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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: November 13, 2008

Speaker: Ben Williams

Solar Voltaic and Thermal Energy

Arranged by Ed Malet

Next Week's Program: November 20, 2008

Speaker: Hitesh Patel

Internet, Bank, and Personal Security

Arranged by Dave Biffen and Geoff Baker

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

Dave Rayburn offered the invocation with words of honor and a moment of silence for our Veterans. We had two guests, who are soon-to-be members, Charnetta Gadling-Cole and Ryan McGough (Ryan's company donated the trash services for the Chili Cookoff).

We were very happy: **Terry McGrath** for his Christmas CD coming out next week and for his daughter shaking the hand of the President-Elect's hand; **Bill Winters** for his grandson; Steve Quigley for a successful Senior Center gala where they honored **Bill Gotwals** for 28 years of service; Bob Poole because as he gathering his uniform to bring in today for Veteran's Day he was happy that at least the hat hadn't changed sizes; **Rob Feenan** for his wife volunteering at the Chili Cookoff on October 6 and giving birth to their daughter on October 8; **Shauna Yendell** for our country's capacity to have a peaceful transfer of power; Jean Oakes for our new badges; **Tony Colantonio** for Comcast's Veteran's program at the Great Valley High School; **Irvie Hoffman** for his wife volunteering again at CC Hospital and being greeted with flowers by Perry Pepper; **Paul Woodruff** giving thanks for the support of raising 40k locally so they could get the 3H grant for the Kenya project and for living in country where we can express our views.

Business: **President Steve** introduced the awesome new badges and cautioned that if you have a pacemaker to wear them low so the magnet if not near your chest and that new members will still have red badges until their classification talks; **Ken Hickman** urged us to sign up for helping out with Brian's Run either Saturday or Sunday morning (Dec 5-6); **Jack Wintermute** announced the Salvation Army bell ringing on December 13; **Bruce Beadle** announced that the applications for philanthropic grants needs to be in by November 15; **Steve Quigley** explained the revised process for nominations for our board – see **Gary Hess, Gary Hewitt** or Steve if you have a nomination or

would like to nominate yourself and the presentation of the slate will be made on November 20; **Katie Decker** announced to see her if you want to help plan the Holiday Party; **Ed Malet** announced the Environmental Committee would meet after the meeting.

The meeting closed with the 50/50. Katie warned that **Jean Oakes** bought tickets. **Sue Karr** had said she was going to win, so Katie had her draw the winning ticket and darned if she didn't win (\$17)! But not the big pot – she picked the 9 of Spades.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Sue Casso

Today were had two outstanding programs presented by two of our Rotarians.

Veterans Day was presented by Steve Quigley. November 11th the nation celebrates Veterans Day. WWI ended November 11, 1918. Armistice Day was celebrated the following year in 1919. this day became a federal holiday and the name changed to Veterans Day in the 1930's.

In the West Chester Rotary Club we have 22 veterans, 7 from WWII. This past year we lost the following members who served in the Armed Forces- **Bud Deaver, Bill Eaton,** and Jean **Reitnour.** The following men served in WWII- **Irvie Hoffman, Hal Green, Bob Poole, Bill Gotwals** and **Don Stonestrom.** The Marine Corp. Birthday is November 10th. Steve Quigley conducted a roll call of all the members who served in the Armed Services throughout the years- we sang songs for each branch of Service. There will be a ceremony at Oakland Cemetery in honor of Veterans Day, Sunday, November 9th at 11 a.m.

Fire Safety 2008 was presented by Bill Ronayne. Bill is the Rotarian of the month for October. Bill told us that Fire Safety has not changed. The only thing new is call 911. Bill joined the WCFD in 1974. He was active until 1988, reactivated in 2001 when his son joined the department.

NFPA- National Fire Protection Agency

founded in 1896 is the authority on building, fire and electric safety. In 2007 there were 1,557,500 responses to fires nationwide. 3,430 fire deaths. The West Chester Fire Department has a chain of command. There are four fire companies in West Chester- First West Chester Fire Co. (Bill is a member); Goodwill Fire Co., Fame Fire Company and Good Fellowship Ambulance. These fire companies respond to 4-5 thousand calls per year. First West Chester Fire Co. covers 27.7 square miles.

Our Response- 150 volunteer's firefighters, 18,000 training hours; 1,200-1,400 calls annually, average 3.5 calls per day. The training center is located on Snyder Avenue. They have a 5 story tower building, 2 story burn building, tank car, storm water rescue and new 3 story building. They rent out the fire school.

Fire Safety Basics- Smoke Alarms, CD Detectors, Space Heaters, Safe Cooling Practices Home Fire Escape, Safety Smoking Practices, GET OUT STAY OUT. All Combustibles should be 3 feet away.

Smoke alarms 10 years old- replace. Test monthly. Change batteries 2 times per year. Smoke detectors should be placed near bedrooms, one on each level of home. Must mount on ceiling in center of room. Keep 4 inches from wall. Do not smoke. Do not smoke in bed. Use ashtrays.

Home Fire Safety- Have safe place to meet in your yard. Diagram two ways out of home. Do not stop to gather anything. Do not go back inside the house once you leave. Call 911 from neighbor's house or cell phone. Stay on phone. Practice Fire drills.

Travel Safety- Stay on 3rd floor or below, check for sprinklers, fire alarm system works, stair towers unlocked, count the door to the exit, exit not blocked.

Carbon Monoxide- silent killer, colorless, odorless, by product of incomplete combustion. When detector activates exit the building, if affected get Flu like symptoms. Have a trained professional inspect your heating system once a year. Make sure fire hydrants are visible.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Dave Biffen** of Biffen Investment Advisors.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS
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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating committee includes **Gary Hess, Gary Hewitt, and Steve Quigley**. They will accept nominations until November 20. At the Club meeting on November 20 we will present a slate of officers and directors to serve for Rotary year 2009-10 and then ask for nominations from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor we will ask that nominations be closed and proceed with a voice vote. If there are nominations we will review qualifications and prepare a ballot to be used in an election on December 11. You may review the election process on the Club web page, westchesterrotary.us.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, or would like to nominate another Rotarian, please let one of the committee members know as soon as feasible, no later than November 19. Qualifications are: at least 60% total attendance with at least 30% attendance at our Club, at least two years of Rotary service with at least one year in our Club, and paid up dues.

SAVE THE DATE

- Nov. 15 Habitat Workday
- Nov. 15 Foundation Grants due
- Nov. 20 Non-perishables collected at Country Club for Salvation Army
- Nov. 20 Rotaract Dine About
- Dec. 6 Set-up for Brian's Run
- 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

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Steve Karp; President-Elect, Dave Rayburn; Vice-President, Bill Ronayne; Past President, Gary Hess; Secretary, Patricia Kotsay; Treasurer, Rob Feenan; Sergeant At Arms, Katie Decker; Directors-at-Large: Rich Kauffman, Adrienne Masak-Rozier, Terry McGrath, John Messersmith, Bob Rogers, Bill Ronayne, Mark Sammarone
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