



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: April 21, 2005
Inductions of Mary Tousignant, Jane Blandy,
and Frank Reilly
Classification Talk
Speaker: Christina Combee
Arranged by Tom Varley

Next Week's Program: April 28, 2005
Activate Brandywine Valley
Speakers: Sue Herr & Lee Bunting
Arranged by Lee Bunting

MINUTES by Fran Luft

The invocation was given by Charlie Lyddane. President Steve welcomed the Lions to our meeting today. He told the Lions that Rotary is celebrating its 100th birthday. We have membership application available if any Lion chooses to become a Rotary member. We are preparing for our golf outing with the Lions.

Steve Karp announced the visiting Rotarians-Charlie Nehr and Gil Tupper. Guests included Mark Bruno, Father Ed Deliman, members of the Goodwill Fire Company #2, Jess Fines and Leeann Sullivan.

Happy Bucks were given by the following individuals: Joe DelaVecchia- Ashie Smith is back in town, Al Green - his trip, Demetri Cidis-rejoined Rotary and Bud Deaver visiting him during his hospital stay, Terry McGrath- his wife is breast cancer free, and this years Eagles are Super Bowel bound, Mary Lou- sitting aside of Lance (wearing shorts), Sue Casso- Andy Close is running for Borough Council, Wes Davis- 6 Rotarians equal 2 Lions, Joe Polito- Mark Bruno chef- knows how to cook, Bud Deaver- medically fine, Grant Nelson ?

Jack Wintermute fined Bill Ronayne, Mark Sammarone and Lee Bunting for having their pictures in the paper. The exchange students are going to attend a Blue Rocks Game- please consider donation money to pay for their tickets. The 11th Annual Dash For Diabetes will be held Sunday May 22nd.

Gary Hewitt announced that the District Assembly will be held April 27th at Penn State Great Valley Campus. Bob Frame announced that the Rotary/Lions Golf Outing will be held Monday July 11th at Honeybrook Country Club- 1 p.m. shot gun start. Dick Yoder announced that a blood drive is scheduled for June 9th at

the elks Club from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Geoff Baker announced that the Goodwill Fire Company#2 received \$3,000 from proceeds from our fruit sale.

Carol Metzker shared the news that 50 years ago the polio vaccine was invented. Steve Karp urged each Rotarian to sign up to help with Brighter Future, Saturday May 7th. Help is need to fix a house inside and out and to also assist with yard work. Camp Dream Catcher for children ages 5-16 is in need of clothing etc.

Rep. Elinor Taylor gave a resolution to the Rotary Club in honor of our 100 year celebration. The 50/50 was won by Andy **Close**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

The Mission of Rotaplast International is to provide free reconstructive surgery and treatment for underprivileged children worldwide, to provide education, and to advance research in the prevention of cleft lip and palate. Our program this week reminded me what amazing work Rotarians do when working together toward a common goal.

John and Joanne Gillespi shared with us their amazing experiences with the Rotaplast program. For those unfamiliar (as I was) with this program, it is a Rotary sponsored mission where a team of 35 people go for a 10 day trip to a country to perform surgery to correct cleft palattes, usually for children.

Joanne, a recovery room nurse, returned last year from her 5th Rotaplast trip, this one to Peru. The team of 35 is made up of 25 medical specialists (nurses, doctors, etc.) who donate their time and talents to go on the trip, and 10 Rotarian volunteers, who also donate time and pay their own travel expenses. They usually leave on a Wednesday, arrive and settle in on

Thursday, start clinic on Friday and do surgeries Saturday, and then Monday through Friday.

The people who show up to the clinic that first Friday come from near and far, some traveling for days with the hope of their child having surgery. About 100 fortunate children and some adults will be able to receive the surgery. Since cleft palates often require multiple surgeries, the team will try to return to the same place for a number of years in a row to be able to continue to help the patients they have already seen.

Jose is one of the children that Joanne met. She showed us his picture and told us his story. His mother made a long trip from the mountains to bring him to Rotaplast when he was three. When he was born, his mother's relatives and neighbors told her to kill the baby because he was evil. Fortunately, she did not heed their advice, and Jose completed his second surgery this past year. He has a very good chance of being fully accepted into his society now.

This surgery completely changes the path of these children's lives. Our district has sponsored 6 Rotaplast trips. The cost of the trips has been \$360,000. About 700 people have been served with about 1300 surgeries. The estimate is that this investment coupled with the professional services donated has provided \$5,000,000 in medical care to underprivileged countries.

The program was closed by Joe Polito. In 1999 in his law library the idea for this program was born and plans were laid that have impacted many, many people's lives. Thank you, Joe! For more, www.rotaplast.org.

Gundaker Foundation

Annual Fund-Raising Campaign

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.** 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.**

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 three (3) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for his/her induction.

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
June 8	WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Jun 18-22	Rotary Centennial Convention
June 27	District Golf Tournament

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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