



Make Dreams Real

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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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This Week's Program: October 23, 2008

Speaker: Ed Callahan

Are You "LinkedIn"?

Arranged by Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: October 30, 2008

Speaker: Dee Giardina

**WCU, Exec Director of Facility,
Design, and Construction**

Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Pat Barron

On behalf of organizer **Terry McGrath, Bruce Beadle** asked for volunteers to help with the canned food drive on Tuesday, October 21. He got several positive responses.

Our district liaison, ADG Sam Ramsey of the West Grove-Avondale Rotary Club, introduced herself and presented this year's banner "Make Dreams Real". Our district's Group Study Exchange team will be here from April 4 to May 2, 2009. We are still seeking participants for our district's outgoing GSE team, which will travel to the Philippines from March 15 to April 11. The deadline to apply is October 20. Participants must not be Rotarians or immediate family members thereof. They must be between 25 and 40 years old.. This year's district conference will be held locally at Longwood Gardens on April 17 to 19. Targeting child hunger, Rotary International President D. K. Lee has asked all clubs to initiate a suitable project and has made it a requirement to qualify for the presidential citation.

Steve Quigley announced that the Senior Center will hold a gala on November 1st. All invited.

Matt Bradley announced that the club is taking applications for community grants. The deadline is November 15.

President Steve announced that the board is investigating the legality of making a 30 to 60 day loan of club funds in the amount of \$9,000 to the Kenya Project. The loan would be

repaid by pledged funds that will arrive after the deadline to qualify for 7 to 1 matching funds. The board accepted the recommendations of the ad hoc committee to set new procedures for electing club officers. These new procedures will be discussed next week. Nominations for new officers may be taken after November 1.

ADG Ramsey helped **Bill Ronayne** induct three new club members—**Lloyd Roach, Tony Colantonio, and Susan Karr**. Bill sponsored Lloyd and Susan. Katie Walker, who could not be present, sponsored Tony. Afterwards Lloyd Roach inquired about the meaning of the "classification talk". After beating around the bush for five minutes, telling us the history of Rotary since the Great Flood and other irrelevant details, **President Karp** finally explained to Lloyd that he had talk for fifteen minutes about himself, a favorite topic of all of us!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Noel Stanek, Sue Casso, and Carol Hanson gave a thorough and detailed presentation about the work of the club's Membership Committee. Noelle pointed out that it is fitting that the membership plan should be presented just after the induction of three new members. Membership is at the heart of what we do. The Membership Committee has worked hard to look at the process, decide what we want it to be, and develop a plan to go about it proactively.

So much valuable information and so many details were included in the presentation that

summarizing them for this report would not do them justice. The seven-step procedure to become a member is available on the club's web site (www.westchesterrotary.us) and members are encouraged to view it there.

One bit of very good news is that the efforts to educate and assimilate new members are having good results. When newer members leave the club, it tends to be for understandable reasons (e.g. moving out of the area) and rarely, if at all, for negative reasons. In looking to the future, the committee is pursuing the goal of increasing membership to 150. Noel related this to building a team, just like the victorious Phillies, and every member needs to take an active role. Many thanks go to the committee members for their hard work on these efforts.

Dr. Rick Dunlap, principal of West Chester East High School, presented the students of the month for September and October. He also announced that the Interact Club has an active membership of 82 students, about a dozen of whom worked at the Chili Cook-off.

The student of the month selection process begins when students complete essays on the Four Way Test. Department chairs then meet in August and select 18 recipients, two for each month of the school year, from the more than 100 entries. Kelly Simone, Special Education Department Chair, and Christine Bland, Gifted Resource Teacher, accompanied the group from East today.

Carl Boswell and Courtney Corcoran are the September Students of the Month, and Jackson Cruitt and Katrina Steinley are the recipients for October. All four are juniors enrolled in honors and AP classes at East and earn GPAs ranging from 3.8 to 4.6. They are all incredibly active in school – with athletics, clubs and service groups – and in community volunteer activities. Congratulations to all four honorees.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Steve Karp** of Karp Chiropractic

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS
Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun
416 Chrislena Lane West Chester 19380
610-344-0205

BRIAN'S RUN

The 31st Annual Brian's Run will be held on December 7th at the West Chester University. Our Rotary Club has been involved from the beginning. We assist with the set up on Saturday before the races and distribute food and beverage to the runner the day of the races. The club needs your support to help this worthy local event. In the next several weeks, **Rich Kaufmann** will talk more about the event and how you can Give Service Above Self.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 7 Brian's Run
Dec 11 Blood Drive
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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