



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: August 14, 2008

Induction of James Langer

Classification Talk

Speaker: Shauna Yeldell

arranged by Noel Stanek

Next Week's Program: August 21, 2008

Osher Institute

Speaker: Dick Calef

arranged by David Biffen

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Steve rang the meeting to order at 12:25; **Frank Helms** gave the invocation consisting of 20 tips for a better life. After welcoming all to today's meeting, **Pres. Steve** noted there were no announcements listed, but that he would call for announcements from the floor.

Guests today were Jim Smith with **Dave Rayburn**; Brenda Hanna introduced by **Dave Biffen**; Arnita Smith, who is in the membership pipeline, came as **Shauna Yeldell's** guest; Dave Brown (sp?) was introduced by **Michele Parent**; Susan Carr, also in the membership pipeline, was bravely sitting at The Table of Some Repute and was introduced by **Jeff Sommer**; and finally, Tony Colantonio, another soul waiting in the membership pipeline, was again introduced by **Katie Walker**.

Despite **Pres. Steve's** attempt to create more, there was only one birthday wish made. **Geoff Baker** wished **Tom Spackman** a Happy Birthday.

Pres. Steve announced the new Rotarian of the Month program. At the end of this Rotary year, one from among the 12 Rotarians of the Month will be selected as our Rotarian of the Year, to receive \$1,000 from the club and their Paul Harris Fellow. July's Rotarian of the Month is **Katie Decker** our new Sergeant-at-Arms in-training. **Pres. Steve** thanked her for stepping up to do this important and demanding job.

Lots of folks were happy today. Putting in Happy Bucks were **Frank Helms** for his clean bill of health courtesy of Sloan Kettering; **Faith Woodward** for an article about Barclay Friends' 115th anniversary in the Senior Resource Guide; **Michele Parent** for having on-the-job help now; **Cristina Combee** for a newly graduated son; **Geoff Baker** for his wife's

phenomenal effort in fundraising for the 3-day breast cancer walk this fall; **Patty Jefferis** for the great care her mother is receiving at the Hickman and Barclay – great teamwork; James Langer for his soon-to-be membership in our club; **Joe Polito** for the fact that no police officer was hurt during the recent hold-up at the Microtel, and for us all to remember our police force; and finally **Pres. Steve** for successful surgery on his new puppy and being named Medical Director of a new company.

Sue Casso noted that the Presidential Gala has raised over \$7,000 for the club, and she will have embroidered Chili Cook-off t-shirts for sale soon.

Charlie Lyddane announced that Paoli Presbyterian has contributed \$5,000 towards the Kenya water project, putting us half-way to the amount needed for the matching funds. He also thanked **Paul Woodruff** for his untiring and ceaseless efforts on behalf of this project.

That was it. **Jean Oakes** won the 50/50, again, though she did not find the Queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Geriatric care management is an issue that faces many of us and will someday face the rest of us. Helen Hopkinson, the founder and CEO of Main Line Elder Care Associates (MLECA) presented us with facts and figures around elder care and the solutions that her company provides for families.

Helen is a wife, mother, daughter, attorney and certified arbitrator who completed college and law school after the age of 45. When her mother became ill in 2005 and was being moved back and forth between assisted living and the hospital, Helen became a long distance care giver. She then decided to move back to the West Chester area to manager her mother's care first-hand. This

led her to found MLECA, so that she could take the skills that she applied to her own needs and provide them to others.

According to several sources in Helen's presentation:

- o 25% of American households now take care of an elderly parent
- o 45% of employees with families state that caring for the elderly causes conflict in the work-home balance
- o \$33 billion is lost annually due to elder care burdens of employees in America
- o Employee-caregivers miss an average of 25 days of work per year
- o Only 25% of American businesses provide dependent care programs

MLECA develops care plans for the elderly based on assessments that consider the medical/mental condition of the individual and the family dynamics. Their services include: nurses-aides-companions, case management, health care advocates, corporate dependent care plans, mediation, and financial and legal assistance. For more information: www.mainlineeldercare.com

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FROM DON KRURN LEE, PRESIDENT of RI

Each new Rotarian we bring into our clubs helps to *Make Dreams Real*. That is why, this year, I am asking Rotarians everywhere to meet bold membership goals: first, to increase membership by 10 percent and, second, to create two new clubs per district.

If we look for new Rotarians only among our friends and family, we may not be able to find enough qualified new members. But if we reach out to community leaders who are a different profession, or a different generation, we will find many potential Rotarians.

It is natural to want to invite people into our clubs who are like ourselves, but that limits the diversity and talent in each club. We must welcome younger members to our clubs, or we will have not only lost an important source of energy and expertise but also failed in our duty to our organization to train the next generation of club presidents, district governors, and senior RI leaders.

Remember: Membership is the responsibility of each of us. Every one has an obligation to keep Rotary strong, active, and growing. If we hope to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children in a meaningful and lasting way, we must ensure a new generation of Rotarians to continue our work.

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