



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: March 24, 2005

**Speaker: Gary Hess
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Arranged by Gary Hess

MINUTES by Steve Karp

Our meeting began this afternoon at 12:30 pm, when PRESIDENT STEVE rang the bell.

TERRY McGRATH beautifully performed the invocation by executing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. A special guest was introduced as SID O'RABIN. Sir SID sang a chilling rendition of "O' Danny Boy". Several in attendance reported Goosebumps.

JOE POLITO wished JOE CUNNANE wonderful birthday wishes.

Several happy dollars were contributed today including JOE POLITO dolling out \$5 for Principal RICK DUNLOP. RICK recently had surgery when he injured his wrist breaking up a fight. JOE echoed once a Marine always a Marine.

GEOFF BAKER stated that the easy work in regards to selling fruit was done and now we need to organize for distribution. Sign up sheets were circulated.

The pot of gold was won by BRONWYN MARTIN and she was presented with \$19. Unfortunately she failed to find the queen of spades. The grand prize is approaching \$700. All it takes is a dollar and a dream.

Speakers Review by Fran Luft

RICK DUNLAP introduced the two presenters who introduced the students of the month from East High School. Kate Connelly, Christina Hoffman and Jordan Shelton are the recipients this month.

Next Week's Program: March 31, 2005

**Speaker: David Moore
SPCA**

Arranged by Dave Rayburn

Congratulations. Kate is President of DEKA, VP of PA DEKA, is a high achiever, member of LEO and is on the Rugby team. Christina participates in CARE, is on the Speech and Debate Team, Bing- Soup Kitchen. Jordan participates on the Track team- he is a model student.

Today our speakers were from the Wilmington Blue Rocks- baseball season is about to start. JACK WINTERMUTE introduced Chris Kemple the CEO of the Blue Rocks who has been named the minor league executive of the year. He has been with the Blue Rocks for 13 years. The Blue Rocks have a 140 game schedule beginning April 7th. Starting the 2005 season they are an affiliate to the major league team- Boston Red Sox. John Damon, a current Boston Red Sox player played with the Blue Rocks in 1994. Their colors have changed now and include some red. On April 14th the World Series Trophy will be at the Blue Rocks stadium. Major league players may get rehab assignments in Wilmington. The Blue Rocks play Single A ball and are part of the Carolina League. The team has a 3 million dollar expense budget for salaries, stadium and electricity etc. the Boston Red Sox have 6-7 minor league affiliates.

Steve Lenox is the radio voice of the Blue Rocks. Steve travels with the team to all of their games. He started out in minor league ball in 1997. Steve told us the following story- in 2004 during the teams last road trip 16-17 players became very ill with food poisoning- the game was not held that evening as the players were too ill to play

the game. Please come out- have an evening of fun and entertainment watching good minor league baseball - ROOT for the Blue Rocks!

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Alexander (Alex) Tesch Germany
(Henderson)
Hosts: Mark and Ellen Morun
416 Chrislena Lane WC, PA 19380
610-344-0205

Vinicius (Vini) Oliveria –Brazil
(Unionville)
Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger
1087 Heartsease Dr. WC, PA 19382
610-793-1708

FRUIT SALE

Thank you so much for all your hard work. From all accounts, it looks like we will have had another very successful fruit sale. We will have the final numbers in a couple of weeks.

We have 27 boxes (ie ½ cases) of Oranges and 10 boxes of Grapefruit. \$16 each. We will be selling these on Thursday, so if you have any last orders, someone who wants more fruit, or if you would like to purchase some fruit for Chester County Cares, please let **Geoff Baker** know.

SELL FRUIT!

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Andrew Pendleton, District Governor
Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Jane Blandy, Executive Director of The Wentworth Home. Classification: Institutions/ Personal Care Residence
Sponsored by Adrienne Masak

Frank Reilly, Large Animal Veterinarian
Classification: Professional/ Medical Vet
Sponsored by Mike Alfonsi

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

SAVE THE DATE

May 14 District 7450 Youth Exchange
at Hershey Park
Jun 18-22 Rotary Centennial Convention

Youth Exchange

The District 7450 Youth Exchange at Hershey Park will be on Saturday, May 14. Exchange students and committee members are free. Everyone else:

\$51.50 ages 9-54
\$48.50 ages 3-8, 55-69
\$44.95 ages 70+

Includes park admission, coffee and donuts, All-you-can-eat private picnic at 2PM, Roundtrip motor coach transportation. See www.westchesterRotary.us for more information.

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