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Bulletin #40

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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This Week's Program: April 30, 2009

**Redefining Internships:
MyInternshipGopher.com
Speaker: Tony Colantonio**

Next Week's Program: May 7, 2009

**5 PM
A Tour of the Justice Center
Arranged by Paula Ott and Bunny Welsh**

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Judge **Paula Ott** gave a reading from Gibran's "The Prophet" for the invocation after **President Steve Karp** opened the meeting.

Ed Malet introduced his guest, Christina Ketch, who has been interning with him; **Mark Samaronne** had two guests, his daughter Chelsea and her friend Nicole; **Jean Oakes** introduced Jay Barber, father of guest speaker Kate Barber, **Carl Werner** introduced his neighbor Ron Bonacore and **Shauna Yeldel** introduced our exchange student, Anri Izui.

President Steve called on **Sue Casso** to talk about membership in view of the number of guests, then proceeded to talk about membership himself, since he caught **Sue** at an inconvenient time.

Katie Decker introduced visiting Rotarians, Evan Witman of WEGO, Gary Altoonian from Sunrise and Reece Reynolds from Longwood. **President Steve** extended belated birthday greetings to Kevin Quinn whose birthday was last October. Perhaps **Kevin** has missed a few meetings in between, quipped **President Steve**.

Happy bucks were contributed by many Rotarians: **Bob Poole** regarding District 7450 leadership, **Cathy Palmquist** with thanks to **Victorian Dow** for Literacy Heroes, which included a number of Rotarians, and to **Ed Malet** for the interesting and successful International Student Picnic. Gary Altoonian from the Sunrise Club commented on the great oranges, **Michele Parent** was happy about the good weather that enabled her to put her boat in the water, **Patty Jefferis** about her reading class of youngsters who did a benefit, and **President Steve** who is going to Chicago to attend the Bar Mitzvah for his nephew.

Fine master **Jack Wintermuth** extracted additional funds from members as he pointed out The Daily News article about **Joe Polito's** efforts in getting the Italian Social Club up and running again, but not mentioning Rotary. He could find no

fault with **Dave Biffen's** photo in the Daily Local with "Ned" and his musket, but fined him anyway.

Gary Altoonian started off announcements with an invitation to attend the Sunrise Club's annual meeting honoring three outstanding leaders, two who are members of our club, **Mell Josephs** and **Cliff DeBaptiste**. **Jeff Sommer** made a plea for members to donate blood at the drive sponsored tomorrow by the Bar Association at the new Justice Center on behalf of his law partner or Rotary. **John Schwab** reminded members of the Dine About being held next Thursday, April 30 by the Rotaract Club. **Steve Quigley** invited members to check out the annual Film Festival in West Chester this weekend at the Historical Society. The festival was changed from October, which conflicted last year with our Chili Cook-off. **Bill Ronayne** announced he has received the first sponsorship for the Chili Cook-off.

President Steve announced **Joe Polito** as Rotarian of the month for April for Joe's outstanding work of selling citrus at this year's annual fruit sale. **Jean Oakes** won the 50/50, but the queen eluded her.

President Steve reminded members there will be no luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 7th. There will be a catered dinner and tour at the new Justice Center, hosted by **Sheriff Bunny Welsh** and **President Judge Ott**. Members should gather in the Justice Center lobby by 5:15 p.m. There will be free parking in the center garage across the street after 5 p.m.. Members need to sign up and pay the \$15 by next Thursday's meeting, April 30th so the caterer can be notified of the number attending.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Paula Francisco Ott

Kate Barber, the great niece of **Jean Oakes**, gave an inspirational talk about achieving her life goal of being an Olympian. She was the captain of the Women's U.S. Field Hockey Team at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Kate graduated from

Unionville-Chadds Ford High School where she lettered in three sports. She attended college at UNC Chapel Hill where she received the Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year Award and was on the Tar Heels Championship Team for three years. Upon graduation, she joined the National Hockey Team where she was a member for 11 years. She was in 200 international competitions and received three silver medals in 1998, 2002 and 2006. She was named USA Female Field Hockey Athlete of the Year five times. She has just retired from the US Field Hockey Team, but is on the Board of Directors.

She had put her life on hold for the Olympics and was disappointed when the team did not qualify for the 2004 Summer Games in Athens. She took a year off, and after much personal reflection and encouragement from her mother who died of cancer in 2006, she moved to San Diego to train with new coaches. In April 2008 in Russia, the USA Women's Team qualified to go to the Olympics. The Opening Ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a culmination of a 20 year dream and a goal that had eluded her for 12 years. Even though the team did not medal, it won the respect and admiration of athletes around the world. Kate exemplifies the qualities of Olympic athletes - dedication to her sport, family and Country.

DINE ABOUT

The West Chester Rotaract Club is having its 3rd Dine About, A Charitable Night Out, on Thursday, April 30 from 6pm – 9pm. Tickets are \$25 and available at:

<http://home.ccil.org/~rotaract/>

SAVE THE DATE

- 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

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

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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

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