



Make Dreams Real

Bulletin #8

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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August 28, 2008

This Week's Program August 28, 2008

Vision Technology

Speaker: John Poth

Arranged by David Biffen

Next Week's Program: September 4, 2008

Best Seat in the House

Speaker: Dan Wheeler

Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Steve opened the meeting and **Bill Hess** gave an invocation. He mentioned that he just returned from a trip to India where he saw important humanitarian work on the part of Rotary.

It was a big day for guests: Arnita Smith (approved to become a member!), George Scherback (**Bill Hess**), Pam Costanzi (**John Schwab**), Sue Karr (**Jeannie McGinn**), Tony Colintino (**Katie Walker**), Tracy Rogers (**Bob Rogers'** daughter), Peter Guman (**Elizabeth Guman**), Jim Smith (**Dave Rayburn**), Dick Calef (speaker), Matt Weidman (with the speaker), Mark and Ellen Morun (our host family), Anri Izui (pronounced Anlee, our new exchange student!), Abigail Trajtenberg (Eric's sister), Rich Lauria (**President Steve** claimed as a high school friend). One visiting Rotarian, John Saling.

Irvie Hoffman wished **Past President Al Filano** a happy birthday, and shared with us Al's contribution to the club as "resident comedian". Lots of happy bucks: **Sue Casso** was happy about the Hickman's Art of Caring event on October 10 and the Chili Cookoff golf shirts available for purchase; **Gary Hewitt** shared he was sending off a local company to Iraq on Friday; **Steve Quigley** was happy to be **Jim Langer's** mentor and welcomed him again; **Bruce Beadle** was happy from his vacation to Costa Rica and that his daughter Beth was voted Resident of the Year by the Women's Society of Radiology Oncology; **Geoff Baker** announced his wife has raised \$40,000 for breast cancer and we could contribute by purchasing a cooler; **David Wood** contributed \$5 as he just dropped off both kids at NC State; **Mac Neilon** was looking

forward to his auction winning dinner at the Casso-Rogers'; **Joe Polito** gave an update on his daughter Ashley. **Jean Oakes** was happy about her great niece (Katie Barber) who competed in field hockey in the Beijing Olympics and was interviewed on the Today Show.

Announcements: **Mac Neilon** updated us on the new Habitat House with work dates of September 20, October 18 and November 15. **Paula Ott** invited us to the opening ceremony and tours for the Justice Center on Sunday September 7 at 1:30 (at 201 W. Market St., reception and guided tours afterwards). **Jeannie McGinn** gave a Chili Cook Off (October 5) update – we went from 18 to 28 teams in a week! We need 50-60, so keep working! We have 39 sponsors – a record. She asked for volunteers for the September 21 Restaurant Festival booth.

The 50-50 was won by **Jeannie McGinn**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Dick Calef, a participant and volunteer board member in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, spoke with us today about this program which is located at Widener University's Exton Campus. The Lifelong Learning movement, started in 1962 for mature, active adults, is facilitated by universities in which members take non-credit courses on a wide variety of topics. The benefits of attending at Exton include enrolling with other students of similar age and interest on an easily accessible campus which has multiple classrooms, including two new for this year (they are ready for growth), a computer room, board room, and kitchen facilities.

The program opened in the fall of 2004 under the name "Academy for Learning in Retirement." In the spring of 2006, Widener received a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, which seeks to improve quality of life through grants to post secondary scholarship programs, lifelong learning institutes for seasoned adults, and selected integrative medicine programs (www.osherfoundation.org). Approximately 120 institutes are now being facilitated at/by universities across the country. The foundation provides \$100,000 annually for a few years and then makes a gift of \$1 million for endowment. Other Osher Institutes in Pennsylvania can be found at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Penn State (main campus) and Temple University.

The program is organized around 10 week semesters in the fall and spring which include 5 and 10 week courses that meet weekly, as well as a summer program. The range of courses includes the arts, sciences, civics, computers, current events, English literature, finance, health & medicine, history, language, legal issues, music and personal finances. There is even a wine appreciation course that includes tastings! There are also brown bag topics and guest speakers. Recent field trips include local battlefields, Philadelphia City Hall, the Hagley Museum, the Constitution Center, Ellis Island, Napa Valley and Tuscany.

Annual membership is \$280 which allows you to take up to five courses per semester. The program offers enriching opportunities aimed at exercising your brain at an affordable cost and a convenient location. Best of all: No homework or exams!

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS
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If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their induction.

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 20 Habitat for Humanity work day



Oct 18 Charter Night for the West Chester
Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
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