election

The following candidates have been nominated to fill an open Board seat for the 2008-2009 Rotary year:

Bruce Beadle
Bob Rogers

This notice will be posted next week, with a club election to be held at the meeting on May 1.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Volary are provided at our meeting by **Katie Walker** of Greater west Chester Chamber of Commerce.

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Andrea Kogoj (Italy) Unionville HS
Host Family: Marc and Rachel Bevis
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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>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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