



# ROTARY VOTARY

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**This Week's Program: February 12, 2009**  
**"The Many Facets of Hearing Loss"**  
**Speaker: Dr Judy Curtin**  
**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**Next Week's Program: February 19, 2009**  
**Community Grants**  
**Speaker: Matt Bradley**  
**Arranged by President Steve and Matt Bradley**

### **MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

After **President Steve Karp** opened the meeting, **Frank Helms** read a moving story about a little boy looking for God and an old man who found God in a most unusual place.

Guests included Randall Spackman, introduced by his father **Tom**, Mark Yoder, new executive vice president of the West Chester Chamber introduced by **Katie Walker**, Carolyn Comitta, a guest of **Dave Rayburn** and also in the pipeline for membership, and Pam Constanzi, introduced by her boss at The Hickman, **John Schwab**.

**Jeannie McGinn** kicked off the happy bucks as she alerted everyone to **Jim Gasho's** upcoming band night in a popular pub, **Marie Thibault** mentioned an upcoming Blues Fest, and **Chris McCawley** told of recovering from a fall on the ice, resulting in a bump on her head (in her nightgown and robe, no less!) and her successful struggle to regain her footing. Other happy bucks were contributed by **Dr. Bob Poole**, who congratulated **Katie Walker** on an outstanding Chamber event, **President Steve** congratulated **Paul Woodruff** on his selection as District Governor-elect for 2010-2012, and **Steve Quigley** invited all to a dinner sponsored by the Senior Center and Chester County Hospital at the Center, with congrats also to **Katie Walker** on the Chamber dinner.

**Steve McCann** extended birthday greetings to **Carl Werner** and **Carol Hanson** extended them to **Fran Luft**.

Fine master **Jack Wintermute** offered a bevy of fines to **Tom Spackman**, recognized in the newspaper as Realtor Emeritus for 40 years in business, **Katie Walker** for the large

photo of her and Chamber honorees, and **Jeff Sommer** for his small (headshot) photo in the newspaper. Rotarians are certainly visible in this community!

**Cristina Combee**, co-czar of the fruit sale, talked of her delight at the positive and supportive response to the sale, noting that over \$1,000 has already been deposited. One important change she noted is that donation checks should be written directly to Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) this year, not to our Rotary Foundation as done previously. See **Cristina** if you have questions. She then proceeded with the weekly trivia game to give members an opportunity to add bonus points to their fruit sale efforts.

The 50/50 was won by **Andrew Stump** with **Jim Gasho** collecting in **Andrew's** absence.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft**

In honor of Black History Month, Edward "Ned" Hector, an African-American Revolutionary War hero (as reenacted by Noah Lewis), told us his story. On March 3, 1777, Ned was a member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> PA Artillery Co. defending Philadelphia. He was serving under General George Washington. The British were in Maryland and marching toward the capital-Philadelphia. General Washington placed his troops along the Brandywine River where the river is shallow enough to cross. There are several problems: at Kennett the British split in to groups one group traveling toward Chadds Ford and the other group traveling northward. The British crossed over the Brandywine where it was not guarded. Squire Cheyney told General Washington that the British were

behind and aside of the troops and Washington had him locked up. Washington's troops were out flanked on the right side. Army reinforcements were too little too late.

Hector's company was protecting Chadds Ford. There was movement on the hill on the other side of the Brandywine River. The soldiers were raising a red flag. (Will not take prisoners-die.) The British found a location to fire on us and blew up our breakfast. Fighting was going on all around us. We were surrounded by the enemy. The enemy was advancing- 30 yards away. The orders from General Washington were to retreat and counter attack, abandon wagons, horses cannons etc.

Teamsters drive wagons and horses, deliver and haul goods, especially gun powder for cannons. Teamsters deliver supplies to everyone in the community. It takes 7 people to fire a cannon.

Trivia- Troops carry 2 changes of clothing, bath twice a year. King Louis bathed 5 times in his entire life.

Teamsters cannot make a living without wagons and horses therefore Hector did not abandon his horses or wagon. He went directly into the British charge. Hector was considered a HERO.

The African-Americans from the north were fighting for Freedom. General Washington used southern tradition- he wrote an order no blacks in the Continental Army. There was disagreement and finally General Washington allows free blacks to fight.

General Washington had 300 slaves. In his last will and testimony all of his slaves were freed. America's freedoms were brought on by many blacks who fought for the cause-FREEDOM. The motto of our country is MANY THAT BECAME ONE. Thank you for this inspirational presentation in celebration of Black History Month.

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

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### SELL FRUIT!



### SAVE THE DATE

Feb 12 Board Meeting  
Feb 21 Habitat for Humanity work date  
Mar 14 Fruit order deadline  
Mar 21 Fruit pick-up  
Apr 17-19 District Conference  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
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