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Bulletin #41

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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This Week's Program: May 7, 2009

5:15 PM

A Tour of the Justice Center

Arranged by Paula Ott and Bunny Welsh

Next Week's Program: May 14, 2009

Clean Water

Speaker: John Hoekstra, Dir. Of Watershed Activities, Green Valley Assn.

Arranged by Ed Malet

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President-Elect Dave Rayburn opened the meeting and **Cristina Coombe's** invocation quoted Desmond Tutu and the Ubuntu spirit of generosity.

John Saling (Sunrise) was the only Visiting Rotarian. No guests were present

Faith Woodward sang a birthday song based on the R-O-T-A-R-Y song for **Carol Hanson**. **Bob Frame** wished **Dave Rayburn** a Happy Birthday and **Cristina Combee** did the same for **Carolyn Comitta**.

Happy Bucks were given by **Geoff Baker** (have too many host families and not enough students, for a change and moving to **Bob Frame's** Caldwell Banker Preferred). **Tom Spackman** (This Sunday is Walk for Paws benefiting SPCA). **Elizabeth Guman** (Uncle Joe Strode present. Joe was selling brooms for the Lions Club @ \$15). **Bob Poole** (Rotary made the sports page for the first time with **Jean Oakes** and her niece).

Bunny Welsh announced that our meeting on May 7 will be at the Justice Center. Park across the street and gather in the lobby. Bring no firearms but cameras are ok).

Matt Schwab –Rotarct has its third Dine About this evening.

Mayor Yoder- Blood Drive will be June 4 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Adrienne Masak-Rozier – Anri attended the District Conference last week and enjoyed it. An envelope was passed to buy tickets to the Blue Rocks for Anri and her host family.

Elizabeth Guman and **Cristina Combee** thanked all who helped with the Fruit Sale- the 9 people who helped put packets together, the 30 who distributed fruit, the 93 who sold fruit and those who did the accounting the web design, the granting committee, the brownie bakers, and the deliverers of fruit! They then presented a check to

Joan Snyder from CVIM for \$10, 456. The money will go directly to Judy's Cookie Jar to help pay for testing for the uninsured working poor.

The Sunrise Club will be honoring two of our members, **Cliff DeBaptiste** and **Mell Josephs** at Penn Oaks Country Club Saturday.

Katie Decker asked that people sign up in advance for the dinner on May 7 so that the caterer can be paid the right amount.

Linda Hicks announced the winning applicants of the Vocational Awards, Robert Briglia (Bishop Shannahan) and Meagan Sanders (Henderson). Of seven applicants, five school districts were represented.

The 50-50 was won by **Patty Jefferis** but the Queen of Spades remains at large.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess

At our last meeting, we heard from Molly Neece, the "head gopher" of MyInternshipGopher.com. Molly has the type of engaging smile and effervescent personality that I think is just fantastic. In addition, her father is a Rotarian! Not only that, but Molly went to Mexico on a Rotary short term exchange! Wow! I bet she wouldn't go to Mexico right now.

Her brainchild, MyInternshipGopher, is designed for high school students (ages 16 and older), schools and businesses to help grow and keep our talent in the area through job shadows, informational interviews, onsite and virtual internships. The three way online matching system between the school, student and business helps prepare students, grow industry pipelines and help businesses stay competitive in the global economy and uncertain economic times. These days are certainly nothing if not uncertain. This effort is supported by the Chester County Economic Development Council, ITAG (the Innovative Technology Action Group), the Chester County Workforce Investment Board and the Chester

County Health Care Partnership. Eight high schools are already on board with this effort as well.

So what the heck does all of that mean? For businesses, it is a great resource to find interns. You all know interns, the ones who work for no pay, just like Votary speaker reviewers. All work and no pay makes Jack ... I don't remember the rest. Maybe if I were paid for this job I would remember.

What's in it for the interns? They get some fundamental experience working in a chosen field of endeavor. This way, they can decide early on if they like what they **think** they may do for the rest of their lives. Gee, I though Sanitation Engineer sounded glamorous! Oops!

An internship looks great on a resume too. In my mind, this is much better on a resume than – I can hit a ball with a stick, or I can run fast with a ball, or I can put a ball in a hole.

Judging by the small throng around Molly after her presentation, our club members think MyGopher is a swell idea too. At the conclusion of her presentation, Molly was duly “mugged” by stand-in bell-ringer Dave Rayburn. Isn't he President already? Hard to tell.

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
June 4 Blood Drive with Borough

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
129 Bantery Rd. W C19380 610-436-1615
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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