



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 25, 2009
Classification Talks
Arranged by Sue Casso Rogers

Next Week's Program: July 2, 2009
Rotary Readers
Arranged by Frank Helms

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Elect Dave called the meeting to order. **Jean Oakes** gave the invocation, a prayer written by Robert Lewis Stevenson.

Visiting Rotarians included John Sailing, Jim Horn and Derek Botsher from Germany. Guests today were Laura Baker, Lynn?, Alan and Ellen Clark, and Cadet Jose Santiago.

Bob Frame extended birthday greetings to **Geoff Baker** and **Mark Sammarone** wished **Matt Bradley** a happy birthday.

Happy Dollars: **Kevin Quinn (Cliff DeBaptiste)**- President of Funeral Directors Association); **Jeannie McGinn** (filling in for **Jack Wintermute** and for her nephew who is 16 and broke 70 in golf); **Katie Decker** (father doing well after heart surgery); **Cathy Palmquist** (3 week Alaska vacation and attending the Fairbanks Rotary breakfast meeting); **Paul Woodruff** (2 grandchildren on the way to wherever they are going); **Bill Winters**(Collegium School graduation); **Geoff Baker** (Rotary Exchange 9 students- all have schools and host families); **Pam Costanzi** (The Hickman received a \$12 million grant to build); and **Carol Hanson** (Alan Clark honored today).

Announcements: **Jeannie McGinn**- teams are needed for the Chili Cook Off. Chili stimulus packages are available. If teams sign up by July 15th they will get their entire entry fee refunded. Later in the summer they will receive a 50 percent refund. Please check the website- www.westchesterchilicookoff.com. **Bob Frame** is planning a field trip to Target Master in Chadds Ford. Fee \$37.00. Come have a great time. Sign up sheets are on the Rotary tables. Please indicate which day of the week is best for you.

Sue Casso Rogers announced that the annual Presidential Gala will be held July 9th at 6 p.m. at our regular meeting place, West Chester Golf and Country Club. Cost \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. There will be a live and silent auction. Please sign up for this event. Sue is accepting

checks now.

John Schwab announced that the club gives a 50 percent scholarship to send a Rotary to the Leadership Connection. He is now recruiting candidates for this training. **Bill Ronayne** gave an overview of his training. The best part of the training came from the United Way, Chamber of Commerce and West Chester University. The instructors were from industry.

The 50/50 was won by **Mac Neilon** and **Katie Decker**. They had **Jean Oakes** pull the Ace of Diamonds.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Matt Bradley

In presenting her Classification Talk, **Debra Sparre** began by asking her audience if they remember a number of bars and restaurants that used to be around West Chester. She was a bartender in many of them and very good at remembering what every customer drank. So, Rotarians may remember her, and she certainly remembers them!

Born and raised in rural Coatesville, Debra couldn't wait to "get out" and move to the most cosmopolitan place she knew . . . West Chester!

Her first job, with Radcliff & Sipe, Architects, was also her first connection to Rotary, as her boss was an active member of the Downingtown club. She attended West Chester University and then earned a Masters in Social Research from Johns Hopkins University.

Debra married a local attorney and they have two daughters (both graduates of West Chester Friends School!) - Linda is a senior at Gettysburg and Liz is a senior at Wilmington Friends School.

Debra started a small and successful business, Gift Basket, Inc., and partnered for a time with Dilworthtown Inn, but found that she missed the holidays with her family. When she remarried, she also reassessed and decided to follow her interests in homes, land preservation and landscaping. She began selling mortgages

and real estate, and is now with Prudential Fox & Roach. She finds that she does well because of the relationships she has built, particularly from volunteerism. Debra serves on the Board of The Hickman and is President of the West Chester Civic Association.

Christina McCawley presented this year's Honorary Rotarians, chosen from six nominations. Laura Baker, wife of Geoff, is a very active and accomplished volunteer. She was instrumental in organizing the Walking With Wendy, which walked 16 miles in the Three Day Walk for the Cure. They were the number five team for fund raising in the Philadelphia area. Laura designed coolies that the team sold, in addition to recruiting, inspiring and leading the team in training walks and on the walk itself. She is very active with Calico Cutters, a group that makes quilts and pillows for children at CHoP and in shelters, new mothers, and food pantries. Along with her dog, Yoshi, Laura visits retirement homes as part of Paws for People. She and Geoff have hosted Youth Exchange students five times and are frequent chaperones on YE trips. On top of all of that, she is active with the Pennsylvania Daughters of the British Empire and was a volunteer pilot for the civil air patrol in Virginia. In accepting the honor, Laura said that she feels privileged to be involved in groups that make a difference.

Alan Clark is well known to many members of the Club. He worked for 35 years with Prudential before retiring in 1992. He and his wife, Anne, have been married since 1950. They have 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Alan has served on the boards of Barkley Friends, the ARC, the Senior Center, and the YMCA. He is a volunteer at Chester County Hospital and twice chaired the May Festival. Active with the Chamber of Commerce, he has lent his charm and good humor as host of Dressed for Success. He is a member of the United Methodist Church where he also taught Sunday School, and for years has led a Friday morning prayer breakfast. Alan has received citizenship awards from the Chamber, the Senior Center, and the United Way. And last, but certainly (not) least, he has been a Lion for 35 years and past president of the West Chester club. He enjoys his grandchildren, the sea shore, and coffee with friends at DK Diner. In accepting this honor, Alan said he is proud to be part of this community and proud of his supportive and understanding wife (they will celebrate 60 years next year!).

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**.

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Oct 11 Chili Cook Off
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