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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: Sept. 1, 2005
Northern Uganda
Speaker: Carolyn Davis
Arranged by Jessica Ayres

Next Week's Program: September 8, 2005
Induction - Bert Volger
Classification Talks
Speakers: Bob Crow & Mary Lou Jennings
Arranged by Tom Varley

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting and **Ralph Freed** gave the invocation.

There were no visiting Rotarians. Rotary guests included Frank Pilander and Nicole Lyddane- **Charlie Lyddane's** daughter. **Steve Quigley** wished **Grant Nelson** a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Bucks were from: **Annalie Lorgus** (Rotary Votary), **Bill Winters**- Charter School), **Bob Poole** (reading to second graders), **Joe DellaVecchia** (28 years in West Chester), **Bill Hess** (meeting new host son), **Andrienne Masak** (met her host student), **Bud Deaver** (happy to be here, wife), **Steve Karp** (has been a Rotarian for six years, adopting a baby girl) **Joe Polito** (Youth Exchange).

President Gary announced that he put flyers on the tables announcing the Make A World Better credit card program. Rotary night at the Phillies was a success- lots of people. The district raised \$5,046. **Dave Rayburn** is the Rotarian of the Month - congratulations. **Lee Bunting** announced the annual YMCA Golf Outing is scheduled for 9/19/05 at Hershey Mills. The Pot of Gold was won by **Joe Polito**. Chester County Cares received \$550. The new recipient of the Pot of Gold for the next four months is Project Warm.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Fran Luft

Charmaine Foster from West Chester Rehabilitation Hospital was the featured speaker at Rotary today. This is a 28 bed facility located across from the Chester County Hospital. The facility opened in April, 2005. Currently there are 55 employees with a \$300,000 payroll. There will be 80-90 employees when the facility is in full operation. They serve Chester County.

This hospital specializes in treatment programs for individuals aged 15 and older recovering from amputations, stroke, aneurysm, cerebral hemorrhage, major multiple trauma, brain injury, spinal cord injury, orthopedic conditions, burns, and neurological conditions including Guillian Barre, Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis.

The usual stay is 15 days. During this time the patient is provided with an in-depth assessment of his or her condition, a course of therapy treatment and rehabilitation nursing, the instruction needed to maintain progress at home, and follow up to make sure you are improving.

The patients are the most important members of the team. Families and loved ones also play a vital role in the rehabilitation process, learning to provide positive reinforcement, support, and care. Thank you for playing a vital role in our community.

From the RI WEB SITE

India – Floods and Mudslides

Flooding and mudslides in India, due to heavy rains since 24 July 2005, have caused at least 930 deaths and 55 injuries. The affected districts in Maharashtra are: Mumbai metropolitan area, Thane, Ratnagiri, Raigad, and Pune. North and south districts in Goa have also been affected. More than 10,000 homes have collapsed, 225,000 acres of crop have been damaged, and around 15,000 cattle were lost. Roads and railroad networks, public buildings, water supply, and telecommunications systems were also damaged. At least 340,000 people have been affected by the disaster.

District 3130 has distributed relief supplies purchased from local markets, utilizing funds from the district's welfare relief fund. The district has also distributed three truckloads of food supplies, 1,000 donated blankets, medicine, and medical supplies. The district is collecting donations of food, medicine, and medical supplies. Several Rotarians from the region are involved in the relief effort, collecting food, medicine, and medical supplies. For information regarding these efforts or to send funds, please contact District Governor Mahesh Kotbagi at Mahesh@kotbagihospital.org.

District 3140 has established medical camps throughout the district, providing medical treatment to victims. Food packets and clothing have been distributed and the district is collecting donated goods and cash contributions to assist in all relief operations, including the construction of low cost shelters.

District 3170 has supplied food packets and other relief aid to the flood-affected communities within the district. Rotarians are collecting additional funds and food grains, clothes, schoolbooks, stationery, and medicine for dysentery, diarrhea, jaundice, and other illnesses. The club also plans to provide typhoid medicine to 75,000 children. (mobile). DS Bipin Shevade may also be contacted at bipinshevade@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 25 Rotary International Student Picnic at WCU
Oct 9 Chili Cook off
Oct 28- 30 District Conference at the Racquet club in Philadelphia PA

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) Henderson
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Downingtown, PA 19335
610 524-4277

Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Ted and Alice Lenthe
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