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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: June 3, 2004

National Hunger Awareness Day

Meeting Location: Chester County Cares

540 E. Union St., Suite L, West Chester

Arranged by Tim Phelps/Esther Brown

Next Week's Program: June 10, 2004

A Pal in West Chester

Police Athletic League

Arranged by Ron Ginns

MINUTES by Jim Gasho

President Charles opened our meeting at 12:35 PM and **Bud Deaver** honored our service men and women with his invocation.

Charles held a special moment of silence on the passing of **Les Schramm**, a West Chester Rotarian for over 60 years and the tragic loss of Peter Masak, Adrienne's husband.

Our one visiting Rotarian, Bob Bielsky, was introduced by one of our new Rotarians, **Matt Schwab**.

There were no guests today.

Catching up for birthdays for the entire month of May..... **Sue Casso** individually wished **Michelle Venema, Duke Evans, Joanne Tadeo, Jim Hamilton, Bob Rogers, Vic Abdala, Scott Scribner, Matt Schwab,** and **Phil Sachs** a very happy birthday!

Announcements:

Our club would like to congratulate **Carl Werner** and **Tom Spackman** on their graduation from the Chester County Leadership Connection.

Jack Wintermute, our "minor league baseball groupie," reminded the club about our Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks, next Thursday beginning at 5:00 PM. See Jack for tickets.

Dick Yoder noted that Saturday, May 29th, paralleling the dedication of the WWII Monument in Washington DC, the West

Chester Borough will hold a celebration honoring all Chester County WWII veterans at the National Guard Armory. All are invited. Bring the kids!

Scott Scribner updated us on the 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off being held on October 10th. MARK THE DATE! Changes are planned to make this an even better event than last year.

The 50-50 was won by an outstanding, good looking, hard working, friendly Rotarian; **Jim Gasho**. Jim however failed to pick the Queen of Spades. Over \$700 is still in the pot for one lucky winner.

Induction:

John Messersmith sponsored and introduced our newest Rotary Club of West Chester Rotarian, **Rick Dunlap**. Rick is the principal of East Senior High School. **Sue Casso** presided over the induction ceremony by challenging Rick and all West Chester Rotarians to "make a difference in your life and the life of others." Rotarians are dedicated to serving our communities and promoting world peace.

Please Note: Next Thursday's meeting will be held at 540 E. Union Street in coordination with Chester County Cares.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

This week we had the privilege to learn about two of our new members in their classification talks. **Raoul Pagin** was our first speaker. Raoul was born in Venice, Italy and his family came to

America for political reasons when he was in elementary school. He grew up in West Philadelphia, graduating in 1941 from Overbrook High School. After high school he served in the Army for 3 years in the Air Corps, training pilots and then went to college to study to be an industrial engineer. He married and had 3 daughters.

His career as an industrial engineer began at the Washington Navy Yard where he was responsible for the production plan of how to equip the air craft carriers in event of war. He went on to work on a number of top secret projects, including studying the Russian MIG21 airplane when the Israelis captured it. He retired in 1987 after 47 years and was recognized by the President, the House and the Senate. He then started a career as a consultant, but after 5 years of an even more hectic schedule, he retired "for real". He now keeps quite active in the Sons of Italy, teaching at Immaculata University, and stays involved with one of his favorite interests, opera. Raoul shared that he is honored to become a member of our Rotary club.

Chaya Scott gave our second classification talk. She started by sharing with us her fascinating heritage of active and prominent citizens in West Chester, starting with her great-great-great uncle, Moses Hepburn, who owned the first black-owned hotel in West Chester at the corner of Miner and Franklin streets. He was a very active leader of the movement for social justice and equal opportunity for all citizens. Another relative who influenced Chaya was her grandfather Norman Bond, Sr. who was instrumental in establishing the ward system in West Chester in 1971 to ensure representation from all parts of West Chester on the Borough Council.

Chaya continues to build upon this legacy today. She is a product of the West Chester Area School District, graduating from Henderson. She then received her bachelors from Temple and is now working on a masters degree in psychology from Immaculata. She has two children, a daughter 2 ½ and a son who is one. She works for the Boy Scouts with their Learning for Life program, helping students learn about careers so they can make more informed choices as they go to college. She serves on the West Chester Community Center board, is the treasurer of the local NAACP chapter, and is a member of the WCASD Minority Achievement Committee. Chaya expressed her deep appreciation for so many community members

and Rotary members that have supported her along the way and hopes to be able to do that for others.

SAVE THE DATE

June 3	WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks
June 21	District 7450 Golf Outing
June 28	Rotary/Lions Golf Outing
July 21	Rotary Night at the Phillies
Sept. 26	International Student Picnic @ West Chester University

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A Memorial Service will be held for Les Schramm at 2 PM on Thursday, June 3 at Boyd Funeral Home, 101 S. Church St, WC.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sachie Koizumi, from Japan

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