



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 4, 2009

Speaker: Dr Sonia Paquette

Topic: Ergonomics

<http://otr-cpe-ve.com/default.aspx>

Arranged by: Dave Biffen

Next Week's Program: June 11, 2009

Speaker: Bruce Mowday

Topic: The Johnston Gang

<http://www.mowday.com/>

Arranged by Dave Biffen

MINUTES by Gary Hess

Stand-in President Dave Rayburn rang the bell promptly at 12:30. Our theme song was well sung by the crowd, and **Past President Jim Gasho** offered a heart felt invocation. Jim looked sharp with his brand new haircut. How much did you pay for that haircut, Jim?

Sunrise Rotarian John Saling made the scene, and was our only visiting Rotarian. Terry Webber was our only guest. Terry was Linda Hicks' guest, and is currently in the pipeline for membership. Terry is also, with...drumroll please..., 1st National Bank.

Club favorite **Carol Hanson** 'wowed the crowd' with a birthday greeting to **Faith Woodward**. Carol's song was set to the tune of that old Blues Brothers classic "Rawhide," and showered Faith with well deserved accolades for all of the great things that she does. The club in turn showered Carol with applause for a job well done. I'm sure glad I don't have Carol's nerve in my tooth.

As for Happy Bucks, **Bob Poole** announced that he had been "arrested" much to the envy of his friends. It was unclear if he was led away in the infamous pink handcuffs. **Mark Sammarone** was happy for all of the assistance provided by club members at the May Fest. **Bill Gotwals** was happy to report that he survived a round of golf, and was able to put a few shekels in his pocket at the end of the round. If **Andrew Stump** were as old as Bill, he could finally come close to shooting his age! **Terry McGrath** offered monetary happiness in honor of his daughter Kim, who was accepted at Pitt. Thanks went to **Frank Helms** and **Victoria Dow** for their role in initiating Kim into the mysteries of Library Science. **Dave Biffen** offered a buck to start a fund to assist Terry in maintaining his coiffure. Best to check in with **Jim Gasho** first. **Bob Poole** was back on his feet to announce that he enjoyed a round of golf with Beth Gasho. It was

unclear if Bob still had the handcuffs on.

Resident vampire **Dick Yoder** was unable to attend the meeting, but someone (sorry dude, I forgot who made this announcement) announced an upcoming blood drive on June 4 at Borough Hall. This will run until about 3:30. Please mark your calendar and come swap your blood for a cookie.

The 50/50 was won by **John Schwab**, who was able to add \$17 to his wallet. John's number was selected by the birthday girl, Faith.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Pat Barron

According to **Dave Biffen**, Pam Powell has the best job in Chester County. Pam is chief photo archivist for the Chester County Historical Society. After her presentation today, I believe he is right. The Historical Society houses over 80,000 photographic images, many of which are being placed on glass plate and can be viewed via a blog on the Society's website. Amid wonderful pictures of things long gone and some that are still extant, Pam related many interesting facts about our fair town.

Appropriately enough, given West Chester's growing reputation for good restaurants and bars, the town was founded in the Turk's Head Inn and was known as Turk's Head until the county was divided into Chester and Delaware Counties in 1786. Did you know: that Mayor Ziba Pyle hosted Lafayette on his tour of America in 1824?...that the last hanging in Chester County occurred in 1912?...that Buffalo Bill, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Frederick Douglas came to the old West Chester Opera House?...that there once was a fountain in the middle of Market Street (later moved to Everhart Park)?...that the West Chester Street Railway was call the "High Street Dinky" and you could ride it for a nickel?...that the Daily Local newspaper was founded in 1873 due to the demand for news about a notorious murder trial?

Well, Pam showed us pictures of historical buildings and people to accompany her entertaining talk about such events.

There is much to view and research at the Society's offices at the corner of High and Chestnut Streets. In addition, the Society administers the official archives of Chester County, some of which go back to 1682! The Society is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. www.cchs-pa.org.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS
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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE by Carol Metzker

You all know the wonderful experiences and results that can occur to our students. Here is yet another example. On Friday at Westtown School's end of year award ceremony, two of our district's former exchange students were recognized with awards:

Maddie DeSimone, who went to Mexico on a year-long exchange, earned Westtown's top language award for her proficiency in both Spanish and German. She also earned a local -community service award for her consistent work at La Comunidad Hispana for teaching English to Spanish-speaking immigrants to our county.

Kathryn Metzker (full disclosure, my daughter), who went to Argentina on a short-term exchange, earned Westtown's top service award for international service including participating in a National Immunization Day in India with Rotarians, teaching in Ghana (where she and I also participated in a Rotary Friendship Exchange), and local service including teaching English to Spanish-speaking immigrants at La Comunidad and helping with the first Dress for a Good Cause event at Westtown, partnering with Rotary to help a child-slave rehab center in India.

Not only does Rotary make a huge difference in the lives of exchange students--providing them the means to learn foreign language and culture, and an outlet to practice service above self. Our exchange students, in turn accomplish amazing things which reflect well on Rotary.

THANK YOU

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ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S GALA

This year's Gala will be held on Thursday July 9 at 6:00 at our regular meeting place, West Chester Golf and Country Club. There will be no lunch meeting that day.

This exciting evening will feature the installation of our incoming President, Dave Rayburn and his Board of Directors. And, once again, we will have a Silent and Live Auction so start thinking now about an item you can donate to the auction. Last year's items included goodies such as: vacation homes, dinners, themed baskets, gift certificates, help with various tasks or chores, boat rides and golf games. Use your imagination and come up with a fun item to auction.

Opportunities to sign up to attend the evening and donate items will be offered at upcoming meetings and through email blasts. We look forward to your participation in this event. Any questions can be directed to Sue Casso Rogers.

SAVE THE DATE

June 4 Blood Drive with Borough
July 9 President's Gala
Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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