



Make Dreams Real

ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: May 21, 2009

**Rotary Program
Arranged by President Steve**

Next Week's Program: May 28, 2009

**"What Was There Then?"
Speaker: Pam Powell, CCHS
Arranged by Dave Biffen**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Steve called the meeting to order. **Carol Hanson** gave the invocation from the Reading Seven Spiritual Laws of Success. The 3rd law is KARMA. What you sow is what you reap. Everything that happens is a result of choices that we make.

Today's guests included the two host families, Susi Hubbard and Mike Taggart. There were no visiting Rotarians.

President Steve thanks all the Rotarians who worked to set up last week's Rotary meeting at the Justice Center. He especially thanked **Bunny Welsh** and **Paula Ott**.

Birthday greeting were extended by **Paul Woodruff** to **Charlie Lyddane**. He gave him a hat. **Bob Rogers** wished **Shannon Royer** a Happy Birthday.

Announcements: **Steve Quigley** announced that he is hosting a dinner for new Rotarians and their mentors at his residence. Steve also stated that Barclay Friends are having a golf fundraiser at Honey Brook Golf Club on Monday, June 8th. The YMCA is also having a golf fund raiser on Monday, June 15th at Penn Oakes Golf Club.

Mark Sammarone announced that individuals who signed up to assist at the May Festival will receive a map and further instructions. The board tabled the motion concerning Brian's Run. Info about this is on the tables at Rotary and on the Rotary website. The AD Hoc Committee recommended stopping this event and pursuing other directions. Please email the board with your comments on the Rotary website.

Bill Ronayne and **Tony Colantonio** spoke about the CHILI COOK OFF. Please check the chili cook off website. Teams are

chaired by **Sue Carr** and **Jeff Sommer**. **Dan Cosgrove** is chairing Vendors. **Tony Calantonio** is chairing sponsors. Tony gave each Rotarian a Sponsor Contact List Form and Sample Letter to Contacts. Please complete the form and return it to Tony.

Sue Casso Rogers inducted Warren Tallaway into our club. The Rotarian of the month is **Ed Malet**. On May 19, the District Assembly will be held at Delaware Valley community College from 1-5 p.m.

Bill Ronayne pulled the 50/50 ticket. Today's winner is **John Schwab**.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Our program had two parts today. The first part was a presentation by our exchange student, **Anri Izui**. She started by thanking our club for supporting her and assured us that this year has had a great effect on her life.

She talked about how she has had many valuable experience, some fun and some difficult. She reminded us that it's not always easy to adapt to a new culture and that it's taken a big effort to learn so she could adapt. She offered a heartfelt thank you to her host family for all the ways they have gone out of their way to make her time here a positive experience.

Anri then showed us a video with music and pictures of her year. While I cannot tell about all the shots, some highlights: playing softball, and outing with Geoff Baker, a Rotary meeting with a picture of the "fruit lady" as she named her (my partner in crime!), working at the Chili Cookoff, posing in front of the Statue of Liberty, getting a Red Sox hat from the Easter Bunny.

We wish Anri well as she travels back to

Japan!

Then **Ed Malet** introduced our next speaker, John Hoekstra, the Director of Watershed Advocacy with the Green Valley Association. John began by outlining some of the realities that we are facing in terms of our climate's destabilization. He particularly focused on water and while I didn't get all the statistics – here are two: 1) Each year 2.5 million deaths are caused by waterborne diseases and 2) Americans use an average of 100-175 gallons of water per day while Germans (for comparison's sake) use 34 gallons per day. He also showed some startling pictures, such as the Aral Sea that is now dried up and a group of men who were pulling a cover over the snow in the Alps to keep it from melting too fast so they could preserve their water supply throughout the year.

So what can we do? One area that John recently worked on is the State Water Plan. But he was disappointed with the outcome in that he saw it as reactive—dealing with shortages, etc vs. preventing them. Other issues include the Pennsylvania Turnpike slip ramp, the widening of the pipeline in our area and stream buffers.

John ended on a serious, but hopeful note. He felt encourage by the green technology movement and sees that as a great opportunity. He finished with the picture he started with – a group of kids – and reminded us that we are the ones that need to act now and that our children and grandchildren and their children are counting on us.

SAVE THE DATE

- May 26 Rotary at the Blue Rocks
- May 30 Habitat for Humanity- Ribbon Cutting
- June 4 Blood Drive with Borough
- Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

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
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Anri Cell Phone: (610) 400-7432

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WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS

Tuesday, May 26, 2009
5:30 PM to ????

Cost \$35 per ticket

See **Jack Wintermute** for tickets

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