



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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**This Week's Program: May 19, 2005**

**Activate Brandywine Valley**

**Speakers: Sue Herr & Lee Bunting**

**Arranged by: Lee Bunting**

**Next Week's Program: May 26, 2005**

**Korean Group Study Exchange Team**

**Arranged by Gary Hewitt**

### **MINUTES by Steve Karp**

President STEVE called today's meeting to order at 12:30pm. The invocation was performed. Visiting Rotarians were John Saling (Sunrise) and Bryan Mitchell (WEGO). We were delighted to celebrate two birthdays today. DUKE EVANS and CHARLIE LYDANNE both coughed up the \$5 in recognition of their special day.

CHUCK HAWKINS announced that round 2 of Brighter Future would be this Saturday and that we are looking for volunteers between 8am - 12pm and 12pm - 4pm. Please see CHUCK or GREG RADFORD for more information.

GARY "Gundaker" HESS noted that letters have been distributed to club members for Gundaker donations. Gundaker Foundation Programs include grant programs for international and national programs, undergraduate and graduate students. Gundaker also funds the youth exchange program for district 7450. These are worthy causes so if you have not done so please make an annual contribution.

GARY HEWITT stated that the Koreans were coming this Saturday as part of the GSE Team. BOB CONNOLLY, GARY HESS, GARY HEWITT and FAITH WOODWARD are host families.

JOHN SCHWAB shared that BRONWYN MARTIN and CHARLES STREITWIESER were both recent graduates of The Chester County Community Leadership Connection. Congratulations to you both.

BOB FRAME pontificated that the Rotary/Lions Annual Golf Outing is July 11<sup>th</sup> at Honeybrook Golf Club. Shotgun start is 1pm. See BOB for more information.

Finally, JOE POLITO won the POG netting \$29 but unfortunately did not pull the queen of spades needed to take home over \$800.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

The purpose of Rotary's exchange program is to promote international understanding. Today's speakers, our exchange students Vinnie and Alex, have taken the opportunity and faced the challenge of bringing that goal to life. As their year draws to an end, they shared with us what their experience has been like this year.

**Adrienne Masak** introduced Vinnie Oliveria from Brazil as our first speaker. Vinnie attended Unionville High School this year. He shared highlights of his year with pictures to illustrate. Being on the high school soccer team helped get his year off to a good start, especially as Unionville went on to compete in the District Championships. He enjoyed seeing snow for the first time, but then found it annoying as winter wore on! He took trips to New York, Washington, Florida, and Philadelphia. Basketball was another sport he enjoyed. He played in a league in the winter and a highlight of the year for him was attending his first NBA game, a real treat since he had been a big NBA fan back in Brazil. His host family worked hard to make him feel at home, including making a Brazilian food called Beyond (and it was good!) He attended two proms. New friends were a big part of his year here. Vinnie finished with a quote from the Rotary web site that he thought captured the experience of the exchange student program for him: the essence of the quote said that when we are exposed to different culture the world becomes smaller and friendlier, promoting international understanding.

Alex Tesch from Germany was the next speaker. Alex confessed that when he first got here he wasn't sure he'd make it through the year. Now that the nine months is almost over, he is having a hard time imagining going home. Alex attended Henderson and for the first part of

the year studied Tae Kwon Do (he is a black belt). The high points of his year were the trips to New York City and Washington, playing on the tennis team and being the driver for the Robotics club. He is looking forward to two more things he is sure will add on to the highlights list, a trip to Hershey Park and a tour of America this summer. His low point was when he had to say good-bye to his parents after their visit to the States at Easter time. He learned the English language well, about his culture in terms of how others view his country, and how to give talks (he said he's never given so many talks!). Alex finished his talk with the three points he would tell someone who was preparing for an exchange trip. 1) it's not like home. 2) use the time well. 3) don't give up.

We concluded the meeting with a thank you to the host families and to Adrienne for making these two exchange student's trips possible.

### 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

### SAVE THE DATE

May 27 Korean GSE Farewell Dinner  
June 8 WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks  
Jun 18-22 Rotary Centennial Convention  
June 27 District Golf Tournament  
July 11 Rotary-Lions Golf Tournament  
Oct 9 Chili Cook off

### NEW MEMBER

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

**Lonnie Beck**, Occupation: Martial Arts Specialist & General Manager of the Dragon Gym. Sponsored by **Adrienne Masak**.

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.

### 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, Cathy Palmquist, Charles Streitwieser, Ralph Freed, Patty Jefferis, Irvie Hoffman, Al Filano, Adrienne Masak, Jean Oakes, Don Stonestrom, Linda Antonowich, Christina McCawley, Linda Hicks, Susan Stinson, Jim Gasho, Bill Ronayne, Ron Ginns, Norman Skillman, Howard Johns, Steve Founds and Lance Knauth.** My goal for this year is 100% participation from all West Chester Rotarians. At this point, **31%** of our club members have made a contribution. **THANK YOU!** Remember...this is our Foundation, **please support it.**

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