



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: April 28, 2005**

**Activate Brandywine Valley**

**Speakers: Sue Herr & Lee Bunting**

**Arranged by Lee Bunting**

**MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

**President Steve** opened the meeting and called on **Elizabeth Guman** to give the invocation, a prayer for peace.

**Mike Alfonsi** introduced visiting Rotarian VJ Theodorides. **President Steve** introduced visiting District Governor-elect, Bob Lankin. He also welcomed **Bill Gotwals**, who was in a recent auto accident, and mentioned that **Jean Oakes** is getting better and expected to return soon.

**Adrienne Masak** introduced her guests, Jane Glenn and Lonni Beck, **Joe Cunnane** introduced co-worker Donna, and **Rick Dunlap** introduced the Students of the Month from Henderson and East High Schools, as well as the vice principal at Henderson. **Mike Alfonsi** introduced his son Adam, a fourth grader, who was wearing a great hat, and **Frank Riley**. **Christina Combee** introduced her husband Joe, who attended to hear her classification talk

**Rick Dunlap** then called forward the Students of the Month from East, Alicia Turk and Adam Newman, and told of their activities and accomplishments; the vice principal from Henderson called forward Megan Durkee and Graham Webster, outstanding students from Henderson. **John Schwab** handed out certificates to the students.

**Dick Yoder** said he had misled his fellow Rotarian by telling them the next blood drive would be June 9<sup>th</sup>. The blood drive has been changed to June 23 and he urged all members to put that date on their calendars.

**Next Week's Program: May 5, 2005**

**The Timony Project**

**Judith D'Angelo**

**Arranged by Dave Rayburn**

**Gary Hewitt**, talked about the upcoming District Assembly and urged members to attend.

**Chuck Hawkins** and **Greg Radford**, heading up our Bright Futures program, gave members an update about this new Rotary project. A video presentation showed the home we would be renovating and giving an "extreme makeover" on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. **Chuck** urged all members to help out on that Saturday, as there will be plenty of cleanup, painting, rebuilding projects and other work for skilled and especially unskilled helpers. **Greg** discussed each room and area and explained what will need to be done. He also gave an update of the many things that have *already* been done, such as restoring water to the bathroom and removal of the black mold.

**Victoria Dow** was the winner of \$25 in the 50/50, but the queen of spades and accompanying \$804 eluded her.

**President Steve** called on the District Governor-elect Bob Lankin and gave a summary of Bob's impressive Rotary work. Bob then spoke briefly about the newly restructured District Assembly which sounds to be more constructive and helpful to club officers and members alike, and urged all to attend.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Steve Karp**

Our programs began today with a very important ceremony inducting three new Rotarians into our club. Assistant District Governor BOB LANKIN was our special

guest to perform inductions of our most important members. BOB spoke briefly about the state of Rotary and revealed the theme "Service Above Self" for the next year. He stated that the focus will be on member retention and noted that 100,000 members leave Rotary every year. BOB also discussed the upcoming District Assembly on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Penn State Great Valley Campus. SUE CASSO sponsored MARY TOUSIGNANT; MIKE ALFONSI sponsored DR. FRANK REILLY and ADI MASAK sponsored JANE BLANDY. We welcome our most important club members.

CHRISTINA COMBEE presented her classification talk today. Christina refers to herself as a "work in progress". She introduced her best friend and husband Joe Combee. Christina is the owner of a printing business in town called "Alliance Print Group", which is an independent printing company. She feels touched and inspired by all Rotarians, she is particularly interested in the Rotary International Avenue which was fueled by a mission trip to Guatemala. Christina attended the University of South Florida and then moved to Atlanta for post grad school. She worked in sales and marketing for Macy's Atlanta where she met Joe. She has two sons 21 and 17, and a stepson who recently provided their first grandchild. She calls West Chester "the perfect town". Her hobbies include working out at ACAC, singing and dancing at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, playing golf and is the co-founder of a women's group.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**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 Hanson, 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, Gary Hess, Paul Woodruff, Dave Rayburn, Grant Nelson and Cathy Palmquist.** 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.**

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**Alexander (Alex) Tesch** Germany (Henderson)  
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