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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**October 13, 2005**

**This Week's Program: October 13, 2005**  
**Renewable Energy**  
**Nadia Adawi**  
**Arranged by Elizabeth Guman**

**Next Week's Program: October 20, 2005**  
**Youth Exchange Students**  
**Virginie Bregeon & Sebastian Velez**  
**Arranged by Adrienne Masak**

### **MINUTES by Fran Luft**

**President Gary** opened the meeting and **Ken Hickman** gave the invocation.

There were no birthdays to celebrate or visiting Rotarians. Guests included Romon ?, Laura Berfer, Amy Balian, Alan Clark, and Jessica and Erin Kent (the family Rotary is sponsoring from Katrina).

Wednesday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. Dr Peter Dickinson will speak about West Chester native Samuel Barber at First Presbyterian Church in West Chester. All are welcome. The Chester County Paralegal Association presents "A Taste of Chester County" - food drinks and silent auction to benefit Chester County Cares and Legal Aid of SE PA. This event will take place October 19<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in West Chester.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus's** home. Save the date.

October is Vocational Service month- framed *Declaration of Rotarians in Business* are available for purchase. Large \$85.00 Small \$75.00 (see **John Schwab**). **Adrienne Masak** announced that the four exchange students will be attending the Chill Cook off. Do we have volunteers to off set the cost of tickets for them?

The Chill Cook Off will be held this Sunday October 9th. Helpers are still needed. Please report to the Iron Hill for your assignments. Help is needed to clean up.

The 50/50 ticket was pulled by Erin Kent. **Steve Karp** won and donated the proceeds to Jessica and Erin Kent.

### **SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist**

**Steve Quigley**, Rotarian and board member of the West Chester Area Senior Center (WCASC) noted the many Rotarians who have been involved with the WCASC since its inception, beginning with **Sandy Sandmann**, who helped found the center. Currently, several Rotarians serve on the Advisory Council, and Steve and **Stan Zukin** sit on the center's board of directors.

Steve introduced Alan Clark from the advisory council and Amy Balian, WCASC executive director, to discuss the center's major initiative that is underway. Alan and Amy are Lions Club members, but admit to admiring our Rotary club and feel at home here. Alan said that **Joe Polito** got him involved in WCASC many years ago. He also noted that Rotarian **Bill Gotwals** is this year's WCASC honoree and Rotarian **Jean Oakes** was last year's honoree.

The WCASC began in a local Baptist Church before moving into its current building on West Market Street. The center only occupied the first floor until **Bill Gotwals** conducted a fundraiser and raised funds to enable them to move into the second floor.

Alan then introduced Amy who said she came to the WCASC in 1987 and become director in 1990. With 18 grandchildren and another on the way, she enjoys working with people at both ends of their lives. She said the reason for the initiative is that the center is crowded, there if very little parking and they have no room to grow. Services include Information and Referral, Volunteer Services, a Nutrition Program that serves breakfast 3 days a week, as well as lunch, Wellness and Education Programs,

Income Tax Service, in collaboration with AARP, and now a website.

The challenges of inadequate parking, limited program area, no privacy for those getting blood pressure checks and I and R information, insufficient office space, no room for growth, and safety concerns prompted them to seek a new facility. After four years of searching, they have purchased a building at 530 E. Union Street, still in the borough, that allows free parking, room for growth and enough space to enable WCASC to rent out about 10,000 of the 25,000 square feet and generate some income. The new space, 15,000 square feet, is more than double the 7,000 they occupy currently. Holland Art House and a district justice office will rent the extra space until the center needs it.

In addition to 90 free parking spaces, the expanded dining room will seat 180; there will be a state of the art kitchen, a wellness office, 4 classrooms, a computer room, 3 private tax prep rooms and administrative offices.

The WCASC sold the old building for \$1 million, but still need to raise \$1.5 to \$2 million. John Ciccarone and Jim McErlane are co-chairs of the fundraising drive, **Campaign for the Future**. She noted there are opportunities for supporters to contribute cash or stock, make multiyear pledges during the 3-year campaign, make a named gift, and solicit matching donations from one's company. She said **Al Filano** has already made a named gift for Amy's office. Over \$950,000 has been raised to date – Amy would like to see that figure reach \$1 million by the open house on Tuesday, Oct. 11, when EDIS, the company retrofitting the new center, is allowing mini tours between 6 and 8 p.m. Amy invited Rotarians to stop by on Tuesday and see the new location.

### **BRIAN'S RUN 2005**

The Rotary Club of West Chester's Brian's Run Committee needs old and new faces to volunteer. Experience has led us to form committees so that most jobs only take a few hours of your time prior to race day.

**Ken Hickman** will be contacting those who have served in the past, but would also like to ask anyone else that would like to contribute ideas, suggestions and help to contact him by phone (610-359-1234 Work), email ([ken@graphsrch.com](mailto:ken@graphsrch.com)) or in person at the meetings.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Oct 25 Canned Food Drive 7:00 PM  
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**

Thank you everyone for supporting and volunteering at the fabulous Chili Cook-Off this past Sunday.

Thanks especially to **Jim Gasho** and **Jeannie McGinn** for their tremendous job of organizing us all!!!!

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