



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 29, 2008

Classification Talks

Dan Cosgrove & Adam Gdowik

Arranged by Noel Stanek

Next Week's Program: June 5, 2008

To be announced

MINUTES by Sue Casso

As our illustrious piano player was not in attendance today, we opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was delivered by **Joanne Tadeo** with an observation about Memorial Day. **President Gary** indicated that we have an action packed meeting today.

Visiting Rotarians were District Governor, Russ DeFuria and his wife Dawn, and Bob Thomas from We-Go.

There was a plethora of visitors today - **Rick Dunlap** introduced members of the East High School Interact Club and gave the President's Pin to the new Interact Club president, Laurel Taylor. Rick commented that it is an honor and privilege to know the young people active in this club.

Linda Hicks introduced the parents of our scholarship recipients, **Judge Paula Ott** introduced Wendy Hoffman, Executive Director of the Bar Association, **Terry McGrath** introduced a visitor, **Bob Rogers** introduced his daughter Tracey, and **Patty Jefferis** introduced her daughter Jamie. Also in attendance were our exchange students and their host families.

Hal Green wished happy birthday to **Jack Cording** and **Chuck Swope** wished happy birthday to **Bob Rogers**.

President Gary reminded us that May 31 is the Life Celebration for **Bill Eaton** and we should contact his wife, Lyn, if we plan to attend. June 20th is the Governor's Installation at Citizens Bank Park. The Board will be reviewing the budget at the June Board

Meeting. Henderson High School Interact Club Charter night is June 5th.

Bob Thomas announced that We-Go Rotary is having an auction on Ebay to benefit the good works of their club. The website is wegerotary.org/auction.html.

Former club member, Esther Brown, from Cares Food Network, was on hand to announce their event on June 5th - a lunch donated by the Stadium Grille to raise funds and awareness.

Steve Quigley reminded us about the Barclay Friends Golf Outing on June 9th.

Linda Hicks introduced the student who attended the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) conference. He enjoyed his RYLA experience and is going to be president of the newly formed Interact Club at (?) Rustin.

Linda then introduced our two scholarship recipients: Ellen Brown from Henderson and Yvonne DeFuria from East. Both are very active young women and worthy of the award.

Rick Dunlap introduced the Students of the Month from East High School - Deanna Washington and Matt Cafarchio. Two more accomplished future leaders!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

Adrienne Masak-Rozier introduced the exchange students host families in attendance.

Bjoern Brauner, our exchange student from Germany arrived in America on August 15, 2007. He has lived with three different host families. Bjoern attends Henderson High School and has participated on both the basketball and golf teams. He showed the club pictures of his year in America. Bjoern enjoys

Henderson High School. He stated that school is different here than in Germany and that the American Christmas also has differences than the way it is celebrated in Germany. Bjoern had the opportunity to participate in the following trips as an exchange student. He traveled to Washington D.C., New York City (twice), skiing at Bear Creek Mountain, attended a Gundaker Foundation Meeting, participated in the District Conference, Relay for Life, attended a Phillies and Sixers game, a football game at Penn State and saw Senator Hillary Clinton when she was in the area. In addition, he traveled to Baltimore and attended the West Chester University International Day. He thanked the Rotary Club of West Chester, his host families, **Geoff Baker, Bert Volger, Adrienne**, all of the exchange students, his basketball coach, Coach Ball and Henderson High School. He has had a wonderful experience in America.

Andrea Kogoj, from Italy attended Unionville- Chadds-Ford School District. He played on the school's soccer team. Andrea had great experiences at school dances and at the prom. He participated in trips to Washington D.C. and New York. He thanked everyone involved with his Youth Exchange experience.

Adrienne read an excerpt from a speech given by another exchange student. The young woman who wrote it stated that being an exchange student is not a vacation but rather a series of life changing events. She found in her host family a family that wanted to love her. This experience boosted her self esteem and strengthened her. This is what YOUTH EXCHANGE CAN DO FOR YOU.

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May 31 Remembrance for Bill Eaton at
People's Light

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

THANK YOU

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

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