



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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September 23, 2004

**This Week's Program: September 23, 2004**  
**Chili Cook-Off**  
**Scott Scrivner and the Cast of Quo Vadis**  
**Arranged by Scott Scrivner**

**Next Week's Program: September 30, 2004**  
**Classification Talks**  
**Arranged by Tom Varley**

## MINUTES BY Faith Woodward

**President Steve** opened the meeting and **Adrienne Masak** gave the invocation.

**Howard Johns** introduced Visiting Rotarian Bob Bielski. Bill Hicks came in later but both were from WEGO.

Guests were presented by **Steve Quigley** (Monsignor Edward Deliman), **Mark Sammarone** (Jenny Bartholomew), **Dick Yoder** (Ralph Vassallo), Bob Kessler, Mary Ellen Crossan, and Vince from the Red Cross), and **Geoff Baker** (his exchange student Sandra Preoteasa).

Happy bucks were donated by **Matt Schwab**, **Joe DellaVecchia**, **Joe Peta**, **Michelle Venema**, **Jack Cording**, Jenny Bartholomew, **Joe Polito**, **Bill Gotwals**, and **Charles Streitwieser**.

Announcements:

**Joe Polito** -The West Chester Area Senior Center will have a Tag Day on Sept. 24. Please sign up to volunteer. November 7 will be the Veteran's Day Parade. Rotarians will gather at 1:30PM.

**Carol Metzker**- A birthday card was circulated for exchange student, Vinnie. Sept. 26 will be the International Student Picnic at WCU.

**Adrienne Masak**- Involvement with our exchange students is encouraged.

**Paula Ott**- "Meet Your Judges" will be Tuesday, September 28 7-9 PM at the courthouse. An historical trial (1870) will be compared to a current one.

**Bob Frame**- A Building Better Communities fundraiser dinner and live auction presented by the Housing Partnership of Chester

County and Residential Living Options, Inc. will be held on Thursday, September 23, 5:30-9:30PM at the Chester Valley Golf Club.

**Scott Scrivner**- The Chili Cook-Off, with fifty-five groups participating, is coming soon. Wrist bands for taste testing will be \$10/each and tee shirts \$15. Next week will be our special chili lunch.

**Sue Casso**- The Hickman is sponsoring "The Art of Caring" on October 8 at 6:30 PM. Ten Adirondack chairs, painted by local artists will be auctioned off. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of the Hazlitt building.

The 50-50 benefiting Bournelyf was won by **Tim Phelps**.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Dick Yoder sponsored and participated in a great program on the Red Cross. Dick reminded us how years ago our Rotary Club had a strong commitment to donating blood through the Red Cross. As our speaker, Dr. Ralph Vassallo, spoke with us, it became very apparent why it is important for our club to renew our commitment to meeting the need for blood.

In our Penn Jersey area there is a need to 1500 pints of blood a day. Too often the hospitals are running very close to empty on their supply and at very low points elective surgeries are canceled due to blood not being available. September is one of those times of low supply as the summer is often a time when donations are down.

The statistics that Dr. Vassallo shared with us were confronting. Of the approximately 290 million people in our country, 60% of those are eligible to give blood. Of that population, only about 5% actually donate blood. At the same time, 85% of that population will know a need for a blood transfusion, either for themselves or a close family member.

Dr. Vassallo also tried to combat some of the myths about blood donation. First, there is no one type of blood needed more than others. When people ask him about the "most important type of blood" he replied, "the type that is not there when the doctors need it for a patient." All our blood types are critical. Also, we cannot respond in the moment to a crisis. It takes 3 days to process the blood before it can be used. It's important not to wait until the last minute. And while our time is precious, the blood donation time takes only about 1 hour from check in to check out.

I mentioned that Dick participated in the program. Of course, he did a nice introduction of Dr. Vassallo. Then, while the doctor was talking with us, he actually gave blood to demonstrate how easy it is. Dick also shared with us his own remarkable experience with donating blood that brings him to be so passionate about the cause. When donating blood at a Red Cross drive, the testing of his blood indicated very elevated levels of iron. They notified Dick of this result. Dick had it checked out and found out it was a genetic condition that was rather serious, but could be treated. He credits the Red Cross with saving his life.

We can give blood up to 6 times in one year. Dr. Vassallo encouraged us to serve our community by giving blood regularly and reminded us that by giving one pint we can save 2-4 lives. A powerful way to serve.

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Sept. 26 International Student Picnic @ West Chester University
- Sept. 30 - International Service Avenue committee chair meeting after regular Rotary meeting
- Oct. 10 Chili Cook-Off
- Nov.5-7 District Conference

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

- Alexander (Alex) Tesch** (Henderson)  
Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun  
416 Chrislena Lane WC, PA 19380  
610-344-0205
- Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria** (Unionville)  
Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger  
1087 Heartsease Dr. WC, PA 19382  
610-793-1708

**NEW MEMBER**

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated her desire to become a member:

**Adrianna Correa**, Classification: Banking/ Mortgage lending. Sponsored by Andy Close.

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for her induction.

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