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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: September 15, 2005

District governor's Report

Speaker: Bob Lankin

Arranged by Dave Rayburn

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting and **Jim Stuart** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included Philip Downey, Jim Portsmouth- New Zealand, Roger Tellefsen, and B.J. Barrett. Guests included Lisa Howard- Pepsi Co., Sue Dempsey and Nicole Mallon from the Daily Local News, Anita Trump, John Quinn, and Marv and Shirley Porter.

Jack Wintermute extended birthday greetings to **Bob Connolly**.

Happy Bucks were from **Dave Wood** (Child at college), **Bill Hess** (took an exchange student to a Phillies Baseball game), **Cliff De Baptiste** (Marv & Shirley Porter), **Joe Polito** (**Bill Hess** - exchange students eat a lot at Men's Night out).

President Gary is going to present a proposal to the board in regards to adapting a family from the gulf states who survived Katrina. **Stan Zukin** has offered to provide a 2 bedroom apartment free of charge for a year. **Bill Bunch** and **Patti Jefferis** have also agreed to become involved with this project. There is a down side as we do not know what type of individuals we will receive, no operating cash etc. Gary asked, "Is the club serious about this? We must make a commitment- Can we count on you?" Many of those present signed up to help monetarily and/or with volunteer help.

Steve Karp announced 44 Rotarians still need to pay their dues as soon as possible. Jeannie announced that the Chili

Next Week's Program: September 22, 2005

Chili Cook-Off Gala

Speakers: Jeannie McGinn and Jim Gasho

Arranged by Jim Gasho

Supplement in the Daily Local will be out October 7th- please consider purchasing an ad. Sign up forms are available at Rotary meetings. 65 Rotarians are needed the day of the Chili Cook off. **Sue Casso** announced that tee shirts, "Chili wear" and Rotary Club shirts are available for purchase. Order forms must be completed by September 22nd.

Shirley Porter pulled the winning 50/50 ticket- **Bob Frame** was the winner this week. Proceeds are for Operation Warm.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Joe Polito introduced **Bert Volger**, the newest member of the club. Joe met Bert two years ago when Bert's daughter was interested in becoming an exchange student. Born in Germany, Bert came to this country in 1985 and owns a consulting business, doing chemical assessments.

Past President Sue Casso warmly welcomed Bert and described the many ways his can contribute to Rotary, financially and through service. "Be a mover and shaker with us!" she said.

David Wood of the Vocational Service Committee presented a Vocational Service Award to Marvin Porter, organizer of the East End Neighborhood Association. Marvin and his wife Shirley ran a bed and breakfast in a tropical location. After Marv suffered a heart attack, they returned to West Chester and began work on organizing neighborhoods in the eastern part of West

Chester, which developed into the East End Neighborhood Association.

Marv told a short, humorous story about Rotarian and former Mayor **Cliff DeBaptiste's** involvement in helping produce *The East End Voice*, the newsletter of the association. Marv also generously offered the association and its members as a resource to the Rotary Club if/when we "adopt" a black family, evacuated from the recent New Orleans disaster.

New member, **Bob Crow**, then gave his classification talk, saying that his coming to West Chester was due in part to his father's interest in history. His forefathers settled in Appalachia, and then moved to Texas. Bob and his brother learned about hard work from his father, who worked 10-hour days in a packinghouse, then came home and helped his mother with her business.

Bob's brother received his PhD in languages, and although Bob was accepted to medical school, chose instead to go into the field of science and got his degree in biochemistry. He worked as a biochemist, supporting the sales force for Midwest in Kansas City. He subsequently moved from Texas to New Jersey and worked for West Chemical as their technical guru.

He and his second wife decided to move to West Chester after some research, deciding this was the best place to educate their children. Also, taxes are less in Pennsylvania than at their previous home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Bob's wife is an analyst at Siemens. Bob inherited his father's work ethic and strongly believes children need to be taught to think and to learn to make effective choices.

SAVE THE DATE

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| Sept 17 | Rotary Training at Delaware Community College 8-12:30 |
| Sept 25 | Rotary International Student Picnic at WCU –Alumni House Lawn 5-7PM |
| Oct 9 | Chili Cook off |
| Oct 28- 30 | District Conference at the Racquet Club in Philadelphia |

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to **Eric and Carol Metzker** at the passing of Eric's father this week.

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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