

# **ROTARY VOTARY**

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This Week's Program: September 3, 2015

New Member Inductions

Next Week's Program: September 10, 2015 Speakers: Tim Walsh and Sue Casso Rogers Our Club's Money

## **MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman**

**President Katie** called the meeting to order. **Sue Flynn** offered an invocation about inspiration.

Visiting Rotarians: John Saling, Dwight Leeper, Karen Mazou, Lenore Guthrie, Charles Streitweiser, Bob Struble

Guests: Ron Ginns introduced Ryan Laqualia, a local recruiter for the Marines; Christine McCawley introduced her guest and husband, Dwight McCawley; Ernest Zlotolow introduced his son and guest, Dan Zlotolow.

**President Katie** started the meeting with a TBT picture of **Cristina Combee** on the Honduras trip.

President Katie announced that she and Mac Neilon delivered \$1,000 of school supplies to the school district that morning on behalf of our Rotary Club. President Katie presented an official citation from District Governor Chad Rosenberg to Laura Aloisio in recognition of her work as Chili Cook Off Sponsorship Chair, raising \$44,000 in sponsorships! The last announcement was for signups to staff the table at the Restaurant Festival on September 19.

Upcoming dates: 9/12 – Rotary night at PPC Park with \$10 going to Polio Plus; 9/17 – Dinner at Iron Hill and present a coupon (available at the meeting) and Iron Hill will give 20% of proceeds to the Rotary Foundation; 10/11 – Chili Cook Off; 10/31 – Foundation Seminar; 11/13 – SASY awards; 11/14 – District Conference.

Happy Bucks: **Gary Hess** was very happy that he had his first hole in one! **Brad Abel** was happy that **Chuck Swope** had just committed to a \$750 sponsorship!

Birthdays: **Jeannie McGinn** wished **Cristina Combee** a happy birthday; **Bob Frame** wished **Brett Wallace** a happy birthday.

Announcements: **Chris McCawley** presented a banner she received on her travels from her trip to South Africa. District Membership Chair Karen Mazou presented a sponsorship pin to **Ernest Zlotolow. Jeannie McGinn** announced Chili Cook Off presale ticket packets for \$25.

Chris McCawley then recognized our Rotary Readers: Bob Poole, Dave Wood, Craig & Sandy Kalemjian, Bill Ronayne, Dwight McCawley, Jack Wintermute, Lenore Guthrie, Christine Wildauer, Bob Struble, Jeannie McGinn, Mickey Hall, Catherine Friedman, Faith Woodward, Joe Panaro, Patty Jefferis, Terry McGrath, Paul Woodruff, Glen Jensen, Rev. Chris Frantz, Sue Greenberg, Iliana Tati, Marlou DeHoratius, Lynnette Suzadail, Phyllis Dunn, alternate.

## **SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Rachel Barakat**

Bruce Beadle and Ernest Zlotolow gave a moving presentation about the International Service Committee's current project. The CARS (Children with Albinism Relief Subcommittee) project focuses on helping children with albinism from Tanzania. Many Tanzanians consider these children superstitious and not only shun them,

but illegally maim them by severing their limbs or hands, leaving them deformed. Sadly, this atrocity is often committed by the children's own parents. The limbs are then sold for as much as \$75,000.

The committee's purpose is to bring these children to the United States where they can receive proper medical care to treat and/or correct their deformities, and to support them through this process. Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia provides surgery and medical care, free of charge. Ernest's son, Daniel, is a surgeon at Shriners and has performed several surgeries. He spoke about the various types of treatment he has provided.

There are many associated non-medical expenses that the Committee is seeking to fund. Room and board is provided for the kids through the Global Health Relief Fund (GHRF) in Staten Island. The monies raised will go towards GHRF, travel expenses for the kids and their chaperones, including Visas and passports, clothing, transportation and entertainment.

All African expenses are cover by a safe house, Under the Same Sun. This is where the children are initially rescued and will return to after leaving the U.S. There, they are provided training to learn a skill so they can live independently as an adult.

The committee has funds at hand of \$18,000, with a goal of raising \$68,000 to fund a total of nine children. They are seeking Rotarian cosponsorship (non-monetary), monetary donations and advocacy of CARS project objectives, from individuals, corporations and charitable foundations.

Rotarians who wish to donate specifically to this project should make their checks payable to the Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation and specify CARS on their checks. A separate fund has been designated for this. Checks can be mailed to: the Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation, Inc., PO Box 743, West Chester, PA 19381. They can also give a check to Gary Hess, Treasurer of the Foundation.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Sept 12	Rotary Night at PPL Park
Sept 17	Dine Out at Iron Hill
Sept 20	Chili Cook Off booth at Restaurant
-	Festival
Sept 29	Golf Match with Kennett Longwood
Oct 11	Chili Cook Off
Nov 13	SASY Awards
Nov 14	District Conference
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