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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: December 1, 2005

**Brian's Day
Bob Poole**

Arranged by John Olszewski

Next Week's Program: December 8, 2005

**Classification Talks
Lonnie Beck & Bert Volger
Arranged by Tom Varley**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting and **Lee Bunting** gave the invocation. There will be no meeting November 24th- Happy Thanksgiving to all. **President Gary** had all the Rotarians sing ROTARY!

We had two visiting Rotarians, V.J. Theodorides and Bob Bielski (both WEGO). Our guests included our exchange students Virginie Bregeon and Sebastian Velez; Lisa Howard, students from East and Henderson High Schools, and Rob Feenan. **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus** extended birthday greeting to **Alice Thomas** and **Clint Wiggins** was extended birthday greetings for his 19th birthday.

Announcements- **Hal Green** urges everyone to read the banners displayed at our weekly meetings. **Jack Wintermute** announced that Rotarians will again RING BELLS the 10th of December at the ACME and K Mart. We need 40 volunteers. Please sign up to assist. **Carol Hanson** announced that the Salvation Army will be holding a plant sale . The cost for a poinsettia plant is \$10.00. Please see Carol. You must pick up your plants at The Salvation Army on December 1st or 15th. **Linda Hicks** made several announcements.

Students for the Month of November are Greg Fontioni and Katie Hingley for East High School and Karen Novarta and Drew Constable from Henderson High School.

BRIAN'S RUN 2005 will be held Sunday Debember 4th at WCU south campus. Brian's Run benefits people from the community and WCU who need assistance with physical mobility, visual aids and communication. The Rotary Club of West Chester has been a constant in this event. VOLUNTEERS are needed for both Saturday December 3rd and Sunday December 4th. Please contact **Ken**

Hickman to help out. (610.359.1234 work), email ken@graphsrch.com or in person at the meetings.

Jean Oakes had the winning ticket for the Pot of Gold.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Today's program included two parts – the induction of three new members and the classification presentation by **Ann Mintz**.

Paul Woodruff led the club in the induction of **Lisa Howard**, sponsored by **Tom Varley**; **Katie Walker**, sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**; and **Anita Trump**, sponsored by **Dave Rayburn**. Paul's theme was that this is the first step on a journey of many into the world of Rotary.

Paul shared what Rotary has meant to him – the friendships in his adoptive community, the opportunity to serve that community and the wider world and the opportunity to share both of these with Rotarians from clubs around the region and around the world. To help remember some key attributes of being a Rotarian, Paul closed with this memory-device (mnemonic for you English majors):

R is for Relationships

O is the Opportunity to serve

T is Together we can do so much

A is for Amity, or peace

R is Right behavior – high, ethical standards

Y is YOU

Welcome to our newest Rotarians! Once the newest Rotarians received their red badges, the club was treated to that right of passage from red to blue badge: the classification talk.

Ann Mintz describes herself as the luckiest person in the world. She feels she has the perfect job in the perfect town. As Executive Director of the Chester County Historical Society, she is using a lifetime of learning about

how to care for objects and stories that inform us of the past lives that make up our history.

History is alive in Ann's own family. Born to a father who left Moscow in 1917 just before the revolution and a mother whose family has lived in the U.S. since before it was known as the U.S., history seems a logical occupation. Ann's journey to West Chester started in Manhattan, where she was born. (An obviously important date in history which she declined to share with the club.)

Fast forward to college at the University of Pennsylvania – studying History as an undergraduate and Architecture as a graduate. And lest anyone mistake History for “Boring”, Ann's studies led her to Italy and Egypt to make a little history of her own. Of Egypt, Ann said only that sometime she should tell us about the time she was cornered by wild dogs in an outhouse on the West bank of the Nile.

Professionally, Ann has experiences that range from managing the private archives of R. Buckminster Fuller to managing at the Franklin Institute for ten years. Ann also worked on the Whitaker Center for Science and Arts as well as an institute in Florida. Highlights of working with Mr. Fuller included hearing his story of not finishing his freshman year at Harvard because he managed to take the entire chorus line of the Ziegfeld follies out to dinner using his tuition money. Ann also accompanied “Bucky” when he accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Ann's story reminds us that West Chester is the living intersection of the histories of its people - both those who are born to generations of home-grown West Chesterites (West Chesterians?) and those who come from far places at times of historical significance and ultimately make West Chester their home of choice. We welcome Ann as our latest “blue-badge” and look forward to sharing our gifts in service together.

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

BRIAN'S RUN 2005

Sunday, December 4th, 2005 - will be the 27th running of Brian's Run. The 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.

NOMINATIONS

This year's Nominating Committee, consisting of **Carl Werner, Charles Streitwieser, and Steve Quigley**, hereby invite the club to submit names of qualified members to be considered to serve in club leadership positions for the fiscal year 2006-2007. Please submit all names in writing to any member of this committee no later than December 1, 2005. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 4 Brian's Run
Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Annalie's

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