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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: April 8, 2004
Speaker: Dave Bevan
Helicopter Museum
Arranged by: Paul Woodruff

Next Week's Program: April 15, 2004
Joint meeting with Lions
Westtown Robotics Club?
Arranged by Carol Metzker

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

Today's featured speaker was Bruce Mowday, past managing editor of the Daily Local News, who gave us an insight into Chester County History. Bruce is the author of the book "September 11, 1777- Washington's Defeat at the Brandywine Doooms Philadelphia.

The Battle of the Brandywine was the largest land battle of the American Revolution which resulted in a victory for the British. The Continental Congress had to flee Philadelphia and Washington's Army spent a hard winter at Valley Forge.

Bruce has completed extensive research in order to write his book. During his research he found out that Valley Forge was located in N.J.(a misprint). Capt. John Marshall fought at the Brandywine and was wounded. The Captain wrote about the battle and never mention his wounds. It turns out that there are at least two Capt. John Marshalls. Did Betsy Ross

actually design the American Flag? Was it under fire in August 1777 at the Brandywine? There is not a whole lot written about the flag, but according to the Rev.Jacob Trout the national emblem was present at the battle. George Washington was also present at this battle. There are also some questions as to which side actually was victorious at The Battle of the Brandywine. Research indicates it was the British.

Capt. Patrick Ferguson, a crack shot, invented the breech loading rifle which was used for the first time at the Battle of the Brandywine. He had George Washington in his sight but declined to fire upon the brave Washington.

The British under the leadership of General William Howe gained a victory over General George Washington, captured Philadelphia, but failed to destroy Washington's Army, failed to rally the residents including a large Quaker community to the British cause.

You may want to read the book September 11, 1777- Washington's Defeat at the Brandywine Doms Philadelphia to learn more about the history of Chester County.

SAVE THE DATE

April 15 Joint meeting with Lions
April 23 Leadership Ball
@ The Desmond
May 14 District night at the Theatre
May 17 District Assembly
May 24 Rotary/Lions Golf Outing
June 21 District 7450 Golf Outing
July 21 Rotary Night at the Phillies

ROTARY INFORMATION

The April ROTARIAN has info in TECHTRENDS about digital television and why you should only buy a digital HDTV if you buy a new set.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sachie Koizumi, from Japan
Host family: Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson
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FROM JACK GRANT

All club members are invited to the Leadership Ball on April 23, 2004. It will be a dinner dance with Ken Delmars' group providing the music. It promises to be a fun evening so why not consider reserving a table for ten? There will be awards presented that night also. The price is a nominal \$45 per person or \$90 per couple. The Desmond Hotel always has great food.

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be willing and able to volunteer for

a Monday to take Nick to CHOP, please contact Adrienne Masak at adimasak@hotmail.com.

If you would be willing to take Su-Ling to lunch, or to the mall, or simply for a walk, please contact Bill or Beverly Hess at dmh15@aol.com

ROTARY FRUIT SALE - FINAL RESULTS

The results are in. The 2004 fruit sale was a huge success thanks to the collective effort of the entire club and the leadership of Geoffrey Baker. A few of the teams stood out with double digits gains over the prior year, which helped push the results up.

Great job everyone!!! It was a fun event and we helped an important community organization!

The Goodwill Fire Company received a check for \$12,920.

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