



**SERVICE Above Self**

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: September 22, 2005**  
**Chili Cook-Off Gala**  
**Speakers: Jeannie McGinn and Jim Gasho**  
**Arranged by Jim Gasho**

**Next Week's Program: September 29, 2005**  
**Renewable Energy**  
**Speaker: Nadia Adawi**  
**Arranged by Elizabeth Guman**

### MINUTES by Fran Luft

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

President **Gary** welcomed District Governor Bob Lankin.

Visiting Rotarians included John Sailing (Sunrise) and Graham Bleekey from Scotland. Guests included students and teachers from East and Henderson High Schools, Anita Trump and Mrs Durnell.

Happy Bucks were from **Geoff Baker** (broker's license), **Mike Alfonsi** (Steve Karp hurt his back), **Paul Woodruff** (back in area, looking forward to the birth of his 19th grand child, has 4 grandchildren in college), **Kevin Quinn** (son is on the football team at the University of Delaware- play WCU this Saturday), **Joe Polito** (football), **Bob Poole** (grandson plays football- Great Valley School District).

**Jim Gasho** announced the Chilli Cook off is being held October 9th. 75 Rotarian volunteers are needed. Please sign up to help out. Posters are available to be distributed throughout Chester County. Orders are now be taken for shirts with the Chill logo and Rotary Shirts. See **Sue Casso**. Cook off will be held on Gay Street from High Street west down to New Street. Church and Darlington Streets will be closed to through traffic from Chestnut to Market Streets.

The Salvation Army canned food drive will be held Tuesday, October 25th at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

September students of the month were recognized- East High School- Dave Degeous, Danielle ?, Henderson High School- Ken Fischer and Monique Williams. Teachers that were recognized from both high schools are Steve Kernahand, **Alice Thomas**, Ali Bower, Shirley

McClurk, and Christine Blanch.

The Pot of Gold ticket was pulled by Graham, our guest from Scotland- he pulled his own ticket - he also pulled the Queen of Spades. Graham graciously donated all of the proceeds to Operation Warm- Thank you.

### SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

District Governor Bob Lankin gave the program this week. He began by explaining that he sees our club as a flagship club and that we serve as an anchor in the District. He reminded us about the president's slogan for the year "Service Above Self." Since this is a well known Rotarian phrase, we might think it's nothing new. So Governor Lankin challenged us to make it more than a slogan this year with 6 challenges.

First, he hoped that every Rotarian would experience the internationality of Rotary. He suggested a few ways to do this: 1) attend the International Conference in Denmark next spring, 2) if visiting another country attend a club meeting there, 3) attend the District Conference in Philadelphia Oct 28 and 29 and meet the study exchange groups from Mexico and Israel.

A key influence Rotary can have is on young people. Governor Lankin applauded our Youth Leadership program where we recognize students of the month from the high schools. He is challenging all clubs to start an Interact Club in the local high school if they don't have one.

The third challenge to put Service Above Self is in our response to Katrina. Governor Lankin applauded our initiative to host a family affected by the hurricane disaster and shared the Gundaker Foundation goal of raising \$50,000 for disaster relief.

The fourth challenge came mostly as a thank you to our club's stellar participation in the Rotary Foundation and he urged each member

to give over \$100 to the Foundation each year. The fifth challenge was similar—keep up the good work in recruitment and retention of new members. Our club is the number one club in the District in recruiting new members and he asked us to keep it up!

And the final challenge has to do with the Vocational Service avenue. Governor Lankin introduced a new project Rotary is doing with an organization called Joseph's People that supports the unemployed. He asked us to watch for more information and to get involved.

Governor Lankin concluded with a congratulations on the good work our club is doing and a thank you. Thank you, Governor Lankin, for your challenges to us to keep up the good work and for even new ways to put Service Above Self.

### **SUNRISE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The event will be held Saturday, October 22 between 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tickets are \$6.00, children under 5 years old eat free, a professional clown will be present. E-mail [Smyk@comcast.net](mailto:Smyk@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

### **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

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**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

### **CHILI COOK-OFF**

This year's Chili-Cook Off is shaping up to be the biggest and most attended so far! Oct 9th will be an extremely busy day. Our work begins early in the morning 8:00AM and will not end until approx. 6:00 PM. We will also need approx. 10 people to help assemble team and vendor packets the week before.

This is going to be a fun and exciting day. However we need approx. 90+ Rotary Volunteers to make it happen.

With the Chili Cook Off fast approaching we all want to advertise our event by wearing a stylish shirt sporting the Chili Logo. This is a 100% cotton pique shirt embroidered in 3 colors. Sizes are Small - XXL in both men's and women's short sleeved. Men's sizes in Long sleeved. Colors are black and yellow. Short sleeved - 22.00 each Long sleeved - 25.00 each

CHILI SHIRTS MUST BE ORDERED BY SEPT 22!!!!

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