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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

Next Week's Program: October 27, 2005
Rotary Foundation
Bill Hess
Arranged by Bill Hess

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting followed by a rousing chorus of "America." **Vernon Brewer** gave the invocation including photographic and life advice from Phil Jamison.

Steve Quigley announced that it was **Bill Gotwals'** 90th birthday and the group burst into a spontaneous rendition of "Happy Birthday." Bill has also celebrated 63 years of perfect Rotarian attendance. Several of Bill's family members were present: son Bill, granddaughter Sarah, daughter Susan, and Laurie and another son (?).

Bob Frame had some other birthdays as well. The group sang "Happy Birthday" yet again to **Steve Gotsall-Myers, Linda Hicks, Alan Elko, Paula Ott, Paul Woodruff, and Jeannie McGinn.**

Terry McGrath announced that those helping with the Canned Food Drive should meet in the North Hills Medical Building parking lot at 7 PM on October 25.

Gary Hess reminded everyone to consider items for donation for the Silent Auction that will be held at the District Conference.

Geoff Baker asked for people to submit applications for the recipient of the proceeds from the upcoming Fruit Sale. Applications can be found on our web site or at weekly meetings.

Guests today included Ed Callahan with **Mark Sammarone**, Tod with **Bob Rogers**, Peter Guman and Nadia Adawi with **Elizabeth Guman**, and Mac Neilon (he has begun the application for membership process) with **Andrew Stump.**

The 50-50 was won by **Geoff Baker** but he did not find the Queen of Spades.

President Gary gave the low down on the District Conference at the Philadelphia Racquet Club that will be held on October 28,29,and 30. Every club has paid to sponsor this event so please get an application on the web site or from **President Gary.**

Michelle Venema pleaded for a Happy Bucks moment for **Jeannie McGinn** who paid \$10 for the Cowboy's victory amidst groans for Eagles fans. **John Olszewski** also paid \$10, \$5 for each of his new knees and **Paul Woodruff** paid \$19 for his new grandson.

The Chili Cook-Off results will be presented next week when both **Jim Gasho** and **Jeannie McGinn** will be present.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Today's program, arranged by **Elizabeth Guman** on Renewable Energy was presented by Nadia Adawi.

Elizabeth Guman remembers confronting her parents with youthful certainty to challenge them to stop smoking. How could they refuse? What do you tell a young person who 'has it right', even if it's uncomfortable? Elizabeth's parents eventually stopped smoking.

Recently Elizabeth faced her own test. Elizabeth's son, who attends Westtown Upper School, learned that there are alternatives to a different kind of dependency most of us have today. He challenged Elizabeth to try alternative energy. As it turns out, this was a little easier for Elizabeth than it was for her parents to quit smoking. She already had switched to alternative energy provider, The Energy Cooperative more than three years earlier.

Having had a good experience, Elizabeth arranged to have Nadia Adawi share with us her vision and offering of energy that is renewable

as well as traditional energy like home heating oil offered at a savings.

Ms. Adawi is the Director of Operations of the Energy Cooperative – an alternative provider of renewable electricity, heating oil and biodiesel for vehicles. The electricity is generated from wind and solar conversion. The heating oil is offered at non-profit prices and the biodiesel uses vegetable oil such as waste cooking oil from restaurants to provide a renewable alternative for diesel-engine powered vehicles such as fleet trucks.

Faced with the coming winter and heating costs expected to rise as much as 50% for oil and 30% for natural gas, the savings offered to members of the cooperative may make a lot of sense for local consumers.

Ms. Adawi's thoughtful presentation sparked the interest of and questions from many members. Questions included: "What percentage of total production does alternative sources account for?" Answer – about 2%.

"What about nuclear energy given the historical statistics that nuclear energy has accounted for far lower risk to health and environment than many other industrial sources such as chlorine plants etc?" Answer – Ms. Adawi acknowledged the statistics but offered that many people are uncomfortable with the difficulties attendant with long term storage of spent nuclear fuel.

The club gave a rousing ovation for Ms. Adawi and heartily endorsed President Gary Hewitt's thanks to her for giving us such a solid and timely program.

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) 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

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Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Ted and Alice Lenthe
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