



Make Dreams Real

Bulletin #37

ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: April 9, 2009
Easter / Passover Music
WCU Gospel Choir
Arranged by Mell Josephs

Next Week's Program: April 16, 2009
Classification Talk
Speaker: Tony Colantonio
Arranged by Sue Casso Rogers

MINUTES by Sue Casso Rogers

President Steve Karp called the meeting to order promptly at 12:25 and began with the "Quaker Tradition" of a moment of silence. (did someone forget they were responsible for the invocation today?) There were no visiting Rotarians.

Happy Bucks were celebrated by **Charlie Lyddane** for his wife's upcoming trip and by **Concetta Schiattarella** for her son being on the Dean's List at college.

The writer apologizes for missing the visitors and a few announcements today, she was a "bit slow on the uptake" for today's meeting minutes.

Christine McCawley reminded us that applications are being accepted for Honorary Rotarians - any Non-Rotarian who lives by the ideals of Rotary. **Greg Radford** announced that applications are also being taken for the Brighter Futures Projects in which we come to the aid of a family or organization in need of renovations to their property. In the past we have painted a day care center and restored the home of a needy lady in West Chester.

Our fruit Czarinas (**Cristina Combee** and **Elizabeth Guman**), announced the winners of their Fruit Sale contests. Not the amount of fruit sold, but the efforts to help with the overall "fruit program." Grand Winner was **Cathy Palmquist**. Cathy answered questions in the weekly trivia contest, sold lots of fruit, worked the day of the sale and coordinated marketing efforts in the community. Runner up was **Jeannie McGinn** who also answered lots of fruit trivia questions and while she could not work the day of the sale, she showed up with brownies to support the workers. Congrats to both. We are waiting anxiously to hear the final numbers.

Paul Woodruff reminded us that District 7450 Conference is just a few weeks away, April 17-19, at Mendenhall Inn. The conference is a great opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians, learn about other clubs' projects, and get great Rotary ideas. Additionally, since Paul will be District Governor in 3 years, our club will be responsible for a conference making it important for us to attend the conference to see how it is run. Check the District website (can link in from our club website) to see the schedule of events and to sign up.

[The 50-50 was won by **Bill Ronayne** but the Queen of Spades is still in the pack.]

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Today we had a moving presentation as **Rabbi Sue Greenberg** told her family story in association with Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 21. Rabbi Greenberg was born in Germany in 1935. Her father was a congregational rabbi. She explained how things began to get restrictive for the Jews in Germany with the passing of the Nuremberg laws. People have asked why her family didn't leave right away. Her father didn't want to abandon his congregation - his people. People will also ask why there wasn't more protest and Rabbi Greenberg said her mother had told her "you just didn't do that then".

Things changed for the Rabbi's family after Kristallnacht, the Night of the Broken Glass. During Kristallnacht, which was actually over 2 days, November 9-10, close to 100 Jews were murdered and 25,000 to 30,000 were arrested and deported to concentration camps, her father being one of them. Her mother sent her to stay with relatives and began searching for her husband. One story her father told of being in the camp was a day when they had to run and shovel sand. He was in danger as one of the guards was taunting the group and asking for them to identify a rabbi.

An unlikely supporter, a non-Jew who had a reputation of having been a rather ruthless pimp, saved his life by having him dig a hole in the sand so he wouldn't be noticed. Her mother finally identified where her father was being held and had her brother who was living in Cleveland write to his senator, Taft, to ask for help. Her father was released and after a challenge they obtained visas and came to America.

Her paternal grandfather had died but her grandmother has gotten a visa, but they closed the border the day she was leaving and she died in Auschwitz. Her maternal grandparents were able to get to Chili. Meantime, her parents settled in Morgantown WV where her father was able to find a congregation to serve. Her father told the story of being at a meeting one day and he was telling some people about trying to get his in-laws to the states but couldn't because he didn't have money. After the meeting a man came up to him and asked how much he needed and wrote a check. This was an example of what her family appreciated about America – there was a safe place for her family and they found America very generous.

We asked Rabbi Greenberg is she had been back to Germany. She said for years she had no desire to, but recently was thinking she would like to go back once and come to terms with what happened there. **Cathy Palmquist** thanked Rabbi Greenberg for the talk and asked us to use this experience as a reminder that we still have holocausts happen in our world and to be a voice for eliminating them.

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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PICNIC

April 19, 2009 5-7 PM
Last day to RSVP- April 16, 2009

WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS

Tuesday, May 26, 2009
Cost \$35 per ticket
See **Jack Wintermute** for tickets

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 three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

THANK YOU

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EXCHANGE STUDENT

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