



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 12, 2008

Low Carbon Electricity Generation
Vicki Will-VP Regulatory, Environmental
and Safety at Excelon
Arranged by Ed Malet

Next Week's Program: June 19, 2008

Honorary Rotarian
Speaker: Christina McCawley
Arranged: Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Gary Hess opened the meeting and it was nice to have **Faith Woodward**, back from Sweden, at the keyboard again. In recognition of her son's graduation from Westtown School, **Elizabeth Guman** read a graduation prayer that was as fitting for Rotarians as for graduates. **President Gary** followed with a heaven and hell joke, which prompted some members to deem it "better than his usual!"

Visiting Rotarians included Joe Hempel from Swarthmore, Rick Stevenson and John Veditta from Sunrise, with **Becky Cacace** adding that John is interested in pursuing membership in our club. **Ed Malet** introduced several guests who participated in the recent Chester County Cancer Challenge Bike Ride, one of the events of the Chester County Hospital Mayfest.

John Schwab extended birthday greetings to his son, **Matt**, as well as to **Faith Woodward**, who **John** noted has nice legs, as well as a good singing voice! **Cathy Palmquist** wished **Matt Bradley** a happy birthday with a hug, since she had no intimate details about **Matt** to share.

Geoff Baker donated the first happy buck of the day as he heads off to Louisiana to help build homes with Habitat for Humanity, **Victoria Dow** is happy to be heading to Ireland to see her sister and consume some Guinness, and **Gary Hewitt**, is happy to please his friends by wearing a helmet when he rides his motorcycle. **Steve Karp** is happy his business and his radio show are both experiencing growth.

Adrienne Masak-Rozier is happy to move into her new house in Honeybrook and will have a housewarming when she unpacks the boxes. She is also happy that **Terry McGrath** and **Bill Hess** were among members who made it possible for our exchange students to attend a sporting event., and that a soccer game that she and **Jeff Sommer** had an interest in got rained out. **Terry McGrath** was

happy to report he is in better health now and particularly happy that his daughter Kim graduated from West Chester University with a 3.99, bought a car, and was even paying her own insurance.

Bill Gotwals was happy that he and his partner were shuffleboard winners at Bellingham after three months of competition, and **Michelle Parent** reported that the retirement community she works for received the top award from the Homebuilders Assn. as one of the top retirement communities in the nation.

Joe Polito is happy his daughter is getting married in Cape May tomorrow, and **President Gary** is happy to head out for a day at the race track.

President Gary reminded members tonight is Charter Night for the Henderson HS Interact Club, which our club sponsors. He announced the new Friday Club now has 20 members and can proceed with its charter. The proposed bylaws changes for our club are online and members should make comments before June 15th.

Avenue chairs are working on their budgets and members should get items to be included to them. **Sue Casso** reminded members of the Presidential Gala on July 10th. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will help with club infrastructure updating planned by **Steve Karp**, incoming president, and for good works of the club.

Dick Yoder reminded members of the blood drive coming up next week and thanked the six Rotarians who have already signed up. **Victoria Dow** reminded members of the Books for Soldiers program and **Chuck Swope** passed out boxes.

Before presenting a check for the Cancer Center and Neighborhood Hospice, **Ed Malet** introduced Andrea DeVotte and Tom ?, from the Chester County Hospital, along with some of the riders who participated in the CC Cancer Challenge bike race: **Bob Connolly**, **Mark Sammarone**, Steve Conde, Victor Ohnjec and Rick Stevenson.. Stevenson, chair of the race, said over

40 cyclists rode 1,670 miles. Rotary matched the funds raised.

Bill Ronayne won the 50/50, but the queen eluded him.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Steve McGann began his classification talk by continuing happy bucks in honor of the Cancer Challenge, and spoke about his close friend Elliot Vaughn. Elliot was an avid cyclist, logging 1,000 miles a year. After discovering that he had colon cancer, Elliot organized a 100 mile ride to raise awareness and gave the money to the Cancer Center at the Chester County Hospital. He also became involved in the May Fest ride. The Sunrise Club now has a fellowship named in honor of Elliot Vaughn.

Steve is a returnee to our club, having first joined in 1982 and then helping to form the Sunrise Club in 1989. He recognized that many join Rotary for business reasons, as he did, but feels that if you don't grow beyond that point your stay in Rotary is short. For Steve, connecting with neighbors who share the same goals and values is what's most important. He served as president of the Sunrise Club in 1992-93 when the motto was "Real Happiness is Helping Others," a motto that he still finds to be true. Steve is a Paul Harris, Elliot Vaughn and Guy Gundaker Fellow. He finds launching the Elliot Vaughn Fellowship to be his highest achievement.

Steve currently works in the Wealth Management Division of First National Bank of Chester County with a focus on identifying new prospective customers and lists a host of volunteer commitments. He moved from Drexel Hill to West Chester State College in 1965 and has lived and worked in West Chester ever since. He has two grown children: one who works in medicine and one who works in woodworking.

Welcome back, Steve!

THANK YOU

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

GUNDAKER

Our club is only 30% of the way toward fulfilling our Gundaker Foundation contribution goals for this Rotary year, both in total dollars and percentage of members who have contributed.

Please send your contribution made out to Gundaker Foundation to: Pat Barron, 20 McMullan Farm Lane, West Chester, PA 19382

SAVE THE DATE

June 12 Blood Drive
July 3 No Meeting
July 10 No lunch 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 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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