



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester
Wilfrid J. Williams, International President 2007-2008

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This Week's Program: August 21, 2008

Osher Institute
Speaker: Dick Calef
arranged by David Biffen

Next Week's Program: August 28, 2008

Vision Technology
Speaker: John Poth
arranged by David Biffen

MINUTES by Joe Polito

President Steve struck the bell and called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.; **Rich Kaufmann** provided the invocation designated "A Prayer for Courage".

Our sole Visiting Rotarian was Tim Walsh of Kennett Rotary.

Guests: **John Schwab** introduced Pam Costanzi, a prospective member. Arnita Smith was present and **James Langer** introduced Soren Holland. **Mac Neilon** was accompanied by his daughter, Ali Neilon. Also in attendance were two recently approved for membership, Sue Karr and Lloyd Roach. Also attending the meeting Deborah Galdo and Kim Tiger.

The only birthday celebrated was announced by **Frank Helms** of WCU Library for the individual having the best job at the University, former **Past President Mel Josephs** (celebrating her 39th birthday).

Happy Dollars were donated as follows by **Bob Frame (Kevin Quinn** and his wife, Barbara, were presented the Shanahan HS Medal. Bob also had with him the magazine showing a photograph of the dress designed by **Charlie Lyddane's** daughter and noted that Charlie's weekly dress at Rotary shows his daughter obtained her talent from her mother. He gave his third dollar recognizing that **Don Stonestrom** had sat at "the table" and was surviving.) **Ken Hickman** (thanks for the seat belts worn by him and his wife when they had a serious traffic accident. Both are recuperating.) **Geoff Baker** (honoring the new students for Youth Exchange for your Club and District 7450. One of the students we are hosting from Japan should arrive tomorrow.) **John Schwab** (honoring the Rotoacters who have made application for their Charter. They completed their first fundraiser and have donated a check for \$1,600.00 to the Food Cares Network.) **Katie Walker** (\$5.00 for the West Chester Chamber of Commerce's preparing

\$10.00 school supply boxes for children in the Greater West Chester Area and that our club approved a donation of \$500.00 to cover the costs of 50 of those boxes.) **Jean Oakes** (the Minutes from the meeting of August 7th indicated she had again won the 50/50 and she would not win the 50/50 on August 14th, because she did not buy tickets and instead placed her money in the Happy Dollars basket.)

President Steve reported that the Board has decided to supply the funds to provide birthday gifts rather than ask members to be sponsors. He also noted that **Dave Biffen** has suggested purchasing a larger screen for the meetings noting that yours truly could not see from the coffee sales table. It was also suggested that there be a close investigation of speakers for the future as they should not be infomercials; but rather programs designed to tell about certain activities, people, programs, etc. He also noted that a sheet was being circulated pertaining to the Club's purchase of new badges. Any changes to badges after that will be at the cost of the Rotarian.

Dave Raburn reported on Club extension and that the new afternoon Club now has 21 members (13 new Rotarians in the area added to the eight of our former members who left to form that Club.) They meet at the West Chester Library and have their Charter night scheduled for October 18, 2008. Additional information will follow.

Frank Helms thanked the Rotary Readers who had been reading to second grade students at the Penn Wood, Hillsdale and East Bradford elementary schools and noted those members who served last year. The West Chester Charter School has been added and additional readers will be needed for readings every other week. It is a school comprising kindergarten through third grade and basically minority families in the West Chester area. It was also noted that dictionaries are given out at the end of the year to the students in the classes and there were some 300 dictionaries at a

cost of \$1.60 each given out. There were some extras and 25 were given to the Police Athletic League for distribution to children. The cost of the dictionaries will increase to \$1.85 and additional funds might be necessary.

Katie Walker, Team Chair for the Chili Cook-Off, announced that last year there were in excess of 50 teams and to date there are only 18 for the Oct. 5th event. It was noted it is the primary fundraiser for West Chester Rotary. **Bill Roynane** is the Chairman and there was a meeting to take place at his office that afternoon. Katie indicated that those contacted as to why they had no signed up indicated either "too much work and/or inability to provide the manpower needed".

Since **Jean Oakes** did not have a ticket, **Katie Decker** had her pick the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing. Number 4223 meant \$16.00 for **Michele Parent**; but she did not find the Queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

It can be difficult to think of special ways to celebrate your birthday. Today, **Jim Langer** certainly was able to do that – it was his birthday and he was inducted as the first new member of our club for the 2008-2009 Rotary year: As the District Director of the Boy Scouts of America, Jim dressed for the occasion in his official Scout uniform! **Past President Charles Streitwieser** conducted the induction of Jim, who was proposed as a member by **Noel Stanek**. While Jim is new to our club, he is not new to Rotary. He comes to us from the Mechanicsburg Club where he served as an Avenue Chair.

We then heard from another relatively new member, **Shauna Yeldell**, who gave her classification talk. Shauna is a Vice President of Commercial Banking at Fulton Bank right on Market Street in West Chester. She enjoys her work and especially loves challenging cases where she gets to be creative in solving customer problems. She attended Mississippi State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Apparently she discovered during her college years that her gifts lie elsewhere since she shared that the only way the dean of the school agreed to give her the degree is if she swore not to ever become an engineer!

Shauna and her family recently moved to the area after living in Mississippi, South Carolina and Alabama. Her husband, Harold, is a Naval Academy graduate and was recruited by Exelon. They have two boys, Zach and Matthew.

Over the past 10 years Shauna has been a member of two other Rotary Clubs. When her boss

told her she should join, Shauna admitted she was very reluctant because her impression of Rotary was that they were not interested in women and certainly not African American women. But her boss was persistent (thank goodness!) and she checked it out and has never looked back. She has been very involved in both her clubs and looks forward to contributing to our club. Shauna explained that she is very proud to be a Rotarian and views Rotary as an important way to be a good world citizen.

THANK YOU

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