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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

Next Week's Program: February 26, 2009
Home Energy Audits
Speaker: Matt Lillard
Arranged by Ed Malet

MINUTES by Victoria Dow

President Steve Karp rang the meeting to order at 12:30. **Christina Combee** gave the invocation; a fine reading of the verses on Love from I Corinthians.

We had several visitors today. **Ed Malet** introduced Lynn Kaiser from WCU, Director of the International Student Program. Ed also took the opportunity to announce the International Student Picnic date: April 19, from 5 to 7pm. **Sue Casso** introduced Margery Wentz who was approved for membership this morning at the Board meeting. **Paula Ott** brought Wendy Hoffman along and **Mark Sammarone** brought Laura Sconcy as a guest. **Linda Hicks** again introduced Debra Ward Sparre, **John Schwab** introduced Pan Costanzi, and **Dave Rayburn** introduced Carolyn Comitta. All these folks have also been approved for membership. And Winnie Stroup took the initiative to visit our club on her own and plans to apply for membership.

The only visiting Rotarian was Jim Horn from Kennett Longwood.

Paula Ott wished a Happy Birthday to **Joe Polito**, the epitome of a Rotarian and our very own dessert connoisseur. **Bert Volger's** birthday greetings recipient was **Becky Cacace**.

In the Happy Bucks department, **Bill Winters** started things off by sharing his happiness at the full-enrollment of 1500 at the charter school for the next year. **Bunny Walsh** was happy to have been the guest speaker at Kennett Longwood that morning and not to have been on the breakfast menu. **Bruce Beadle** was happy at his daughter's success in publishing a major article on breast cancer in pregnant women, an article that has already generated over 1500 hits in Google. **Jim Langer** was "just happy." Paul Woodruff was happy to have completed another successful skiing session with his grandchildren. **Joe Polito** let us know his is a Valentine's Day birthday, and

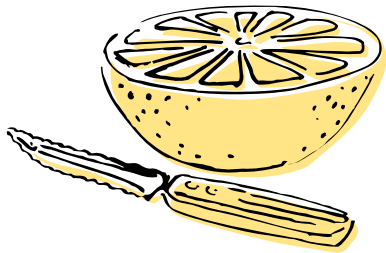
reminded us to get something special for our special someones.

President Steve had several announcements from the Board meeting. First, congratulations all around on our membership successes. **Bill Ronayne** has agreed to stay on at Chili Tsar – many thanks to Bill for again taking on this huge task. **Pres. Steve** also noted that the club is doing well with managing its funds thanks to some good decisions and planning. The next item concerned Brian's Run, precipitated by written comments from **Jack Wintermute**. A lively discussion ensued. The question posed by **President Steve** is whether there is any interest in re-engaging with this event? Several, including **Joanne Tadeo, Christina Combee, Charlie Lyddane, John Olszewski and Ken Hickman**, all commented that the event seems to have changed in character, we do not know enough about the Second Mile nor is it one of the club's designated beneficiaries, and that the club has become disconnected from the Run. If the club is providing only food, all donated, for the event, then the club should not be listed as a sponsor. **Bob Poole** asked that this discussion be tabled for further research and a complete review at a future date. **President Steve** mentioned that this was the board's intention. The suggestion that a special meeting be held at which the club's future involvement in Brian's Run could be thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

Ed Malet announced that the Environmental Committee would meet after lunch, and is looking at planning an outing for the club this summer.

Our intrepid Fruit Tsarinas (do YOU know who they are?) then came up to give us the latest news on fruit sales progress. In the last two weeks, not counting all the slips handed in at lunch today, 21 Rotarians have handed in sales slips totaling \$2,500, or 8% of our goal. **Shauna Yeldell**

received mention from the podium for awesome fruit sales numbers! So – SELL FRUIT!!



SPEAKERS REVIEW by Sue Casso Rogers

Our speaker today, Dr. Judith Curtain, an audiologist from ABC Hearing Net, was introduced by **Joe Polito** who gave a personal reference for Dr. Curtain's abilities to assist with hearing loss. Dr. Curtain recommended that after 50 years of age, hearing ability should be tested every 5 years. She pointed out that hearing loss impacts many people, not just those who suffer the loss and that often she feels like a marriage counselor, in addition to her other responsibilities, as she tries to assist families in dealing with hearing loss in a family member.

Some statistics are as follows: when a person suffers hearing loss, there is usually a 7 year period before correction takes place. 1 out of 3 people over 60 suffer hearing loss, 1 in 6 needs hearing assistance between 40 - 60, 1 in 14 needs assistance between the ages of 20 - 40 as today's society is full of noise!

Showing a diagram of the ear, Dr. Curtain explained the various types of hearing problems and where the problems occur. Pointing out that speech is comprised of various tones, Dr. Curtain explained that hearing loss usually begins with loss of high tones and the individual can still hear the low to middle tones. So while the individual can still hear, the clarity is gone. Afflicted people will resort to lip or speech reading for clarity. This technique is problematic for working professionals when sounds are coming from a variety of places and not necessarily in one on one conversation.

Dr. Curtain explained that hearing aids are like personal computers with today's advancing technology. They must be fit properly, must amplify correct frequency and sounds should not be loud, but clarified. She explained that if hearing aids are not adjusted properly certain sounds are very loud such as crumbling paper and rattling keys. **Joe Polito** later confirmed these facts. Hearing aids can be purchased for a variety of prices from \$900 - \$3,000 depending on the number of channels and sophistication. Some hearing loss is not correctable but can be helped with rehabilitation.

Untreated hearing loss can lead to social withdrawal, embarrassment, fatigue, depression, loss of income and impaired memory. Improved hearing helps with earning power, personal and work relationships and communication. Hearing aids are only one part of the hearing correction process. For more information contact Dr. Judith Curtain.

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Feb 21 Habitat for Humanity work date
Mar 14 Fruit order deadline
Mar 21 Fruit pick-up
Apr 17-19 District Conference
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