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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 13, 2004
Speaker: Sachie Koizumi
Student Exchange
Arranged by Adrienne Masak

Next Week's Program: May 20, 2004
Honorary Rotarians & Vocational Service
Arranged by Martha Carson-Gentry
and John Schwab

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Charles opened the meeting and **Mike Alfonsi** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Elizabeth Guman**. With us were: Malcolm Campbell (Swarthmore), Jim Horne (Kennett), and Roger Tellefsen and Mary Mosley (both G W C Sunrise).

Tom Spackman presented guest Lisa Morgan, **Mike Alfonsi** presented Steve Batalana, and **Dave Rayburn** presented Dave Allen and Carl Shafer.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Dave Rayburn** by **Deb Ellenberg**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Moseley invited everyone to the Sunrise Rotary Golf Outing half the proceeds of which are given to Gundaker.

Jack Wintermute reminded us that Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks will be on June 3 and Jack has tickets.

Bob Struble gave an update of the environmental projects the club is working on such as the "Adopt-A-Highway" program on Hillsdale Road held four times a year and the Storm drain signs project. On May 15 from 9-10 AM, 10-12 people are needed to label drains in the borough.

Steve Riley has tickets for lunch at Chester County Cares at 540 E. Union St. on June 3 for Hunger Awareness Day.

Adrienne Masak filled us in on Nick's situation. He will be returning for further treatment in the next 23 weeks to Taiwan where there are 3 possible donors for his needed bone marrow transplant.

HAPPY BUCKS: Given by **President Charles** and several others for Nick's improved chances

of finding a matched donor for his transplant, **Steve Karp** who gave a commercial for his business and **Joe Polito**.

50-50: **Adrienne Masak** pulled **Ken Hickman's** winning ticket. The new recipient for the donation from the 50-50 will be Chester County Mothers of Multiples which also serves children with disabilities. The organization is building a new playground.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Steve Karp

Our program this week was presented by David Allen. David is the 5th generation of his family to fly hot air balloons. The Allen's were pioneers in the balloon flying business. The flying originates back to the Civil War.

The two main observation balloonists for the Union Army were Thaddeus Lowe and James Allen. James Allen was distantly related to the three Allen Brothers, Ira, Comfort and Martin. Ira observed the Union Army balloons while serving in the Calvary himself. When the war was over Ira started ballooning with his younger brothers for "recreational fun" and profit.

Ballooning was not the same then as it is now. Certainly not as safe. Balloons were filled with hot air by holding them over a fire. The hot air from the fire filled up the balloon for flying.

Heavy smoke from the fires sealed the porous cotton fabric used for the balloons. These aeronauts did not ride in a basket, they soared aloft hanging from trapeze bars. At altitude they would cut loose and float back down to the ground on their home made parachutes. "The Flying Allens" performed this act for spell bound crowds nationwide.

The next generation included two twin brothers, Edward and Edgar Allen. Edward became the most famous of all the flying Allens

by making over 3000 smoke balloon ascensions and parachute jumps, over his 60 year career. He was also a Montgolfier Diploma recipient: the highest ballooning honor given in the world.

Edward's children, Eddie Jr., Gloria and Florence, continued to thrill crowds, from the depression era, until the 1950's.

Eddie Jr.'s son, David (your pilot) continued in his father's footsteps, however not in the traditional smoke filled balloons. David prefers to fly modern hot balloons as we know them today.

The rest as they say is history. Enjoy your flight.

NEW MEMBER

The following person has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Richard Dunlap - Principal of West Chester East High School; Classification: Education - High School/Administration; Sponsor - John Messersmith

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for his induction.

TO ALL CLUBS

The District Assembly will be held on May 17, 2004 at the Delaware County Community College from 8 AM to 12:30. All Rotarians are invited. There will be breakout sessions for the Presidents Elect, the Club Secretaries and the Treasurers. Andrew has a great program planned.

See you there. -Jack Grant, District Governor

SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 3

Celebrate National Hunger Awareness Day!
Meeting Location: Chester County Cares, 540 E. Union St., Suite L, West Chester -
Facilities for Rain or Shine
Time: 11:30-2:00

Tickets must be purchased by May 15 from Esther Brown or Chester County Cares - \$7 lunch, \$3 donation for a Chester County Cares client lunch.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Sachie Koizumi, from Japan
Host family: Mr & Mrs Jay Johnson
1105 Daniel Davis Lane
W C, PA 19380
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800-441-7048 Ext 20507

SAVE THE DATE

May 14	District night at the Theatre
May 17	District Assembly
May 20	West Chester Community Night at the Blue Rocks
June 3	Rotary noon meeting at Chester County Cares 540 E. Union St. WC
June 3	WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks
June 21	District 7450 Golf Outing
June 28	Rotary/Lions Golf Outing
July 21	Rotary Night at the Phillies
Sept. 26	International Student Picnic @ West Chester University

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