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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: December 18, 2008
Holiday Concert
Presented by The Forty Niners
Arranged by Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: December 25, 2008
Happy Holidays
Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza
No meeting today!

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President-Elect Dave Rayburn opened the meeting and **Frank Helms** gave an Apache blessing.

Visiting Rotarians were John Saling (Sunrise) and Ass't District Governor Sam Ramsey.

Guests were introduced by **Jeannie McGinn** (Audrie Winch) and **Bob Crow** (Bruce Kirk and someone else).

Jack Wintemute wished a happy birthday to **Terry Mc Grath**.

Former member **Ray McCarthy's** memorial service will be December 15 at 10 Am at St. Maximillian Kolbe.

Ass't DG Sam Ramsey asked that we take "Save the Date" cards for the District Conference on April 17-19. Nominations for District Governor for 2011-12 are open until January 5. A nominee must have been president of a club, a Rotarian for at least 7 years, and able to travel.

Terry McGrath announced that canned food will be collected at the Holiday Party and distributed to the Salvation Army. The board approved for Terry to sell the *Greystone Rambler's* CD for \$15 with \$5 going to Rotary Foundation with matching funds to be used towards one's Paul Harris Fellow.

Jack Wintemute asked for one more bell ringer and **Jim Lees** signed up.

Jeannie McGinn welcomed back **Joe Polito** after his health problems and also asked that people bring food to the party Friday night.

Rich Kauffman thanked the twenty Rotarians who helped with Brian's Run.

Bruce Beadle gave an update on Rotary Foundation donations. There are many different ways to give: direct deduction for credit card or bank account, or use the global contribution form (Bruce has some forms) and send your check and form to Bob Edge in Downingtown. Mark check District 7450, Club 5504, and your ID number (found above the label on your Rotarian Magazine

or call **Trish Kotsay**). All contributions must be mailed in and not collected at the local clubs.

Adrienne Masak announced that our exchange student Anri, needs new housing. No one is available yet but please include Anri in your social plans; take her out to dinner or the movies.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

Dave Biffen introduced Nina Kelly, Director of Communications for the Chester County Visitors Bureau. The Bureau promotes tourism in the Brandywine Valley--which includes Chester County, of course--because there are several Chester Counties in the U.S. and the Brandywine Valley is a unique and better-known location. Member dues, some state money, and a two-percent tax on Chester County hotel charges fund the Bureau. All the hotels in Chester County are members.

Nina gave a rapid-fire presentation of the many ways in which the Bureau promotes the area. Last year Nina inaugurated Wine Camp, a getaway weekend tour of Chester Country wineries. The tour for thirty people was sold out. This year the event will be held on June 12 and 13. Following up on this success, Nina will inaugurate Culinary Camp on July 17 - 19, and she would like to try a Historical Camp in the near future. Since men have been going on guys' trips to play golf, go fishing, etc. for many years, women are partaking of getaway weekends, too.

The bureau is promoting Kennett Square and West Chester as great locations for Girlfriends Getaways. The Bureau has a promotion called Towns of Main Streets of the Brandywine Valley. The three towns promoted are Kennett Square, West Chester, and Phoenixville.

This was a very informative and enjoyable presentation by a real professional who has been in the hospitality business for over twenty years.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Thanks to all the following for ringing the bells for the Salvation Army this past Saturday: **Bill Winters, Ryan McGough, David Biffen and wife, Jeannie McGinn, Bob Crow, Dave Rayburn, Tom Spackman, Dan Cosgrove, Jim Gasho, Gary Hewitt, Terry McGrath, Geoff Baker, John Olszewski, Pete Thompson, Elizabeth Guman and husband, Ken Hickman, Patty Jefferis, Chris McCawley and husband, Bruce Beadle, Michele Parent, Shauna Yeldell, Bert Volger, Bob Poole, Paul Woodruff, Gary Hess and son, Charlie Lyddane, Rich Kaufman, Sue Karr, Bill Ronayne, and Jim Lees.**

EXCHANGE STUDENT

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



SAVE THE DATE

Apr 17-19 District Conference
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

NOTICE

The following person has been proposed for membership and have indicated her desire to become a member:

Marie Thibault: President of Partners Advertising, Inc. Classification: Marketing/ Advertising.

Sponsor: **David Rayburn**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for her induction.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Shauna Yeldell** of Fulton Bank.

PARTY HEARTY

Thank you **Geoff and Laura Baker** for the great holiday party last Friday night. **Terry McGrath** provided his wonderful music once again! Thanks also to **Katie Decker** and her committee for planning this successful event.

FRUIT SALE RECIPIENTS

The Community Philanthropic Committee is honored to be joining with the Fruit Sale co-chairs (**Cristina Combee** and **Elizabeth Guman**) to select the organization that will receive the proceeds of this year's Fruit Sale. Applications are now being accepted.

Organizations are welcome to apply by submitting the application that is now available on the club web site along with supporting documentation. In order to qualify, the organization must be a 501(c)3 non-profit providing humanitarian service within the greater West Chester area. If you know of an organization that should be considered, please direct them to the Community Service Avenue section of the club's web site (a link to the application can be found in the menu on the left-hand side of the page):

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/community.htm>

Dec. 23 is the deadline for Fruit Sale beneficiary applications.

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