



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: May 8, 2008**

**Chester County Hospital**

**Speaker: Perry Pepper**

**Arranged by Jack Cording & Mark Sammarone**

**Next Week's Program: May 15, 2008**

**Rotaplast**

**Speaker: Dede Carruthers**

**Arranged by Gary Hess**

## **MINUTES by Charlie Lyddane**

President **Gary Hess** rang the meeting to order promptly at 12:30. **Joe Polito's** invocation was a tribute to the liberties our soldiers have provided us. We were spared because President **Gary** did not tell one of his fine jokes.

Visitors included Garry O'Rourke (**Pete Thompson**), Diane Kemmever (**Doug Marshall**), Barb Willis (**Andrew Stump**), Kim Hall (**Steve Quigley**), Nicole Diehl (B. Madison?), Rotaractors Mary Bingham and Jr. Rothwell (**John Schwab**), Josh Schebaugh (**Charles Swope**), and Michael Treston (**Gary Hewitt**)

A Visiting Rotarian- Major General Hartmut Beh-Rendt a former Panzer Division Commander in the German Army and his wife were Rotary guests introduced by **Dick Yoder**.

**Charlie Lyddane** gave a happy buck for his daughter Amy who is graduating from Philadelphia University. **Paul Woodruff** gave a couple, one for a nurse granddaughter promoted at HUP, and a second for an announcement that *A Prepared Place* received a \$340,000 grant from the Rotary Foundation. **Terry McGrath** has two graduating from college this spring. **Cathy Palmquist** was happy about Literacy Volunteers. **Patty Jefferis** was happy to have a daughter going to grad school at WCU. **Chuck Swope** was happy that his wife Betsy has accepted a job at Devereaux. **Katie Walker** announced that the Woman's Referral Network had named Rotaract President Mary Bingham Woman of the Year. **Bob Poole** paid part of the fine for **President Gary's** indiscretion of mixing Rotary with

business in a way that made even **Steve Karp** blush.

Please get your Gundaker Foundation donations to **Gary Hess** or to **Pat Barron**.

The Women in Rotary luncheon was held at the Pyramid Club in Philadelphia on Saturday May 3rd.

The Rotaract fundraiser for Chester County Cares is on May 13th and tickets are available at \$25 per person for a walk around dinner, snacks and wine affair in West Chester restaurants. **Bill Eaton's** Memorial Service will be held on May 31st.

The \$7,500 sponsor check for the 2008 Chili Extravaganza came in this week and **Jeannie McGinn** is looking for new vendors already. On a sad note our Fruit Sale Chairman **Geoff Baker** has decided to retire from that post.

**Bruce Beadle** reported the results of the election for the board seat. **Bob Rogers** won!!.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

**Pete Thompson** and **Cristina Combee** shared with us about how our resources are being put to great use in Honduras. Pete began with a heart-felt thank you to our club for our support. It was just 4 years ago that Pete did his first trip to Honduras to participate in a dental clinic there. His partner, Dr. Sumner, was so moved by the trip that he came back committed to making a longer-term impact. He developed an organization here in the states to support a volunteer clinic in La Entrada, similar to the Volunteers in Medicine model here.

The clinic, Manos Amigas, opened 3 years ago in La Entrada, and has served 25,000

people. Ninety percent of the population of La Entrada, a community of about 25,000 people, live in poverty. The nearest public hospital is 45 minutes, the nearest private hospital is 3 hours. Ninety-five percent of the homes lack adequate plumbing and illiteracy is rampant.

The clinic has plans to expand to 6000 square feet and the purpose of the March trip was to lay plans for a blood lab. The people who went on the trip with Pete and Cristina were Anita Trump, Carol Shaeffer, Carol and Eric Metzker and their daughter Catherine, and Gary O'Rourke.

Cristina shared some of the highlights of their busy itinerary. They visited several health clinics, a public health center, and a hospital, as well as meeting with different local Rotarians. The local bakery owner is very committed to the cause and is storing the equipment that has been donated until the new facility is built. The local chamber of commerce asked to meet with them and shared their goals to buy a fire truck and then an ambulance.

Cristina said that one of the benefits of the trip for her was that she learned more about Rotary in one week than she has in the past 4 years. Seeing the partnerships of clubs in our country with the local clubs was inspiring. One of the most inspiring was a burn clinic that was funded by a group of Rotary clubs and is the only clinic of its kind in the country.

Currently the funding for the blood lab is from our club, the Sunrise club, the Gundaker Foundation and private donations. The total need is \$25,000. There is a bit more to raise and then they will be able to apply for a Rotary matching grant to reach the goal.

### **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, which may do the 50- or 62-mile route. If you have questions or need

more info, please get in touch with Ed (or Mark or Bob). Ed's phone number is 610-324-3524 and his email is [edwinmalet@valleydel.com](mailto:edwinmalet@valleydel.com).

### **THANK YOU**

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

### **GUNDAKER**

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

### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Bjoern Brauner** (Germany) Henderson HS  
Host Family: Peg and Paul Eberts  
125 East Virginia Ave, West Chester, PA 19380 Ph:  
610-430-8111

*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 17 District Assembly  
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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