



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 26, 2005
Korean Group Study Exchange Team
Arranged by Gary Hewitt

Next Week's Program: June 2, 2005
Paul Harris Presentation
Carol Hanson and Steve Quigley

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Steve called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Chuck Hawkins. **Walt Blair** is moving to Saratoga Springs, New York. Walt we will miss you. Come back often to visit. **Frank Reilly** announced the visiting Rotarians: Fred Kemmerly, John Sailing, and William Hicks.

Our guests today included students from East and Henderson High Schools, Vice Principal from Henderson, Jesse Aires, Alex Tesch, Kalie Hicks and Lonnie Beck. Birthday greetings were extended by **Sue Casso** to **Michelle Venema**, and **Bob Rodgers**. **Joe Polito** wished **Joanne Tadeo** a Happy Birthday.

Happy bucks were given by **Charlie Lyddane**- Pizza Box will be history in a few days; Lonnie Beck- sitting aside of **Jean Oakes** and he became engaged to be married; **Joe Polito** for **Mayor Yoder**; **Annalie Lorgus**- church history final tonight; **Chuck Hawkins**- son graduated from Duke and was commissioned; **Michelle Venema**- brother skipper of own squadron; **Joe Polito**- Daughter is now a HAWK; **Al Green**-cruise magnificent; **Vernon Brewer**- **Jack Wintermute** is back; and **Bud Deaver**- **Bill Gotwals'** eye coming along, grandson will graduate from East High School, and daughter is expecting a baby soon.

Announcements- **Jack Wintermute** announced the Blue Rocks game will be held June 8th. **Esther Brown** announced that CC Cares will hold the Hunger Awareness Day June 1st from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. cost \$8 per non-client and \$4 per client.

John Sailing announced that the golf outing will be held July 27th at Chester Valley. **Dick Yoder** announced that both **Bob Rodgers** and **Andy Close** had political victories. A Memorial Day celebration will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Marshall Square Park. The blood drive will be held at the Elks Club June 23rd. Please sign up. Barclay Friends Golf Outing will be held at Honey Brook. **Gary Hewitt** announced that the Korean GSE Farewell Dinner will be held May 27th at the Elks Club. Please plan to attend. **Steve Karp** invited fellow Rotarians to join him at the movies today to watch Star Wars. The 50/50 ws won by **Domenic Carnuccio**. **Rick Dunlap** and the vice principal from Henderson High School announced the student! ts of the month- Michelle Wanky, Jasmine Jones, Jen Gray, and Chas Brogan.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Craig Kalemjian

Lee Bunting introduced Sue Herr, Director of the Chester County Health Initiative.

Activate Chester County is a county-wide program that evolved from a leadership summit in February, 2005 under the Community Health Initiative. Obesity is a growing problem in our country, our state and our county. Sixty-one percent of us are overweight which is impacting economic costs, particularly health care. The cost related to obesity is approximately 117 billion dollars.

Since studies began in 1985 we are fat and getting fatter. Thirty-five percent of our children are overweight and at risk for future

health problems like diabetes and sleep disorders, and Pennsylvania's obesity rate is higher than the national average.

The YMCA USA announced in 2004 the Activate America Program to address the obesity crisis through local community resources. This then led to the Healthy Communities Challenge, which then led the Brandywine YMCA, which serves 45,000 individuals, to become involved in Activate Chester County Program. There is a two-prong approach: prevention, (camps, pre-school programs, youth support) and intervention, (programs for overweight children). Their website is www.activatechestercounty.org.

We all need to get involved: sign up individually or in a group; contact your local YMCA to volunteer for the Healthy Community Challenge. Consider how your company can provide support or service. TELL YOUR FRIENDS. For more information contact Susan Herr, M.Ed. Community Health Initiatives Director 610-643-9622, ext. 132.

GUNDAKER FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Alexander (Alex) Tesch Germany (Henderson)
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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

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