



# ROTARY VOTARY

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**Make Dreams Real**

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**July 31, 2008**

**This Week's Program: July 31, 2008**

**Speaker: Victoria Dow**

**How Do I Find the "Deep Web"?**

**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**Next Week's Program: August 7, 2008**

**To be announced**

## **MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

In opening, **President Steve Karp** commented how Rotary continues to make a difference around the world each day. In giving the invocation, **Ken Hickman** offered a prayer about children, with a personal request for special skills for his upcoming grandson.

**Bill Ronayne's** guests included Lloyd Roach, who is interested in membership, and Sue Carr; **Katie Walker** reintroduced Tony ? from Comcast, who is also interested in membership, **Dave Biffen** introduced his wife, Patti, **Bob Frame** introduced Elizabeth Hunt, his fiancée, Dr. Judy D'Angelo, guest speaker, president of the Chesterbrook Rotary Club, and his mother-in-law-to-be, and her husband, Arthur Kline; and **Concetta Schiattarella** introduced Wes Quinn.

**Katie Decker**, Sgt-at-Arms-elect, introduced visiting Rotarian Arthur Kline of the Chesterbrook Club.

Extending birthday wishes were **Mark Sammarone** to **Trish Kotsay**, **Joe Polito** to **Joe Della Vecchia**, **Victoria Dow** to **Shauna Yeldel**, **Jack Wintermute** to **Pete Thompson** and **Cathy Palmquist** to **Jean Oakes**.

**President Steve** noted that former Sgt-at-Arms **Bob Crow** was back with us and may not be moving away after all, to which club members responded with enthusiastic applause.

**President Steve** extended a sincere "thanks" to **Katie Decker**, **Mac Neilon**, and **Adam Godwik**, the Sgt-at-Arms team, for locating our sound system and plugging it in for the meeting – what a difference!

Happy Bucks were shared by **Victoria Dow**, who clarified the program she will present to us on searching the web at the library, by **Pat Barron** who is proud of a speech he gave recently to the parliament in Brussels which was so well received that it has been circulating the world via the web, by **Joe Polito**, who reminded members he has new Rotary coffee cups for sale at \$10 each, and that **Ash Smith's** horse is sick, and by **John Olszewski**, who asked **Pat Barron** for the title of his speech (Monetary Strategies for Developing Countries), and by **Charlie Lyddane**, whose oldest daughter is moving out, but whose younger daughter will probably live with them until the house burns down!

**President Steve** announced that new name badges will be purchased by the end of the summer, and in democratic fashion, asked for input from members as to whether they want their classifications listed. The majority voted "yes" for classifications to remain. Members will have an opportunity to review and make adjustments to their name badges before they are ordered.

**President Steve** reminded members to put his cell phone number in their contact information, phones, etc, so they will have the number should they need to reach him.

**Trish Kotsay** won \$17 in the 50/50, but missed the queen.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron**

**Bob Frame** introduced our guest speaker, Judy D'Angelo, of the Timothy School in Berwyn. Judy has the dubious honor of being Bob's future mother-in-law, although it is difficult to understand how

one's mother-in-law can look younger than her son-in-law does. On second thought, since it is Bob we are talking about, it isn't so difficult. But I digress from Ms. D'Angelo's very informative talk about autism.

The Timothy School for autistic children is dedicated to "teaching children to be children". Currently fifty-four pupils are enrolled. Ms. D'Angelo, the school's executive director, has over thirty years experience in special education. She explained that the incidence of diagnosed autism has increased in the past decades from one in one thousand to one in one hundred and fifty. Some of the increase can be explained by new definitions of autism; whereby, children with autism are no longer diagnosed as mentally retarded. But this does not explain all of the increase.

There is no known cause of autism and no known cure. Some statistics are interesting but their meaning is unclear. For example, boys are diagnosed about four times as often as girls are. Twenty-five percent of autistic children have sleep disorders; twenty-five percent have digestive disorders; and twenty-five percent have seizures.

There are many theories about the cause, ranging from side effects from a common preservative in vaccinations (according to Charlie Lyddane, there is little evidence that this very useful additive is the cause) to a genetic one which prevents cerebral development in autistic children's first two years of life. This theory postulates that in the first two years a child's brain undergoes tremendous development that allows it to filter out distractions, such as extraneous light and noise, and that this does not happen in the autistic. However, nothing is definitive.

There are known ways to educate and socialize autistic children so that both they and their loved ones can lead more normal lives. That is the role of the Timothy School. The school uses all the latest clinical knowledge about autism to structure a teaching environment that is conducive to learning. The school educates the autistic child's family, too, so that both school and

home life are structured the same, something that the autistic require. The Timothy School is a Godsend for the autistic and their families

### NOTICE

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

**James Langer**, District Director, Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America; Classification: Non-Profit Organization – Management; Sponsor: **Noel Stanek**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Victoria Dow** of the West Chester Library.

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### SAVE THE DATE

Oct 5

Chili Cook Off -

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