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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Dong Kurn Lee, International President 2008-2009

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**This Week's Program: June 18, 2009**

**Rotary Program**

**Arranged by President Steve**

**Next Week's Program: June 25, 2009**

**Classification Talks**

**Arranged by Sue Casso Rogers**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Steve** called the meeting to order. **Ken Hickman** gave an invocation thanking those who served in the field of battle.

At the Board of Directors' meeting this morning it was voted to no longer participate as a sponsor of Brian's Run. On June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. there will be a budget meeting for the 2009-10 Rotary years.

Congratulations to **Bill Ronayne** as he graduated from the Chester County Leadership Connection. This year he is serving as president of the Senior Center.

Guests today included Sheila Purnell, former director of West Chester Recreation, Keith Kurowski, acting director of West Chester Recreation, Jenny Schell, Pete Adams, Rich Smith, Theresa Smith, Tony Buchanan, Elizabeth Hunt, and **Adrienne Masak- Rozier's** daughter.

Visiting Rotarians included Dale Yeager and Ed Fallon. **Sue Casso Rogers** wished a happy birthday to her husband **Bob Rogers** and **Jeff Sommers** extended birthday greetings to **Craig Kalemjian**.

Happy Bucks: **Carol Schaffer** (grants from the visitors bureau), **Paul Woodruff** (grandson going to college at main campus Penn State and Paul is celebrating 50 years college graduation), **Jeannie McGinn** (intern Ashley Miller got a job as events coordinator for Main Line Chamber of Commerce), **Bill Gotwals** (son's wedding), **Bob Poole** (2 grandchildren graduating from college), **Bruce Beadle** (last graduation ceremony for daughter), **Greg Radford** (running in marathon).

The Annual President's Gala will be held Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular meeting place, West Chester Golf and County Club. There will be no lunch

meeting that day. There will be a silent and live auction so start thinking about an item you can donate to the auction. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 a couple.

**Jeff Sommers** announced that if you want to contribute to the Rotary Foundation and get credit for this fiscal year, you must do so before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The last Thursday in June Rotarians will be voting for the Rotarian of the Year.

**Jeannie McGinn** presented the West Chester Recreation Dept with \$296.00 for their *Send A Kid To Camp* Program.

50/50- The pot of Gold is worth \$583.00. **Bruce Beadle** had the winning ticket today but failed to pull the correct card.

## SPEAKER REVIEW by Pat Barron

When **Dave Biffen** asked if anyone in the room did NOT know Bruce Mowday, not a single hand went up. (Well, OK, Bruce raised his own hand. Brother, know thyself.) The former Daily Local News reporter has written a book—Jailing the Johnston Gang--about a Chester Country family of thieves and murderers, who Bruce describes as the most vicious in the nation. The Johnston family reign of terror lasted many years until law enforcement officials and prosecutors finally sent most off to jail in the late 1970s. Bruce covered the story, but he did not write a book at the time. He's glad he waited, for more information has emerged and some lesser gang members are talking, after having served their debt to society. But some gang members will not have their debt cancelled while here on earth and it is hoped that the same fate awaits them in the hereafter. The Johnstons kept out of prison for so long, because they were excellent at their profession, there were fewer law

enforcement officers per capita, they hired the best lawyers, and they intimidated (and possibly murdered) witnesses. Bruce tantalized us with fascinating details—that the Johnstons stole more John Deere tractors than all the other thefts of John Deere tractors in the entire nation; that they chopped at least 200 Corvettes, selling all the parts except the gasoline tanks, which litter a field in their property; that the Sean Penn/John Malkovich movie, “At Close Range”, contained many errors, most egregiously that it glamorized the gang and portrayed some members as sympathetic. Gang members were convicted of killing six people. Bruce thinks they killed at least ten and probably more. I saw Bruce’s book on sale at the Market Street Grill. Get one while they last!

### 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.



### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided by **Jeannie McGinn** of McGinn Marketing Works.

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### SAVE THE DATE

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](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

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