July 31 – Dr. Roger Horowitz, Hagley Museum
“Creating Kosher Coke: Mixing Science & Religion in America’s Favorite Soft Drink”
Program Chair: Guillermina Gonzalez
Menu: Marinated Flank Steak with Jack Daniels BBQ Sauce
This lecture will explain how Coca-Cola became the first iconic American food to receive kosher certification. It will highlight the remarkable role played by Rabbi Tobias Geffen in this process, and the complex issues that he had to address so that Coke could satisfy traditional Jewish religious requirements. The talk will also explain how Rabbi Geffen's decisions defined more generally terms under which modern foods' kosher status should be evaluated, what was necessary to do so, and what kind of knowledge was needed to assess a manufacturer's claim that its products did, indeed, satisfy the requirements of traditional Jewish law.

August 7 – Robert M. Coupe, Delaware Department of Correction
“Delaware Department of Correction Today and A Vision for the Future”
Program Chair: Peggy Ableman
Menu: Oven-Roasted Salmon, Apple and Fennel Slaw, Apple Cider Sauce

August 14 – Jill Abbott, Director, Winterthur Point-to-Point
“Winterthur Point-to-Point: A Community Partner”
Program Chair: Samantha Diedrick
Menu: Summer Squash and Zucchini Sautéed over Angel Hair Pasta, Vodka Blush Sauce

New Member – DAVID COLE
Proposer: Joe Melloy  Seconders: Wil Skerk, Bruce Swayze
David has been the Executive Director of the Hagley Museum and Library since September 2013. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, he received his Master's degrees from Harvard University and Loyola University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in the history of art and American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. As the Executive Director of a local cultural institution, and as a professional educator with experience in designing and implementing innovation in both private and public school settings, David welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the Club's efforts to improve cultural and educational experiences in our community. David is married to Ann Cole.

Rotary Memorial Moment

William T. Wood, Jr.
02/24/42 – 05/02/14
Bill’s Rotary service spanned from February 1980 through his death on July 2, 2014. Bill was Club President from 1999-2000 and was a PHF+4. He was a devoted family man with two children and five grandchildren and loved to travel. Bill loved his University of Michigan football and basketball and was a passionate alumnus of Tower Hill School. We send our sincere sympathy to his wife, Jane, of 48 years and his entire family. It was an honor to know Bill...he brightened our lives as well as all who knew him.
President Michael Arrington called the meeting to order at 12:10pm in the Gold Ballroom. Opening: America, the Beautiful was led by Pete Booker with Kathryn Jakabcin at the piano. Bruce Swayze shared a memorial moment for Robert R. Hoopes. John Potter offered the invocation. Kate Cowperthwait served as Sergeant-at-Arms. Guests were introduced and warmly welcomed. Evelyn Swenson was reintroduced as a Rotary Club of Wilmington Member by Kai Lassen. She has already given us a gift by composing our Centennial song.

Announcements: (1) David and Elizabeth Rhoads presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Charles Elson. (2) Joyce Henderson shared an update on the Young Active Leaders Initiative. On Tuesday several of the International Committee and Rotary Club of Wilmington Members hosted the guests representing 20+ countries. (3) Teresa Avery, Program Committee Chair, invited club members to join the first quarterly meeting. In addition, members are asked to share ideas about upcoming programs. (4) Ted Geist is the new chair for the Transportation Committee. If you need or know of anyone who needs a ride to the meeting, please contact Ted. (5) Buck Smith shared his Rotary Story. His father joined in 1955 and was president of Delmarva Broadcasting and served as President of the Rotary Club of Wilmington and as District Governor. His father had 36 years of perfect attendance in Rotary. Six Rotarians from his organization are Rotarians. His wife and son are Rotarians. (6) Upcoming meetings include: July 21 - Dr. Roger Horowitz, Hagley Museum, “Creating Kosher Coke: Mixing Science & Religion in America’s Favorite Soft Drink,” August 7 - Robert M. Coupe, DE Department of Correction, “DE Department of Correction Today and a Vision for the Future”, August 14 - Jill Abbott, Director, Winterthur Point-to-Point.

Program Chair Carrie Gray introduced those at the speaker’s table in addition to herself: President Michael Arrington, speaker Colin Miller, Van Hampton, Joyce Henderson, Yossi Hasson, Joy Mutoka, and Amy Bielicki, Secretary.

Collin Miller is a professor at the University of Delaware and Program Manager for the University of Delaware Africa Initiative. The University of Delaware has been selected as a host institution for President Barack Obama’s Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, the flagship program of the Young African Leaders Initiative. The Washington Fellowship will empower young African leaders through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities, and support for activities in their communities. This competitively selected group of young Africans will participate in a six-week academic institute on civic leadership at the University, part of the larger group of 500 Washington Fellows being hosted across the United States. These leaders from Africa have a proven record of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive change in their organizations, institutions, or communities. The University of Delaware was chosen by the Department of State through a competitive process to be one of 20 selected Washington Fellowship host institutions that represent the excellence and diversity of U.S. higher education. The six-week academic program is designed to challenge, inspire, and empower the Washington Fellows. The 25 fellows represent 19 different countries. The academic sessions provide fellows with insights into good governance, political organizing and advocacy, diverse roles of the media, and civil society-business relations in the U.S., and the African context in mind. In addition, the Fellows will receive leadership skills training including managing non-profit organizations, and digital citizenship, activism and social media for nongovernmental organizations. Some highlights of the program include meetings with U.S. Chris Coons and Gov. Jack Markell, and site visits with local advocacy organizations. Fellows head to Washington DC on Saturday for the next 5 days including a meeting with President Obama and Michelle Obama. Joy Mutoka shared her experience with the Washington Fellowship. Yossi Hasson shared his experience of building a school that provides training to individuals to become computer programmers. President Michael Arrington provided a Centennial Fact In many ways, the Wilmington Rotary owes its legacy to George W. Bush. Not the “W” of late, but rather George W. Bush & Sons which was a water freight company on the Christina in 1914. Henry and Walter (they were the “ampersand Sons” – which could make the company George H.W. Bush), together with Alfred D. Warner were among the seven men who went to New York for a conference on coastal navigation. By December of that year, our club had organized and our first secretary was Walter D. Bush. Committee Meeting: Public Relations with Carrie Gray and Matt Urban. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Amy Bielicki, Secretary

A Note from our Treasurer, Caroline Chahalis… Fellow Rotarians,

With the beginning of our new Rotary year, I wanted to let you know that I am implementing a new system regarding our accounts receivables. It is critical for the success of our Club that payments are made promptly. With that said, I am asking that everyone make every effort to pay their invoice within the 30-day period after receipt. For those payments not received, I will be making a friendly “reminder” phone call. As much as I love talking to all of you, I am hoping that those phone calls are limited. If still unpaid by 60 days, a letter from President Michael will go out.

I know we all are busy but as stated earlier the life of our club depends on our cash flow. If you do have any questions regarding your invoice, feel free to contact Sue in the office (656-6025) or email (office@rotarywilmington.org). We need your cooperation as a member of the Rotary Club of Wilmington. Thanking you in advance...

Thursday, October 18

Wednesday, December 10

RI President Elect K. R. “Ravi” Ravindran

Actual 100th Anniversary Date

Lunch & Plaque Presentation

Gold Ballroom & Lobby Hotel du Pont

NO THURSDAY MEETING

Friday, April 17

Centennial Gala, Hotel du Pont

COMMITTEE MEETINGS / DATES / EVENTS

August 14  Program (membership invited)
August 20  Board of Directors