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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester  
Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

**This Week's Program: April 2, 2009**

**Kristallnacht**  
**Rabbi Sue Greenberg**  
**Arranged by Dave Biffen**

**Next Week's Program: April 9, 2009**

**Easter / Passover Music**  
**WCU Gospel Choir**  
**Arranged by Mell Josephs**

## MINUTES by Victoria Dow

Substituting for our club president, Pres. Elect **Dave Rayburn** started the meeting at 12:35. **Joe Polito** gave the invocation, reminding us all that we all can and should support our troops no matter our views on war.

Dave R. announced that **Steve Quigley** is at home, and recovering well.

Guests today included WCU's newly appointed President Greg Weisenstein who was being shepherded around by Mayor **Dick Yoder**. Also visiting were Gerry Morgan from the Salvation Army; Chris Kemple, today's speaker; Stuart Brooks; and Wendy Hoffman was **Paula Ott's** guest.

Visiting Rotarians were DeDe Carruthers and Philip McFadden, both of Sunrise, and Warren Callaway of Danville, Virginia.

There were two birthdays to celebrate. **Paula Ott** wished **Dave Wood** a happy birthday and praised him for his service to the community. **Cliff DeBaptiste** wished **Mayor Yoder** many happy returns with the proviso that it seems West Chester mayors must either have served in the Marines or had a knee replacement, preferably both.

**Mark Sammarone** reminded us of the International Students Picnic on Sunday, April 19, and asked for prizes – think of things like a dinner at your home, or an outing to a show or sports event. **Greg Radford** is looking for a good candidate for this year's Brighter Futures project; it can be a homeowner, church, or day care whose house or building, respectively, needs repair and who does not have the funds to pay for those repairs otherwise. **Chris McCawley** asked for nominations for Honorary Rotarian; this must be someone who is not a Rotarian but who lives up to Rotary ideals and principles.

**Dave Biffen** announced that on May 7, our regular Thursday meeting will be held at the Justice Center. We will meet in the Sheriff's office for refreshments and a tour; meeting time will be

around 5pm, but will be confirmed later. **Paula Ott** and **Bunny Welsh** will provide brownies...

DeDe Carruthers had tickets for the *All Shook Up* show at the Media Theatre on April 2; all proceeds from that evening's show go to Roto-plast. Tickets are \$35 each.

Moving on the Happy Dollars, **Sue Casso** reminded us that in 3 years our club will be responsible for the District Conference since **Paul Woodruff** will be District Governor then. She urged everyone to attend the April 18 District Conference at the Mendenhall Inn to take a look at how the conference is run. Tickets are only \$15 in advance. **Marjorie Wentz** announced the upcoming Blackthorn concert put on by the Glen Mills Rotary – they are a band not-to-be-missed, says **Jeanne McGinn**. **Dave Biffen** had a Happy Dollar for **Kevin Quinn** who talks money without a \$1M bonus. **Faith Woodward** apologized profusely to **Jack Wintermute** because her dog, who is usually such a good judge of character, barked at him at the fruit pick-up. **Cristina Combee** was happy the Fruit Sale was over and emphasized what a really fun undertaking it had been.

**Kevin Quinn** had a dollar to thank **Dave Biffen** for the compliment, and also thanked the club for choosing CVIM as the Fruit Sale beneficiary – Kevin, in full disclosure, is on the CVIM Board. The CVIM Golf Outing is June 16.

**Dave R.** agreed with **Cristina** about the Fruit Sale being fun, and was especially glad to see our newest Rotarians there on Saturday to help out.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Chris Kemple, general manager of the Wilmington Blue Rocks minor league baseball team for the past 17 years, was guest speaker. In preparation for our annual Rotary Night at the WBR, avid minor league baseball supporter, **Jack Wintermute**, arranges for Chris to talk about baseball.

Named Minor League Executive of the year

in 2004, Chris has been sharing his enthusiasm for baseball – his job, and the WBR, in particular – with us for 11 years. As is his custom, Chris conducted a trivia quiz that netted game tickets for **Mac Neilon, Charles Streitwieser** and others.

Instead of talking about his job (promoting ticket sales and coming up with wacky things to attract spectators), Chris talked about what it's like to be a minor league player. The minor league draft is in June, 30-40 high school and college players are drafted by the Kansas City Royals, and the players are sent to rookie leagues like the WBR. In the minors play 70 games as property of the Royals.

Newly drafted players have a busy season, playing 140 games in 150 days. They travel by bus. Most players are in the minors four to five years, earning \$1,200 to \$1,300 per month, including a \$20 per day meal allowance, before they move up to the major leagues. In comparison, major league players earn \$400,000, with an \$80 per day meal allowance.

Due to low salaries and constant travel, many minor league players stay with host families each season. And because the WBR is the northernmost team in their league, they are the second most traveled team.

Although they play every day, very few players, 10 -15%, progress to the majors. Through the years over 100 players from the WBR have gone on to the majors, including Johnny Damen, Carlos Beltran and Clay Buckholtz.

Chris reported there are 6 or 7 minor league teams owned by the Royals. How did celery man become the team mascot? The celery costume was collecting dust, when Chris came to the WBR; resurrecting the costume was an inexpensive way to gain a mascot.

What about a minor league stadium in Chester County? It would be great for this area but be competition for the WBR. Chris is not worried about competition, if the WBR continue to do their job well. What about steroid use? Minor league players are tested regularly, even more so than major league players and suspended if found to be using drugs. In response to a final question, Chris said that 80% of minor league players are new each year.

Chris' talk reminds us why baseball is one of America's favorite sports and prompts us to support WBR and local, as well as major league teams.

### THANK YOU

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### NEW MEMBERS

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

**Wendy Hoffman**, Executive Director Chester County Bar Association: Classification - Law/Administration Sponsor - **Paula Ott**

**Gerald Morgan**, Commanding Officer, Salvation Army: Classification - Religious organization/ Administration Sponsor - **Pat Barron**

**Stuart Brooks**, Principle - RC Taylor Co. Classification - Management Consulting Sponsor - **Chuck Swope**

**Warren Callaway**, Owner- Northeast Specialty Packaging: Classification- Commodities Broker Sponsor - **Steve McGann**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS  
Hosts: Eric and Susan Aaldenberg  
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Anri Cell Phone: (610) 400-7432

### SAVE THE DATE

Apr 17-19 District Conference  
Apr 18 Rotary Leadership Institute -DE  
Apr 19 International Student Picnic  
May 7 5 PM Meeting at the Justice Center  
May 26 Rotary at the Blue Rocks  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

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