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**Bulletin #20**

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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**This Week's Program: November 20, 2008**

**Speaker: Hitesh Patel**

**Internet, Bank, and Personal Security**

**Arranged by Dave Biffen and Geoff Baker**

**Next Week's Program: November 27, 2008**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**No meeting**

## **MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

**President Steve** opened the meeting and called on **Bob Connolly** to give the invocation. **Bob** read a "Prayer on Prayer" by Thomas Merton, a leading Catholic theologian whose mother was a Quaker.

**Dave Rayburn** introduced two guests, **Sue Casso** welcomed Ryan McGough, who is in the pipeline for membership and **Dave Woods** introduced Warren Callaway, a former Rotarian who is interested in rejoining. **Victoria Dow** introduced her sister Caroline, **Dave Biffen** welcomed Phil Andrews of the 49ers who is helping Dave plan our holiday meeting, and **Ed Malet** introduced the two guest speakers from Open Sky Solar. John Saling was one of our two visiting Rotarians, with District Governor Joel Chesney being the other (more from him later).

**Bob Frame** wished **Ed Malet** a happy birthday and fine master **Jack Wintermute**, collected fines from **Gary Hess** and **President Steve** for recent newspaper photos.

**Charlie Lyddane** announced that since he and **Paul Woodruff** completed work on the water project and had nothing to do, they are collecting medical supplies for four containers that will be shipped, courtesy of the State Department, to Kenya and the Sudan to help equip hospitals in those regions.

**Jeff Sommers** noted there are only 10 slots left for those Rotarians who want to share in the gratifying experience of Rotarians bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

**Jeannie McGinn** announced she is helping put together an enhanced membership directory and will be contacting each member for additional personal information about their work. On behalf of **Terry McGrath**, she also reminded members to bring canned food to Rotary next Thursday (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>) to assist with the annual food drive. **Ken Hickman** is recruiting volunteers who enjoy helping with Brian's Run in December.

**Katie Decker** announced the club holiday

party this year will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at **Geoff** and **Laura Baker's** home. There will be sign up sheets available for members to indicate what food/beverage they will bring.

**Matt Schwab** alerted members to the Rotaract Club's "Dine About Town" and **Matt Bradley** reminded members that Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for charitable organizations to submit applications for funds to the Community Philanthropic Committee. Members may want to remind agencies they feel are deserving of funding support to submit an application.

Fellow Rotarian "Skip" was making his annual visit to our club to sell roses on behalf of his Rotary Club.

Lastly, **Dan Cosgrove** won the 50/50 but missed the queen.

## **Report from Our District Governor**

District Governor Joel Chesney gave an update on activities in the district and shared some of his goals. He reported that 198 Rotarians and 20 family members (some attending from as far away as California!) attended his induction at the Phillies ball park.

One of his major goals this year is pushing membership. DG Joel said our club is doing well and, in fact, is larger than the Philadelphia club, which has fewer than 100 members but claims to have 55 prospectives in the pipeline. Our district is in Rotary International Zone 32 and our zone has the worst membership in Rotary, he said.

DG Joel also reminded us of the Gates Foundation Challenge to eradicate polio. The foundation donated \$100 million to be matched by Rotary over a 3-year period. We have raised over \$27 million in match this year with two years to go. DG Joel would like all clubs in our district to do a fundraiser and donate at least \$1,000 toward matching funds. One club has pledged \$10,000, he said.

DG Joel noted the outstanding work our club does in so many areas and presented **President Steve** with a certificate of achievement.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

On this rainy day, it was nice to hear about Solar Energy from Joe Coyle and Michael Matotek of Open Sky Energy Systems. They first explained the basics of the two categories of solar technology: Photovoltaic (PV), which provides electric power, and Solar Thermal (hot water), which provides energy for usable heat (water, radiant).

Why should anyone consider "going solar" today? Electric rate caps are due to expire (PECO will raise rates 17% in 2011 and up to 31% by 2013); all fuel costs are on the rise; the technology is more efficient and safer; the federal government provides a tax credit for 30% of the total installation cost and a Pennsylvania tax credit of about 30% is anticipated; and through net metering you accumulate credits for surplus power that is provided to the grid for use when your system is not producing power.

Are you a good candidate? Factors include the space and orientation of your roof or yard, shading and obstructions, and exposure during peak sun hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your budget is also a consideration. The payback time frame is between 10 and 12 years.

If you are interested in solar, look for a qualified installer certified by SEI or NABCEP (the state will soon be posting a list of providers); schedule a site assessment; and ask lots of questions.

Open Sky Energy, based in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, is a full service energy company focusing on the consultation, design, and installation of renewable energy systems for the residential and commercial markets. Our focus is primarily on solar photovoltaic and solar thermal heating and hot water installations.

For more information, and to hear an interview from NPR's Talk of the Nation, go to <http://openskyenergy.net>

## SAVE THE DATE

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  
Dec 12 Holiday Party @ Geoff Baker's  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

## THANK YOU

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

## EXCHANGE STUDENT

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

## NOTICE

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become a member:

**Ryan McGough:** Sales/LEED Recycling Director, RBS Enterprises, Inc. ;Classification: Industrial Waste Management ; Sponsor: **Bryan Brockson**

**Charnetta Gadling-Cole:** Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar, WCU; Classification: University Faculty. Sponsor: **Steve Karp**

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.

## NOMINATIONS

November 20 is the last day for nominations. Elections will be held December 11.

## 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

Joel Chesney, District Governor

Samantha Kranyak-Ramsey, Ass't District Gov.

Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

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