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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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September 29, 2005

This Week's Program: September 29, 2005

Renewable Energy

Speaker: Nadia Adawi

Arranged by Elizabeth Guman

Next Week's Program: October 6, 2005

Classifications Talks

Ann Minz and Frank Reilley

Arranged by Tom Varley

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting with the fourway test.

Visiting Rotarians were Mike Laughlin (Springfield-Sierra Sunrise, CA), Joe Kahn (WEGO), VJ Theodorides (WEGO), and Dick Dudek (LaSalle, IL).

Guests with **Adrienne Masak** were our Youth Exchange students, Virginie and Sebastien, and a visitor from NC. **Tom Varleys'** guest was Lisa Howard, **Dave Rayburn** had a guest and **Jeannie McGinn's** guests were Marie from Bob Frame's office, Laura Dallas-Cooper, and Mike and Lynn McLaughlin. **Steve Reilly** brought Angela Adams and **Joe Polito**, Christopher Lakes.

Happy Bucks were from **Joe Polito, Annalie Lorgus, Sue Casso, Bud Deaver, Mary Lou Jennings, Charlie Lyddane, Terry McGrath,** and **Steve Karp.**

Steve Reilly presented Angela Adams a check in the amount of \$537 for Chester County Cares, the recipient of the proceeds from the 50-50.

Sue Casso announced that this was the last day to order Chili Cook-Off shirts.

Jeannie McGinn brought up Marie from Bob Frame's office to thank her for all her work coordinating the teams for the Chili Cook-Off. Jeannie then introduced Sue Dempsey who is working on the Daily Local News' 12-page supplement for the Chili Cook-Off. The deadline is Sept. 27 for ads. Mike McLaughlin, another friend of Jeannie's, has played in the National Rotary Golf Tournament and won! He recommended checking their website for USGFR (US Golf Fellowship for Rotarians). Next year they will play in Ashland, OR.

Annalie Korengel-Lorgus did her Holiday

Trivia thing. Dr. Poole won by knowing the date of the second Friday in December (Dec.9 when the party will be held).

Adrienne Masak gave an update on the Youth Exchange Students. Virginie and Sebastien are into their 2nd or 3rd weeks of school. Sebastien has already been to NYC and the US Open. Unfortunately, the outbound student to Germany has returned because she did not have a good experience.

President Gary let us know that the search for a family who is a victim of Katrina is still underway. The difficulty is due to the bureaucracy but there are two possible families. **Chuck Hawkins** is the committee chair.

The 50-50 which will benefit Operation Warm was won by **Al Filano** (sans Queen of Spades).

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Sporting the latest in Chili-wear, **Jim Gasho** (in a red hot chili hat) and **Jeanne McGinn** (in a lime green cowboy hat) gave the Chili Cook-off program today. Adding atmosphere, pictures of last year's Cook-off and theme music played in the background.

Jim reminded us how 4 years ago at the Holiday Party the idea of the Chili Cook-off was born. It was a bold idea for a new fundraiser. In fact, the goal for the Cook-off is to become the "major" fundraiser for the West Chester Rotary.

Major? We might think of it as meaning the fundraiser that involves the most club members and raises the most funds. But Jim suggested that major means something else to him. He challenged us to make this event an unforgettable event. He envisions all the cooking teams and sponsors will feel welcome, valued and honored from their experience at the event.

Some logistics: the event is October 9, just 17 days away. The Cook-off will start at noon and go to 4:30, with awards presented at 4pm. Rotary volunteers will be starting at 6:30 that day. Volunteers are being organized and "trained" prior to the event. *So if you haven't signed up yet, please contact Jim at jimgasho@comcast.net.*

Some statistics: we are going into the Cook-off in a positive financial position, so all sales from wristbands and merchandise is all for the Foundation. This is due in a large part to the fact that we have 25 sponsors, up from 11 last year and we have 60 teams, up from 52 last year. And we have 10 vendors, up from 3 last year.

Jim and Jeanne gave some special thank you's: to Marie from Bob Frame's office who has provided invaluable administrative support, to Larry Richards for having Legg Mason be the primary sponsor, to Cristina Combee for having Alliance Print Group be a sponsor by doing all the printing for the event, to the Daily Local News for sponsoring the insert that will be published October 7.

Be a part of this great fundraiser and great community event. Be sure to sign up to volunteer. (jimgasho@comcast.net)

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Katie Walker, President, Chamber of Commerce of Greater West Chester; Classification: Organization/ Commerce; Sponsor: Jeannie McGinn

Lisa Howard, Marketing, Pepsi Cola; Classification: Business Services / Marketing; Sponsor: Tom Varley

Anita Trump, NutraMetrix; Classification: Business Services / Sales; Sponsor: Dave Rayburn

Bert Volger, Ceres International LLC; Classification: Business Service, Consultant; Sponsor: Joe Polito

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

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 9 Chili Cook off
Oct 28- 30 District Conference at the Racquet Club in Philadelphia
Dec. 4 Brian's Run

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

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.

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