



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 1, 2008

Blood Lab

Speaker: Pete Thompson

Arranged by Cristina Combee

Next Week's Program: May 8, 2008

Chester County Hospital

Speaker: Perry Pepper

Arranged by Jack Cording & Mark Sammarone

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Gary called the meeting to order at 12:35. **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** gave the invocation. Pres. Gary thanked all for coming on such a lovely day, and then launched right into the business at hand (he must have run out of jokes).

Bob Crow introduced three visiting Rotarians: John Saling and Gwenn Knapp, both from Sunrise, and Ron Dick from PMB (Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn).

Several members introduced visitors today. **John Schwab** had Mary Bingham and Kevin Rothwell of our Rotaract Club along. **Faith Woodward** introduced James Langer, a prospective member. **Cathy Palmquist** introduced Shauna Yeldell for the last time today (see the program notes for more). **Paula Ott** introduced Wendy Hoffman of the Chester County Bar Association. **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** brought her daughter Nina along for "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day." **Bert Volger** introduced Bud Bruton.

Birthdays today included a fine line-up with even finer introductions: **Jack Wintermute** wished **Irvie Hoffman** best wishes; **Bob Rogers** wished **Susan Haines Casso Rogers** (is this allowed?) many happy returns; **Linda Hicks** wished her neighbor-from-across-the-creek (really!) **Victoria Dow** a happy birthday; and **Jeff Sommer** finally got down to wishing **Eric Trajtenberg** a happy birthday, too.

Announcements followed. May 3rd there will be a *Women in Rotary* lunch in Philadelphia; cost is \$45 and the speaker is Lynn Abraham. Gundaker fundraising is going well; please give checks to **Pat Barron**.

There were two deaths of note – Stretch Smaltz of Smaltz Harley Davidson, who was such an enthusiastic sponsor of our 2007 Chili Cook-off lost his battle with cancer and is, one hopes, in HOG Heaven. Also, Kenton Stokes, long-time member of the WEGO club, passed away.

Bud Bruton thanked the club for its donation to the Veterans' Restoration Project. The donation went towards the \$30,000 needed to build a new school for Vietnamese children living in the former DMZ. Vietnam vets are already on their way over to help build the school with the materials supplied with the help of gifts like ours.

John Schwab passed around a group photo of the Italian GSE Rotaract members' visit with our Rotaract Club. WC Rotaract members Mary Bingham and Kevin Rothwell announced the club's May 13 Dine About fundraiser to benefit Chester County Cares Food Network. Tickets are \$25 each.

Mark Sammarone is still looking for help on the 6-9pm shift on Sat., May 17 at MayFest.

Steve Quigley invited the golfers among us to participate in Barclay Friends' golf outing on June 9 at the Honey Brook Country Club.

Mayor Yoder reminded everyone of the Blood Drive held in conjunction with the boro on June 12, at Boro Hall.

Ron Dick also had an invitation to a golf outing, this time PMB's 11 Annual Rod Armstrong Golf Outing. Pres. Gary has sign-up information.

Dave Wood won the 50/50, but found only useless clubs.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

The first order of business was the induction by **Sue Casso** of, as she says, "our two most important members today." **Shauna Yeldell** recently relocated from Mississippi and works for Fulton Bank. She brings eight years of prior Rotary experience, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has already signed up for committees! When **Adam Gdowik** was growing up in West Chester, his Eagle Scout project was to place stakes by fire hydrants so that they could be found after snow storms. He also went to Bolivia as a Youth Exchange Student. So, we know that he will be an active member, too. Following the induction, President Garry presented the sponsors, **Cathy**

Palmquist and **Joe Polito**, with newly issued sponsored pins in recognition of their efforts to bring new members into our club.

We then learned about Young Adult Community Conferencing, a pilot program developed by Judge Gwenn Knapp (WC Sunrise) and the Center for Resolutions in West Chester's District Court 15-1-04 as an alternative to traditional court sentencing. The program works with youth aged 18-24 who have been cited for minor offenses such as public drunkenness, having an open container, and noise violations. Instead of just paying a fine, which Judge Knapp saw as too often being ineffective, participants appear before members of their community who create a resolution that addresses the needs of the victims and teaches the offender a valuable lesson. By using the principles and practices of restorative justice, the program seeks to engender a desire to repair the harm and make changes in the youths' lives so that they are less likely to repeat the harm.

Some facts were shared: The two West Chester districts have the highest case load of Chester County. In West Chester's 1.8 square miles there are 36 active liquor licenses, 6 times the recommended amount. District 15-1-04 has the highest number of non-traffic cases in the county, and 57% of those are filed for 18-24 year olds. Of those, 6.5% chose alternative sentencing in 05-06. There has been a recidivism rate of 2.6% after alternative sentencing compared to 5.9% for traditional sentencing.

There are opportunities for volunteers to serve as community representatives and as facilitators. For more information, contact Bridgett Carroll of the Center for Resolutions at 610-566-7710 ext. 105, Bridgett@center4resolutions.org.

GUNDAKER

As of April 26th we were 16% of our way towards our Gundaker giving goal, both in number of donors and dollars donated.

Chester County Challenge for Cancer (CCCC)

The club is looking for about 20-40 bicycle riders (both Rotarians and non-Rotarians) to ride in the May 18th Chester County Cancer Challenge. Riders on the WC Rotary team can do either the 5 mile, the 25 mile, or the long-distance route. **Mark Sammarone** will lead the 5-mile, **Ed Malet** will lead the 25-mile, and **Bob Connolly** will lead the long-distance group. If you have questions or need more info, please get in touch with **Ed Malet** at 610-324-3524 and his email is edwinmalet@valleydel.com.

THANK YOU

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

A PREPARED PLACE

A Prepared Place has been selected by the Rotary Foundation for funding this year. We are thrilled. Thanks for your support !!

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Bjoern Brauner (Germany) Henderson HS
Host Family: Christina Ellis & Andrew Sitkoff
852 Chandlee Dr. West Chester
610-692-4917

Bert Volger 610-793-1708(H) 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)

SAVE THE DATE

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

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