



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: June 19, 2008

Honorary Rotarian

Speaker: Christina McCawley

Arranged: Dave Rayburn

Next Week's Program: June 26, 2008

To be announced

OOPS NO MINUTES!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Vicky Will, VP for Regulatory, Environment, and Safety with Exelon Corp, assisted by Merrie Street, Sr. Communication Specialist, explained Exelon's effort to reduce its carbon emissions and greenhouse gases. Exelon joined a group called "EPA Climate Leader" which pledges to reduce greenhouse gases by 8%. Exelon has met that goal already, primarily by selling or retiring most of its fossil burning generating plants. At present Exelon produces 93% of its electric power from nuclear plants and only 7% from coal, oil, and gas. Exelon also purchases some small amounts of power from wind and solar generating companies, but these sources are some of the most expensive at the present time. Exelon has many community outreach programs for education and conservation. This summer it will open a "Renewable Energy Education Center" initially aimed at children in grades 4 through 8. But later Exelon hopes to expand its educational outreach to older students and adults. The ladies ably handled many questions after their prepared talk. President Gary Hess presented them with a Rotary Chili Cookoff apron to wear for their next cookout, despite the source of power.

BOOKS TO SOLDIERS

Here's a quick outline and an "about us" from the website, www.booksforsoldiers.com/index.php

Many times the request is simply for "any care package", so don't worry about filling a specific

need. Also, the board moderators point out that if you include something the recipient can't use, it'll get passed on to someone who can.

1. you can fill the flat rate box to capacity - weight is not an issue (would not recommend sending really heavy items)
2. keep a list on a separate sheet of paper of what you pack in the box - e.g. 6 paperback books, 2 DVDs, cookies, candies, etc. (we will need this to complete the shipping form), also, when I reply to a post to let that soldier know that we are sending a package I like to list what to expect.
3. books - paperback only! Thrillers, mysteries, sci-fi, legal thrillers - remember that the audience is mostly young (20s) males! I usually include 4-6
4. DVDs!! Especially new/recent titles, suspense, mystery, etc. also often requested are DVDs of the most recent release of a popular TV series like Lost or The Wire
5. magazines - recent issues of Sport Illustrated, car magazines, off-road/ATV magazines, - again things that appeal to young men
6. snack items: beef jerky (Gary Hess was right about this one!), mixed nuts (not in glass!), oreo cookies (just put a layer of bubble wrap around them), chewing gum, hard candies, individual serving coffee packets (the ones that look like tea bags), granola bars (the chewy kind!), cereal, etc
7. puzzle books - just be sure to include some mechanical pencils with erasers!
8. baby wipes - RiteAid sells an unscented version that come in packs of 15 wipes. Not expensive and pack well.
9. toiletries are also often requested...

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 21 Planning and Leadership Meeting
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

DUES DUE

Rotary dues is now due for the 2008-2009 Rotary year.? The dues are \$230 and can be paid in full or in two payments of \$115 by July 1, 2008 and \$115 by January 1, 2009.? Please hand me a check at a meeting or mail a check to me at the address below.? Attached is an invoice if you need to submit one to your company.

Thank you for your prompt attention in paying your dues. Trish Kotsay/Secretary

BUDGET

The Proposed 2008-2009 Budget is now available online for your review and comment through July 3rd.

You'll find the necessary links on the Home Page of the Club Website <http://www.westchesterrotary.us>

You will be required to enter the Members Only username and password to access the budget and comment form.

PLANNING AND LEADERSHIP MEETING

Who: 2008-2009 Board Members, Past Board Members, Avenue Chairs and Vice Chairs, Past Presidents, Future Leaders and All Interested Parties

Why: Create our Vision for the next rotary year, Timeline to Greatness!

When: Saturday, June 21st, 8am-10am

Where: Brandywine Valley Heating & Air Conditioning 917 Old Fern Hill Road Suite 300, West Chester PA 19380 610.692.3900 fax 610.692.2944 - Steve Karp

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