



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: April 14, 2005

Speaker: DeDe Carruthers

Rotaplast

Joint meeting with Lions

Next Week's Program: April 21, 2005

Inductions of Mary Tousignant, Jane

Blandy, and Frank Reilly

Classification Talk

Christina Combee

Arranged by Tom Varley

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Jim Gasho

2004 National Immunization Day: **Adrienne Masak's** Trip to Northern India

Adrienne began her presentation by thanking all of those who helped in assisting in her presentation: **Carol Metzker, Steve Karp, Lonnie Beck, Martha Skiadas, and Mark Sammarone.**

Adrienne's power point presentation was a display of many photographs intended to be fun, informative and occasionally educational.

Arriving in Delhi, the capital of India, Adrienne's group was met by the Rotary club of Delhi West. They participated in a rally at Yamuna Sports Complex where they were met by hundreds of kids ranging in age from 4 to 14. All the children wanted to shake hands and get their photos taken. They all seemed to enjoy being in close proximity to the Americans in the group.

Polio Immunization day began early. The first task was to collect numbered coolers full of vaccine and ice, load them into cars and distribute them at the various vaccination sites. Negotiating the narrow, mazelike streets made for an interesting ride to the designated immunization area. Dogs, pigs and cows roamed the streets scavenging the open garbage piles. Adrienne and her partner Martha had opportunities to give away candy to the children; however they had to be careful for the fear of being mobbed. Adrienne also noticed that many of the children were being brought to them by siblings, leading them to wonder where the parents were.

Adrienne showed us pictures of the Bawari Child Development Program. This program,

initiated by the Rotary Club of Delhi West, is designed to make education more relevant and affordable for children from the underprivileged community. An Indian dance was performed by Pallavi Saran Mathur, a 24 year old woman who has been learning this art for over 10 years. A local Rotary meeting was presided over by Ashok Kantoor and the District Governor.

Shortly thereafter, the group took a train to Ranthambore National Park. The train station was an event in itself. People were sleeping everywhere, there was trash all around, and crowds of people had nowhere to sit. If you looked at the train tracks you would swear that they were in motion...with RATS; the biggest Adrienne had ever seen! The bathroom on this eight hour train ride was also an experience, since one could feel the wind and see the tracks directly below. What a relief it was to finally drive to their bungalows at Ranthambore and be able to take a hot shower and have a hot cup of tea. The land is vibrant, filled with a rich history of events and a tradition of arts and crafts. It was not a surprise that this part of India is tourist paradise. Next was a trip through the National Park on the Cantor open trucks to visit the local wildlife and hopefully catch a glimpse of a Bengal Tiger.

Their trip included a visit to the Fair at Pushkar which always takes place in the month of Kartika. Bright colors and music are everywhere, there is camel and cattle trading, polo and horse races, and religious activities including dips in the holy water of (and polluted) Sarovar Lake. Adrienne even showed us pictures of her camel ride.

The final phase of Adrienne's trip began with a journey to Jaipur, the home of the Red Fort Elephants. Next was Agra and a visit to a bird

sanctuary and the Taj Mahal. The Taj was a sight to behold! Adrienne reported, "the attention to detail, with precious and semi-precious jewels in symmetrical floral patterns throughout the entire structure, defies the imagination, especially when one considers the unbelievable amount of work that went into creating and building such a monstrous piece of architecture."

Palak – the Little Star with the Golden Heart – is a 13 year old musical talent. Adrienne told us the story of Palak and how at age 7 she raised money for wounded soldiers in the Kargil War. A few months later she organized a concert to help victims of a cyclone that devastated Orissa in 2000. This began her mission of charity to raise funds for surgery of a little boy with a congenital heart defect. Since then, she has raised over Rs.51,000 to help fund over 125 heart operations.

Adrienne's experience was a trip of a lifetime; a journey to save a life. Thank you Adrienne for a wonderful, informative program.

Gundaker Foundation
- **Annual Fund-Raising Campaign**

Now that our fundraising campaign is well underway, I would like to thank all of the following Rotarians who have stepped up and made a contribution to the Gundaker Foundation: **Amos Bassett, Carol Hansen, Jeannie McGinn, Geoff Baker, Fran Luft, Joe DellaVecchia, Joe Polito, Duke Evans, Steve Godsall-Myers, Annalie Lorgus, Charlie Lyddane, Elizabeth Guman, Demetrios Cidis, Bill Winters, John Schwab, Bill Bunch, Bill Gotwals, Eric Metzker, Carol Metzker, Tom Varley, Martha Carson-Gentry, Steve Quigley and Gary Hess.** As mentioned in my presentation a few weeks back, participation is critical. At this point, 15% of our club members have made a contribution. **THANK YOU!** Remember...this is *our* Foundation, **please support it.**

SAVE THE DATE

April 27	District Assembly at Penn State- Great Valley campus
May 7	Brighter Future project
May 14	District 7450 Youth Exchange at Hershey Park
Jun 18-22	Rotary Centennial Convention
June 27	District Golf Tournament

NEW MEMBER

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

Ann Mintz, Executive Director for the Chester County Historical Society; Classification: Organizations/Historical: Sponsored by Annalie Lorgus.

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

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

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and Mike Steinberger

Minutes – 4/7/05

Invocation: Domenic Carnuccio offered a heartfelt invocation in remembrance of the passing of Pope John Paul II.

Jean Oakes is home from the hospital and recovering from surgery. She is feeling positive and would appreciate cards and calls.

Visiting Rotarians: Martha from Coatesville and Steve from West Chester Sunrise joined us for lunch.

Guests: Adrienne Masak introduced two friends, our exchange students Alex and Vinnie and Alex's host parents and finally our outbound student.

Birthdays celebrated: Ken Hickman toasted (roasted?) Vern Brewer in honor of his birthday. Jim Gasho honored Jeff Sommer and Andrew Stump.

Announcements:

Gary Hewitt called for volunteers to organize a Dinner for the incoming GSE team and to involve other clubs in the district. Please contact Gary if you can help.

There will be a Rotary & Lions golf outing at Honeybrook on Monday 6/7/05. Hold the date. This will also include other clubs.

Geoff Baker announced the top-selling teams: 3rd: Caterpillar, 2nd: White Rabbit, 1st, Madd Hatter. Top individual seller was Joe Polito (who sold more than the 3rd place team)

Esther Brown for Chester County Cares reminds us they served 24,000 households in 2003 and over 44,000 in '04. She expressed her gratitude over the contribution from the club for such a great cause.

Carol Metzker asked all who pledged money for Polio Eradication to take a moment and send in their checks (and those who haven't pledged but find they are able to contribute!). Make checks out to The Rotary Foundation and hand them to Carol or to Vic Abdala

Greg Radford asked everyone to consider helping on May 7th to help rehabilitate our Brighter Futures house at 303 W. Washington Street. Please sign up for 8-12 or 12-4pm time slots.

The Westtown Robotics team will be hosting a competition that is free to the public on Saturday May 1st.

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