



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 15, 2008

Rotaplast

Speaker: Dede Carruthers

Arranged by Gary Hess

Next Week's Program: May 22, 2008

Youth Exchange Students

Speakers: Bjoern Brauner and Andrea Kogoj

Arranged by : Adrienne Masak-Rozier

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting, we sang America and **Chuck Swope** gave the invocation and **President Gary** told a joke. Visiting Rotarians were Joe Kahn (WEGO), Jim Langer (approved for membership), and Jim Horne (Kennett-Longwood).

Visitors were: Michael Treston with **Gary Hewitt**, Mike Tryon with **Noel Stanek**, David Connor with **Joe Polito**, Lynne? With **Geoff Baker**, the brother of **Concetta Schiattarella**, and Arnita Smith with **Shauna Yeldell**.

Noel Stanek wished **Dave Rayburn** a Happy Birthday and **Steve Quigley** did the same for **Shannon Royer**.

Happy Bucks: **Steve Karp** (Full room today, we will achieve 200 members), **Geoff Baker's** guest (The Full Monty is a great show at the Media Theatre), **Martha Carson-Gentry** (**Jean Oakes'** niece is captain of the US Field Hockey team going to Beijing), **Ken Hickman** (going to be grandfather), **Dave Biffen** (**Noel** raises the IQ at their table and his daughter received her Masters' degree for Penn State) **Greg Radford** (his first guest ever today is from Safe Harbor), **Jim Langer** (Boy Scout Council keeps him busy but he did make brownies with his daughter), and **Adrienne Masak-Rozier** (sold house thanks to **Laura** and **Geoff Baker** and they will stay in the area after all!).

President Gary's announcements: May 17 is the District Assembly at Delaware Community College. Breakfast is free. May 31 will be a remembrance service for Bill Eaton at People's Light and Theatre 11-noon for visits and noon for the program. Gundaker undergraduate grants went to two students from WCU (\$1,000 each) and one in Downingtown (\$3,000). Please support Gundaker as they have been very supportive of our club. We are in solid financial health with \$20,000 in the black. Please give project ideas to Avenue Chairs for budget year 2008-2009. The motion to incorporate districts was moved,

seconded and accepted unanimously.

Jack Wintemute reminded all that Rotary night at the Blue Rocks is May 21.

Matt Schwab invited everyone to Rotaract club's Dine Out on May 13.

Adrienne Masak-Rozier let us know that the Youth Exchange students will speak on May 22. They are going to the Blue Rocks game and need tickets. **Terry McGrath** has donated, can anyone else?

May 15 is the due date for Community Grant Applications according to **Matt Bradley**.

Linda Hicks informed us that Rotary Scholarship recipients were chosen independently by a team who did not know the identity of applicants. Ellen Brown was chosen from Henderson and Yvonne deFuria from East. RYLA participant Raj Matwani will be the Interact president at Henderson.

Bob Rogers reported on the Ad Hoc Committee that reviewed the buy-laws. The proposed changes and explanations will be posted on the web site. Those who do not have access to the Internet should contact Bob.

50-50 recipient was **Adrienne Masak-Rozier**. The beneficiary will be the West Chester Community Center.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Dr. Robert Poole and **Irvie Hoffman** had a hand in his coming to the Chester County Hospital in 1977, said Perry Pepper, President/CEO. What has always been apparent to him is how Rotary and the hospital are so integrated into the community, said Pepper, a member of our club during the 1980s.

The hospital is in its 115th year, the oldest hospital in the area, and is beginning another expansion project. With the assistance of our Rotary Club at the hospital's upcoming Mayfest, funds raised will support the new North Pavilion Project. Pepper gave some history of the hospital's expansion through the years.

Pepper said it is predicted the population served by the hospital will grow 13 percent by 2013 due to the aging of the population and the increased health issues that aging brings with it. Currently, the hospital is at capacity in most units and facilities. The Emergency Room is full almost 24 hours a day now but they keep taking patients.

Pepper showed some architectural renderings of how and where they plan to expand. The expansion will add 72 private patient rooms on 3 floors, explaining that they have determined that private rooms are not only more desirable by patients but are more efficient for the hospital. They will also replace the operating rooms, which are currently 400 square feet, the size they were when built in 1924; operating rooms need to be 800 square feet. The new cardiovascular unit has been stuffed into the old facility and will get its own expanded space. The Emergency Room will be renovated to provide more privacy and there will be a new lobby for better access to services.

To date, the hospital has raised \$22 million of the \$25 million it needs to break ground. Pepper showed additional schematics, giving information about the operating room platform which will contain 18 operating rooms, a suite of cardiovascular rooms and an attached patient floor of 24 beds. He pointed out the atrium entrance to the new hospital wing and the new patient tower. He also showed the area that is planned for future expansion, "but not on my watch!" he commented.

Total cost for the expansion is projected at \$110 million, which figures out to about \$1 million per bed. While the architectural designs, cost estimates and philanthropy have gone pretty much as planned, there has been one glitch in the process.

The glitch has been the bond market that plays such a big part in financing hospital expansions. The hospital board did not get involved in the sub prime epidemic, but the bond market has to right itself, which it is finally doing, Pepper said, explaining "we're just waiting for the smoke to clear."

Turning to the hospital's 25th annual May Festival that is coming up May 15 – 18th, Pepper said he recalls there's always been a booth manned by Rotarians and appreciates that the hospital and Rotary are such an integral part of the community. This year, due to the hospital expansion, the festival will be held at the Goshen Fair Grounds. He especially cited this year's involvement of the Rotaract Club and the help with advertising and promotion of the Cancer Bike Ride.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Rotary 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

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SAVE THE DATE

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>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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