



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: September 18, 2008**

**Speaker: Bill Ronayne**

**Chili Cook Off Part 1**

**Arranged by Noel Stanek**

**Next Week's Program: September 25, 2008**

**Speaker: Debbie Hess**

**Chester County Day**

**Arranged by Dave Biffen, Jean Oakes, and  
Craig Kalemjian**

## **MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman**

**Dick Yoder** and **Bill Ronayne** both led us in a special induction remembering the events of September 11, 2001.

Guests were Tony Colantonio, Jim Smith and Arnita Smith, all waiting induction to the club, and Pam Costanzi who is new to the area and determining which club to join (or which is best, per **Cristina Combee!**). John Saling and Dr. Govinda Malya were our visiting Rotarians.

**Adrienne Masak** wished **Bob Connolly** a happy birthday.

Announcements: **President Steve** told us about **Noel Stanek's** presentation at the Board meeting that morning on Membership. She and her team will be presenting to the club on October 18. And **Don Stonestrom** is the person to see if you have not checked your classification – which will be going onto the new badges, to arrive soon. The Chili Cookoff is fast approaching. **Jeannie McGinn** passed around a sheet for helpers at the September 21 Restaurant Festival. **Matt Schwab** encouraged us to come to the Rotaract Club's Family Social Event this Thursday (18<sup>th</sup>) from 6-9 at ACAC. **Geoff Baker**, who is serving as our District's Inbound Coordinator for Youth Exchange, updated us: we have 10 students here this year, our student, Anri being one of them. They had a great event recently at ACAC with soccer and swimming. Geoff encouraged us to be in touch with him if we have events that we can invite Anri and/or other students to. Dr. Malia then spoke to us as the Area Representative for the Rotary Foundation. His job is to increase awareness, but he said our club is very aware and so he mostly wanted to thank us for our involvement.

Happy Bucks were given by **Bob Frame**, **Joe Polito**, **Carol Hanson** (about the Downtown Club's charter night on October 18), **Bob Crow** (raising money for Muscular Dystrophy), **Becky Cacase** (about the November 10 Library Trust event with

author Gregory Maguire) and **President Steve** (who thanked his friends for coming to sit with him for lunch today!).

There was a bit of business at the end of the meeting: **President Steve** announced the August Rotarian of the Month as **Sue Casso**. Then **Jack Wintermute** had us pick a new beneficiary for the 50/50 (he told us this process was started in 1997!) – it's Campabilities, the WCU camp for special needs kids. **Matt Bradley** won and picked the 6 of diamonds.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft**

The Speaker today was Sachi Mallach from the Chester County Historical Society. The title of her presentation - Happenings at the Historical Society.

Sachi told us that History Matters. The Chester County Historical Society wants to bring history to life. Six thousand children across the county were served last year through school age educational programs. They try to connect personal local history with the bigger picture.

The following exhibitions will be featured during the remainder of 2008: Discovering Dolls Houses Exhibit- pictures of the past. This exhibit features doll houses from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. What Is Open Space will be showcased from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 24, 2008. This exhibit will feature the historical perspective of land management. What should Chester County do presently with land management? In mid September West Chester Gateway to the World will be featured. Learn about the Railroad- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sachi also showed us a photo of the Trolley Car Barn- presently the bicentennial garage. The society also houses photo archives. They presently have 80,000 images. These are used around the country. A photo of the Daily Local Newspaper included newsboys delivering papers. This photo was donated by Albert Biles in 1899. The Historical

Society all houses a large library. The library has over a half million manuscripts, dairies, manuals and documents. This is a wonderful resource for research. Chester County Public Records are also housed in the archives.

The Chester County Historical Society also has a cultural center. Throughout the year the auditorium hosts lectures and special events.

Education, the history of Chester County is a major aspect of what the Historical Society does. One may join a group a take a tour of the cemeteries. A wide range of programs are offered to school age children on site in addition to the traveling trunk programs. The West Chester Historical Society supports National History Day. 412 secondary students participated in projects.

The Chester County Historical Society has two Galas. These are fund raisers for the organization. The first Gala is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be held in house. The second Gala, the Antique Show will be held March 21 and 22, 2009.

Sachi concluded her presentation with a story. They received a phone call from a man in Holland who had adapted a grave of a US serviceman who was from West Chester. The Historical Society completed research on this individual and sent the information to the Dutchman. They found out that they serviceman has one living cousin in the area. The Dutchman is so great full what America has done for his country that he is adopting two additional graves.

The Chester County Historical Society has a large budget and cooperates with other societies in the county and country. State and Federal funds are secure. Educational programs do get the children excited about history. Volunteers are utilized in the operation of the organization. 232 year ago today the Battle of The Brandywine took place. Chester County has a very rich HISTORY.

### ROTARACT

The Rotaract Club of West Chester, a new Rotaract Club sponsored by our club, is hosting a cocktail party for area Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs. The event will be held on Thursday, September 18 from 6 - 9 PM at ACAC Fitness Club. Please come and show your support for the Rotaract Club. If you have any questions, please either email Matt Schwab at [mschwab@cchosp.com](mailto:mschwab@cchosp.com) or call him at 610.431.5366. Thank you.

### CHILI WRISTBANDS ON SALE 3/\$25

call Bill Ronayne at 610-692-3900

### SAVE THE DATE

Sept 20 Habitat for Humanity work day



Oct 18 Charter Night for the West Chester Downtown "Fridays" Rotary Club

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Bob Frame** of Caldwell Banker Preferred-Exton.

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

Anri (pronounced Anli) Izui at Henderson HS  
Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun  
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