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This Week's Program: October 27, 2005

Rotary Foundation

Bill Hess

Arranged by Bill Hess

Next Week's Program: November 3, 2005

Rotary Foundation & Brian's Run

Bill Hess and Ken Hickman

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MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting. **Steve Karp** gave the invocation. Visiting Rotarians today included Bob Bielsey, Larry Wittiger and Florence Miller. Our guests were Todd Finnegan, Msgr. Deleman, teachers and students from both East and Henderson High Schools, Phillip Bernotos, Virginie Bregeon, Sebastian Velez, Robin Greer, and Anita Trump.

Annalie Korengel-Lorgus extended birthday greetings to **Carol Metzker**. Annalie also announced that the Holiday Party will be at her house on December 9th. In order to enter her house a contribution must be given to the Rotary Foundation.

There are cards on each table to be given out to perspective Rotarians- join us for lunch. Please hand them out.

The students for the month of October from both East and Henderson High Schools were recognized for their outstanding academic and community involvements. East High School- Sam Barachman and Jennifer Pole. Henderson High School A.C. Sallie and Kelly McGinnis.

Terry McGrath announced the canned food drive will take place October 25th. Please meet at North Hills Medical Building at 7 p.m. **Steve Quigley** announced that on November 5th the Sr. Center will hold its Gala. **Bill Gotwals** will receive the President's Award. **Geoff Baker** announced that nominations for recipients for the Fruit Sale are due November 3rd. Forms can be

down-loaded from the Rotary website. Florence Miller announced that the Bus to The Future will take place November 17th. This is a popular event. Please call the school district to reserve a space. **Gary Hess** announced that the District conference will be held next weekend.

Happy Bucks were given by **Joe Polito-Paula Ott** was called "sir" in court. **Steve Gotsall-Myers** - Michigan beat Penn State, **Carol Metzker**- her book was approved by her publisher, **Victoria Dow**- the library will open 10/21/05, **Terry McGrath**- CD's sold at chili cook-off.

CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS- Jim Gasho thanked all the Rotarians, Team Leaders, and Rotarian sponsors who assisted with the cook-off. The event was fantastic. The Peoples Choice Award went to Holy Smokes Chili- St. Agnes Church. The attendance at this event was about the same as last year. Jim gave a special thanks to **Jeannie McGinn** for all the special work she accomplished to help make this event a huge success. Jeannie thanked Jim for his outstanding leadership. Annalie presented both Jennie and Jim with gift baskets for their outstanding work. The Chili Cook-off made \$28,800. Congratulations.

The 50/50 winner this week was **Bill Ronayne**.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

We had the wonderful pleasure this week to hear from our new exchange

students, Sebastian Velez and Virginie Bregeon.

Sebastian, who's home is in Ecuador, started us off. Sebastian actually finished his high school requirements at home, but has opportunity to continue his high school studies for another year at East High School. While he did not expand much on how he felt about his studies there, he enthusiastically shared with us about his involvement on the tennis team. Starting when he was 8, he has been playing tennis for the past ten years.

Due to technical difficulties, we had to postpone part of Sebastian's talk that was about his home and supported by pictures. He did share with us brochures from his home Rotary club that shared about some of the projects the Rotary districts in Ecuador are doing. Sebastian has made a promising start to his time here in the U.S. and looks forward to "the best year of my life so far." We look forward to sharing that with him!!

Virginie spoke to us next. She was born in Paris, France. Her mother manages a 4-star 12-room restaurant/hotel in France and that is where her family lives. Her father is a teacher of environmental studies. She has one brother and 2 sisters. Virginie is attending Henderson High School. She is playing rugby there. She commented that one of the differences she experiences here is the timing of school. In France she went to school until 5pm. When asked what she thinks she might enjoy the most during her time here she mentioned skiing, one of her loves, and learning photography at school, which was not an option back in France. She is also looking forward to traveling to Washington and New York.

The presentation ended with Sebastian presenting President Gary with a banner from his home Rotary club. We are looking forward to what that banner represents, building foundational relationships of understanding with people around the world. We are grateful to Sebastian and Virginie for taking the challenge to spend a year with us to help build those bonds!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Thank you **Terry McGrath** for organizing the canned food drive for The Salvation Army. Terry's team delivered flyers throughout North Hills last week and then picked up the canned goods this week in the rain.

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 28- 30 District Conference at the
Racquet Club in Philadelphia
Dec. 4 Brian's Run

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) Henderson
Host Family - Harvey and Shannon Hicks
414 Oakland Dr Downingtown, PA 19335
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Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Ted and Alice Lenthe
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