



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 5, 2008

Classification Talk

Speaker: Steve McGann

Aranged by Noel Stanek

Next Week's Program: June 12, 2008

Low Carbon Electricity Generation

Vicki Will-VP Regulatory, Environmental

Arranged by Ed Malet

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

Mark Sammerone began the meeting with an invocation. **President Gary** shared a thought but honestly I was distracted and didn't make a note of what wisdom he shared with us. We had two visiting Rotarians: our friend John Saling and a new face, Jeff Bahls, all the way from Park City, Utah. We had 4 guests: Kim Hall, Eileen McKewin (one of our scholarship recipients), Catherine Smith, and Anne Bainbridge.

President Gary reminded us about the memorial service for **Bill Eaton** (held Saturday, May 31). June 20 is Rotary day at the Phillies. The 2008-9 budget is being formed – if you have ideas for a project you'd like to see funded see an Avenue Chair. We also had the sad news that Lee Bunting has resigned from our club because he has taken a new position with the Brandywine Y. Ours was the 3rd club he'd been a member of – and he said it was by far the best! Also on a sad note **President Gary** shared that **Pete Thompson's** father passed away.

We then made an awkward shift into Happy Bucks – but **Phoebe Kitson** got us off to a good start offering the fact that her picture was in the Kennett YMCA magazine and it was a bathing suit shot (isn't that an extra fine?). **Duke Evans** was happy that his grandson was home from Iraq for 18 days. **Mark Sammerone** is happy that **Eric Trajtenberg** is joining our fabulous web team and also he thanked the club for our participation and support of the CC Hospital's Mayfest. **Steve Quigley** was happy to share that **Al Filano** won the 50/50 at the Senior Center that morning (he gave him the payout, too). And **Eric Trajtenberg** was happy that his 8 and ½ month old was saying "Dada" although he's not convinced the word has any relationship to him yet.

Our fine Finemaster, **Jack Wintermute**, seemed to relish in announcing a fine for **Charlie Lyddane** for his picture in the paper last week. Charlie's fine was increased because of a lack of a Rotary pin

and again because he didn't give our other member who was with him, **Paul Woodruff**, a chance to talk. Paul is apparently off the hook as Jack felt he had suffered enough due to Charlie's hogging the limelight.

A few more announcements: **Victoria Dow** told us about an opportunity to contribute to Books for Soldiers. Fill a flat mailing box with paperbacks (she discouraged romance novels), puzzle books, and snacks and put a list on the outside of the box. See Victoria or **Chuck Swope** for more details.

Almost-President Steve Karp shared that next week he will complete his last training for his upcoming term. He announced that at the Club Assembly last week he learned that Rotary was the first humanitarian organization to arrive on the scene in Myanmar which increased his pride in being a Rotarian. He also reminded us about the Presidential Gala on July 10 – it will be an evening meeting at the club with spouses/significant others invited. **Sue Casso** continued on that vein sharing that **Bob Poole** has agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies that evening and that soon flyers will be available about giving donations to the Silent Auction. **Dick Yoder** reminded us of the Blood Drive next week (June 5) and **Joe Polito** suggested we could support two good causes in one by buying our books for the soldiers at the Second Reading in town.

David Wood won the 50/50 but did not draw the Queen of Spades.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Ott

Classification talk – Dan Cosgrove

Dan is a third-generation West Chester family, and the fourth of five children. He graduated from Malvern Prep and Franklin & Marshall College. He met his wife when she cut his hair, and they are today celebrating their third wedding anniversary. He shared with us the anniversary card his wife gave him—sounds like a terrific marriage. They have a 20-month-old

daughter.

Dan left his career selling cars and is now the Operations and Marketing Manager for LaDifferance, which is owned by his mother-in-law, MaryLou Enochs. This career change gives him greater freedom to be more active in the community, which he has done through coaching the Henderson Ice Hockey Team (his 17-year-old son plays on the team), serving on the Advisory Board of the CCH May Festival, and working with Chili Cook-Off Committee.

He said the value of Rotary to the community was vividly expressed to him when he was running in the recent Brian's Run and saw a family with a child in a wheelchair at approximately Mile 4, holding a large sign that said "Thank you for helping us".

Dan thanked the following people for introducing him to Rotary and making him feel very welcome: **Patty Jefferis**, his sponsor, **Mark Sammarone**, "**Uncle Joe**" **Polito**, **Sue and Bob Rogers**, **Steve Quigley**, and **Christina Combee**.

Classification talk – Adam Gdowik

Adam's involvement in Rotary goes back to 1998-1999 when he was an Exchange Student in Cochabamba, Bolivia. His first host family was very disappointing and he ended up with an e-coli infection and spent three weeks in the hospital. Thereafter, he was transferred to the perfect family for the balance the year. He has maintained contact with another Rotary exchange student he met that year, who now lives in California.

Adam is an Eagle Scout, and I'm sure those lessons served him well during his challenging year in Bolivia. All in all, the experience makes him want to participate in our Exchange Program and encourage others to spend a year abroad, even if it is not in a cosmopolitan, European country.

Adam, who graduated from Delaware County Community College, has been working more recently for Comstar. He has moved up from being a technician and sales engineer to selling phone systems to companies with 50 – 1,000 users, both locally and nationally.

Adam, as did Dan, grew up in West Chester, attended St. Agnes, and then Henderson High School.

We welcome both these new members and the talents they bring to our club.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Jeannie McGinn** of McGinn Marketing Works.

SAVE THE DATE

June 12 Blood Drive
July 3 No Meeting

July 10 President's Party

Oct 5 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

PRESIDENT'S GALA

The President's Gala, honoring the year of **President Gary Hess** and the induction of **Incoming President Steve Karp** and the Board of Directors will be held Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at West Chester Golf and Country Club. Spouses and guests welcome at \$30.00 per person / \$50.00 per couple.

Through many generous donations from our fellow Rotarians, a silent and live auction will be conducted to benefit our good works and our Rotary Club. To donate an item or to register for this event contact Sue Casso Rogers at a Rotary meeting, via e-mail at shcasso@cs.com or by phone 610-429-4015. Register by July 1st

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