



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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This Week's Program: April 23, 2009

Olympic Experience

Speaker: Kate Barber

Arranged by Jean Oakes

Next Week's Program: April 30, 2009

Redefining Internships:

MyInternshipGopher.com

Speaker: Tony Colantonio

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Steve opened the meeting and **Elizabeth Guman** offered the invocation.

Visitors: We had Joe Kahn, WEGO and Evan Witman, Westtown, as our visiting Rotarians. **Katie Walker** introduced her guest, Mark Yoder, the EVP of the Chamber.

Birthdays: **Gary Hess** wished **Gary Hewitt** a happy birthday; **Bob Poole** wished **Irvie Hoffman** a happy birthday; **Mark Sammerone** wished **Rob Feenan** a happy birthday and **Fran Luft** wished **Victoria Dow** a happy birthday.

Announcements: 1) **Mac Neilon** on Habitat—we were light on volunteers for Sat (4/18) and Mac asked anyone who could come to let him know. May will be our last month and Mac would like to get a big group out – plan on May 16. 2) **Mark Sammerone** on CC Hospital May Fair—also on May 16 we'll need 8 people to work the food stand. Watch for sign ups at upcoming meetings. 3) **Ed Malet** on the International Picnic—reminder that it is Sun (4/19) and announced a short meeting after the meeting. 4) **Matt Schwab** on the Rotaract DineAbout—April 30 from 6-9, cost \$25 per person. Last year they raised \$1500 for charity. **Charlie Lyddane** encouraged us to support this event and praised the great work the Rotaract Club was doing. 5) **Greg Radford** on Brighter Future—still accepting applicants for the construction/repair project for our club. 6) **Carl Werner** on the Red Cross Walk/Run—on Saturday (4/19) at Fairmont Park. Carl encouraged us to participate or consider supporting through a donation.

Student of the Month: **John Schwab** introduced Maureen Wallace, Vice Principal at East High School, who announced their student of the months: Gabriela Aviles and Andrew Schofield. They both were strong students with notable accomplishments. Both thanked the club for this

recognition.

President Steve read a card from the West Chester University Gospel Choir who thanked us for the opportunity to perform and for our generous donation.

We ended the meeting with the 50/50. **Joe Polito** won the day's pot – but picked the 7 of Hearts, so the pot of over \$400 is still growing!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Today's induction of new members was conducted by Past President **Steve Quigley**.

Our newest and most important members are **Stuart Brooks**, a principal in RC Taylor & Co. (sponsored by **Chuck Swope**), **Pam Costanzi**, Director of Development at The Hickman (sponsored by **John Schwab**), **Wendy Hoffman**, of the Chester County Bar Association (sponsored by **Paula Ott**), and Major **Gerald Morgan**, Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army of West Chester (sponsored by **Pat Barron**). (Apologies for any misspelled names.)

Steve issued new pins to the sponsors in recognition of their efforts to meet **President Steve's** membership goals, and then spoke about the many good works that members of our club have done over the years.

A classification talk by **Marjorie Wentz**, who grew up in West Chester: After attending Wake Forest University, Marjorie followed a varied career path, beginning as a buyer for Macy's. She then sold "things that seemed high tech at the time but are considered antiques today," like fax machines and overhead presentation products. Marjorie told a humorous - and true - story about a customer who was convinced that the paper clips and staples jammed in her fax machine must have been faxed to her by someone else. After a few years of

owning three Curves franchises, Marjorie went to work for and then purchased Elmark Signs and Graphics. Every day brings her new experiences and contact with a range of businesses. While it was not the best timing to buy a new business, Marjorie says 2009 looks to be a better year. She is married to Charlie and they are "The Brady Bunch," with two kids each, all of them teenagers! She loves watching them play sports, sing in chorus and perform in plays. She enjoys all kinds of sports, ran her first marathon last year, and plays a lot of tennis. A member of St. David's Episcopal Church, she tries to live her life in a way that is pleasing to God, giving her time, talent and money, and sees Rotary as a way to do that.

Ed Malet then gave an update on the Gundaker Foundation. He began by recognizing past Gundaker reps and Gundaker Fellows and gave a review of what Gundaker is, how it works, and the good work it supports. In addition to scholarships, he described local and national projects, including trail improvements at Wissahickon Park, giving computers to local libraries, and dictionaries to inner-city schools. International projects include Rotaplast trips and providing ambulance/medical vehicles to service remote villages. This year, nine youth exchange students are living in Philadelphia, and eight from Philadelphia are living abroad.

More information about Gundaker is available at www.rotary7450.org/gundaker.



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

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

EXCHANGE STUDENT

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