



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 5, 2005

The Timony School

Speaker: Judith D'Angelo

Arranged by Dave Rayburn

Next Week's Program: May 12, 2005

US Experience

Speakers: Alexander Tesch &

Vinicius Oliveria

Arranged by: Adrienne Masak

MINUTES by Craig Kalemjian

The meeting was opened by **President Steve**, and the invocation was given by **Eric Metzker**.

We were happy to have **Jean Oakes** back with us after a serious illness. **Bill Gotwals** has been hospitalized, but he received a medical exemption for missing today's meeting so his 60+ year perfect attendance record remains intact.

April is Volunteering Month, and we all received a summary of the past year's volunteer projects including recognition of our Club's receipt of the Presidential Citation Award. NICE GOING EVERYONE!!

Linda Antonowich introduced Visiting Rotarians Stan Matson (Broomall); Joe Kahn (WEGO); and Grover Koon (WEGO). **Amos Bassett** introduced his guest, wife Lois: **Bob Connolly** introduced Jim Jacobs; **Adrienne Masak** introduced Lonnie Beck and **Mark Sammarone** introduced Kevin Rothwell.

Gary Hess recognized those Rotarians who have contributed to the Gundaker Foundation.

Mayor-Member Dick Yoder reminded us of the upcoming BLOOD DRIVE on June 23.

Happy dollars were contributed by **Charles Lyddane** (wife hiking 2 weeks in Ireland), (think I'll just name the contributors after that) **Terry McGrath**, **Annalie Lorgus**, **Bill Hess**, **Jean Oakes**, **Adrienne Masak**, **Bud Deaver**, **Carl Werner**, **Jerry Alfano**, **Gary Hewitt**, and Joe Kahn.

President Steve announced: Eight of our members attended the District Assembly. Dues will increase by \$50.00 next year to \$230.00

Steve (Coach) Karp ramped us up for the Brighter Futures Campaign Saturday, May 7th

where we will do a complete makeover to the house at 303 W. Washington Street in two shifts, 8-12 and 12-4. WE NEED 100 VOLUNTEERS.

50-50 for the benefit of Chester County Red Cross features a \$829.00 pot of gold. Chuck Hawkins drew **Don Stonestrom's** ticket for \$34.00, but Don drew the 2 of Diamonds. Don also drew the new pot of gold/50-50 recipient for the next 3 months, Chester County CARES.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Speaker: Stan Madsen. Arranged by **Annalie Korengel Lorgus**. Topic: Rotary Pure Water Project: *From Romania to Nigeria*

Clean water: a foundation for community health and growth, the focus of Rotary's Next Big Thing and the object of today's speaker's commitment to service. Stan Madsen of the Rotary Club of Broomall gave us a firsthand account of what local and international service can do together. He shared with us efforts from the Kennett Square Rotary club, our district, clubs in Massachusetts and local Rotarians to provide purified water to communities in Romania and Nigeria.

The Commitment: Perhaps most telling of the commitment to service of local Rotarians and the dedication they inspired in US clubs was the picture of Ion, the president of the local Romanian club. The president a Rotary club in Massachusetts was so moved that he sent one of his own Paul Harris medals to Ion, acknowledging Ion's work and the fact that most Romanian Rotarians don't have enough money to ever earn a PH medal.

The Job: The team put together a complete water pumping, purifying and storage unit in the US and shipped it over to Romania. Then the

team traveled to Romania to work with and train local local Rotarians to make the unit operational. Now working for over a year, the unit provides water using three 300 gallon tanks, a purifier and the pumps, piping and small water containers to clean and distribute the water to 3 orphanages.

The Rotarian Know-how: Always fascinating are the techniques and cleverness applied by Rotarians on both ends of an international project. One example are the cardboard boxes and mylar bags with screw tops that allowed the local Rotarians to store and distribute water. The bag and box concept was particularly ingenious in that it allowed the US Rotarians to ship the materials for thousands of containers. The bags and cardboard could be stored flat, taking up a fraction of the space they would need once fully assembled.

The Next Challenge: Stan's pictures then took us to Nigeria to a town outside of Jos, the capitol of the Plateau State. Situated 4000 feet above sea level, this area provides a comfortable climate with fertile soil with one major shortfall. It rains only 3 months out of the year. The rest of the year is so dry that it is impossible to grow crops and the villagers spend their entire day walking miles to retrieve parasite-infested water. If these people had a local source of clean water they would be able to spend time educating the children, free up parents to attend to other needs such as making clothing or local products to sell and tend to crops

To be able to continue the work, Stan and the rest of the Rotarians on the team are looking for local talent and resources:

Skills: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, pipeworking, public relations and painting

Materials: Lumber, tubing, plywood, tanks, pumps, assorted electrical parts, hvac

\$: In addition to money for the water unit, it costs \$10,000 to ship the unit (which is still cheaper than trying to acquire the materials closer to the destination)

Many thanks to Stan for an inspiring and educational presentation!

SAVE THE DATE

- 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.

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Hosts: Bert & Sheri Volger
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