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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: April 16, 2009**  
**Rotary Program**  
**Arranged by President Steve**

**Next Week's Program: April 23, 2009**  
**Olympic Experience**  
**Speaker: Kate Barber**  
**Arranged by Jean Oakes**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Steve** called the meeting to order. **Sue Casso Rogers** gave a very fitting invocation about Friendship. **Steve Founds** told the club that **Terry McGrath** is in the hospital with respiratory problems He is ok and expects to be released from the hospital today.

Rotary guests included Curtis Roberts, Jeff (He is a Jr .at the Naval Academy), Ron Bonicone, Dan Sivic, and Chris Lions, brother in law to Jim Ley. John Sailing was the lone visiting Rotarian.

**Sue Casso Rogers** is the membership chairperson. If any of you would like to join Rotary please see her. We have had 16 plus members join since January of this year.

Birthdays: **Sue Casso Rogers** extended birthday greetings to **Michele Parent** and Michele wished Sue a Happy Birthday. **Jeff Sommer** wished **Andrew Stump** a Happy Birthday.

### Announcements:

The International student picnic meeting will be held today after the Rotary meeting. **Chris McCawley** announced that today is the last day to submit nominations for Honorary Rotarian. She has four nominations and one more being submitted today. **Katie Decker** announced that the Rotary field trip to the justice department will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be less then \$15.00. Dinner will be served. This event should start at 5:15 p.m. as the parking garage is free after 5 p.m.

**Matt Bradley** announced that the next cycle of grant proposals are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cristina Combee** and **Elizabeth Guman** from the Rotary Fruit Sale recognized individuals who sold the most fruit overall. **Joe Polito** sold 107 cases. (He broke the \$3,000 record in revenue). **Steve**

**Quigley, Geoff Baker** and **Bill Ronayne** sold 14 cases more then they sold last year. They received a gift DVD rental from the library donated by **Victoria Dow**. **Gary Hewett** and **Jim Langer** were also recognized.

**Paul Woodruff** announced that our club has given \$3,000 towards the Rotary Foundation thru January, 2009. In 2008, our club gave over \$12,000. The district is down \$50,000. Please give. Paul will have more copies of Rotary Basics available for our review.

Please join Rotarians for a Happy Hour this evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Landmark. Happy Dollars: **Katie Decker**- 10 grand club will be held next Friday- prize \$10,000 dollars in cash. **Jeannie McGinn** took Katie to the hospital and waited with her for 3 hours after she took a tumble while running.

50/50 – Winner for today- **Tom Spackman**.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Victoria Dow

The regularly scheduled program was a little late in starting, and to fill the gap one of our newest members sprang into action, drafting his classification talk while he ate his lunch.

**Tony Colantonio** was born in Annapolis; his father was stationed there with the Coast Guard. Once that posting was finished, the family moved to Conshohocken where Tony graduated from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. He then attended the University of Delaware for a period of time, transferring to West Chester University to complete his degree. Initially he planned to go into teaching, but was recruited by his present employer which prompted a change of course. While in college, Tony traveled to Costa Rica to work as a research intern for the Costa Rican government through a WCU study abroad program.

After graduating he spent a year doing volunteer work while waiting for his employment with Comcast to begin. At Comcast, Tony works in Government and Community Affairs, working with community organizations on fundraisers and with local government officials, especially at the municipal level, on various issues affecting the cable industry. His territory includes Chester and Delaware counties, as well as New Castle county, Delaware. The job is about building relationships and networking. As to why Tony joined Rotary, he told this story from his time in Costa Rica. He'd decided to do more with his time in Costa Rica than party, and took a rather daring bus trip into Nicaragua, to the city of Managua. While in the city, he found a "tour guide," who along with his young child, showed Tony around the city. Tony, thinking like any of us would, told the man he could make more money if he marketed himself – had a badge to indicate he was a tour guide, etc. The man did not understand the concept at all – he only knew that he needed to work in order to buy shoes for his child. Tony realized that he could not change this man's outlook unless he worked within his world. This encounter drew Tony to service, and in looking around for ways to serve he discovered Rotary and its mission of service.

This inspiring story was followed by inspiring music, courtesy of the West Chester University Gospel Choir. Grace Kelly, a member of the WCU President's Staff introduced the group – the choir is made up of freshmen through senior students; they perform throughout the area, visiting nursing homes where they both sing and do community service. Their music is their ministry. The choir performed several gospel songs for us with enthusiasm, a big sound and tight harmonies from the eleven singers. The choir is another fine example of WCU's excellent musical tradition.

**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 15 Community Grant applications due
  - 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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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PICNIC**  
 West Chester University  
 Traditions Dining Room, Lawrence Hall  
 April 19, 2009 5-7 PM  
 Last day to RSVP- April 16, 2009  
 Prizes needed- see Mark Sammarone



**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE**

Justice Center  
 Thursday, May 7  
 Meeting at 5:15 PM  
 Fully Catered Dinner  
 Pay in advance

**WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009  
 5:30 PM to ?????  
 Cost \$35 per ticket  
 See **Jack Wintermute** for tickets

**EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS  
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