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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: August 18, 2005
Chester County Pops
Speakers: Irv Friedlander & Jacques Voois
Arranged by Chris Feryo

Next Week's Program: August 25, 2005
West Chester Rehabilitation Hospital
Speaker: Kathy Shave
Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting and **Tom Spackman** gave the invocation all the while a video of the interact program in Chile was plying. Visiting Rotarians Joe Kahn (WEGO) and Rick Stephenson (Sunrise) introduced themselves.

Guests with **Jeannie McGinn** were Patty Griffen, Maggie O'Neill, Anne Kuniak, Katie Walker, and Tim Phelps all from the Chamber of Commerce. **Adrienne Masak** had her daughters Gabbie and Geneva with her and **Don Stronstrom** introduced Lisa Howard who is looking for a Rotary club to join.

Jeannie McGinn wished a Happy Birthday to **Tom Spackman**.

Happy Bucks were given by **Duke Evans, Eric Metzker, Linda Hicks, Victoria Dow, Katie Walker, Jeannie McGinn, Tim Phelps, Tom Varley, Jack Cording, Bud Deaver, Phoebe Kitson-Davis, and Mike Steinberger.**

President Gary quizzed us again. Interact is for High School students and comes from the words International and Action.

At the board meeting earlier in the day it was decided that a projector will be available each week to show Rotary-related events. Future projects were also discussed. Board meetings are held every second Thursday each month at 7:30 AM at DeStarrs. Every club member is invited.

President Gary will be at the Knights of Columbus every Monday night from 5-9 PM and would enjoy meeting any Rotarians there to talk about Rotary.

Bob Frame and **Charlie Lyddane** have 37 teams lined up for the Chili Cook-Off. We want 50 (no 65, says President Gary) teams. Please volunteer to go to last year's teams to encourage more participation.

Jim Gasho thanked many who have been working diligently on the Chili Cook-Off. He named **Andrew Stump, Jeannie McGinn, Bob Frame, and Charlie Lyddane.** We have twice as many sponsors as last year and the income is excellent. Jim and Jeannie have been meeting twice each week just to get ready for this big event. We have been allotted two more streets this year by the borough which means we have that much more space to fill!

The 50-50 was won by **Andrew Stump** but he pulled the Queen of Diamonds.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Tom Varley introduced Jeannie McGinn as the Chili Cook off Queen. She modestly accepted the title, reminding members however that the chili cook off is really a team effort and needs many volunteers.

Tom's introduction lead right into the reason Jeannie was guest speaker. Being involved with the chili cook off for almost three years, Jeannie finally joined Rotary. Because she's been active for so long, she felt as if she was giving a reclassification rather than a classification talk.

Classifying herself as a person with a "tourist spirit," she thinks people are either tourists or homebodies. As a "tourist," she likes to meet new people, go new places and meet new challenges. Her tourist spirit developed early when her dad, a Marine and Scott Paper employee, moved the family about every two years. "Whenever Dad took the family out for a steak dinner we knew he was going to tell us about another move." Born in Philadelphia, she has also lived in Seattle, Dallas, Ohio and California – and visited many adjacent states! As a result, family members learned to rely on each

other and are very outgoing and friendly. Football and sports are big in her family, and having lived in Dallas, she is a Cowboys fan. She does cheer for the Eagles if they're not playing Dallas!

Jeannie believes in enjoying life, having a good time, encouraging others and letting them know you believe in them. Through the years, she has worked with blind children and always been involved in volunteering and charities.

She's a graduate of California State at Long Beach, whose celebrity graduates include Steve Martin. She put herself through school by working as a banquet manager and "subsidizing" her education further by running sports pools. Jeannie got a degree in Political Science, influenced by the Watergate event, and went to work for a California congressman after graduation. While this was an exciting time - Reagan was President - she realized her job was tied to the congressman's, so took a job in telecommunications two years later. She worked in sales and marketing for Nortel Networks for 12 years, achieving "Salesman of the Year." She worked in Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska, and lived there for 2 years, saying it is an area of fantastic beauty. Responding to friends who couldn't believe she left Alaska without a spouse, she quotes a tee shirt that reads, "The odds are good, but the goods are odd."

Early in the 90s, she began to feel restless and quit her job. With her golden retriever in tow, she moved in with a friend in Newtown Square. A chance meeting with an entrepreneur at a children's football game, got her a job helping start the *Main Line Today* magazine. She started off securing the filler material, eventually becoming managing editor. After 6 years, the job had become routine, so she left and started her own business, Marketing Works. A detail-oriented person, she sees her company as a catalyst for generating visibility and profitability for businesses. She moved from Havertown to Chester County due to the county's growth. Through her work with Mitch's Gym, she got involved with the Chamber of Commerce of West Chester, a connection that has reaped personal as well as business rewards. She closed by saying the community is counting on Rotary for the Chili Cook off, and urged all members to get involved.

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 16 District 7450 RF Barbeque
Sept 25 Rotary International Student Picnic at WCU
Oct 9 Chili Cook off

NEW MEMBER

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

Bert Volger: Owner, Ceres International LLC. Classification: Business. Minor: Consulting. Sponsored by Joe Polito

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for his/her induction.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) -Henderson
Host Family - Harvey and Shannon Hicks
414 Oakland Dr
Downingtown, PA 19335
610 524-4277

Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) - East HS
Host Family - Ted and Alice Lenthe
627 Beaumont Circle
West Chester, PA 19380
610 430-0898

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