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The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: February 9, 2006
Exchange Students' Presentation
Adrienne Masak, Virginie Bregeon, &
Sebastian Velez
Arranged by Adrienne Masak

Next Week's Program: February 16, 2006
YMCA Capital Campaign
Lee Bunting & Sue Casso
Arranged by Larry Richards

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting and **Sue Casso** gave the invocation "Rotary Working Together Around the World."

Visiting Rotarians were: John Saling (Sunrise) and Pat Barron (Concordville-Chadds Ford).

Guests were: Brad Barron and Dave Pressley (**Joe Polito**), Monsignor Deliman, Amy Balian, and Shannon Royer (**Steve Quigley**), and Raymond Bender (**Tom Spackman**).

Birthday wishes were from **Andrew Stump** to **Howard Johns**, from **Steve Quigley** to **Jerry Alfano**, from **Bob Frame** to **Steve Reilly**, and from **Cathy Palmquist** to **Fran Luft**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Metzker –Blood Drive at West Chester Friends School on Feb 9.

Dick Yoder- Blood Drive in April,

Martha Carson-Gentry- Honorary Rotarians' nominations due this week,

Carl Werner –Rotary Leadership Institute March 4 in Newark, DE, Mar 29 in Mt.Laurel, NJ, and other locations in April. Come learn some Leadership skills and info about Rotary .

Steve Quigley- the board meeting will be held Feb 9 at the new Senior Center, 530 E. Union St. at 7:30 AM.

Mary Lou Dupoint – Explorapost will be meeting at CCH March 10 from 9 to 1. Interested parties should contact Mary Lou at maryloudupont@verizon.net.

Jim Gasho- Everyone should have received an e-mail about the chili cook off. A new Chair has not yet come forward so each member is requested to sign up for a committee. Then a chair should evolve. \$50,000 is the potential goal (last year we garnered \$30,000) Committees are: Sponsors, Team, Vendors,

Marketing, Logistics, Volunteer and Entertainment, Web site, Judging, and Merchandise - Ticket Sales. Co chairs will be chosen for each committee. All funds go to various charities. **President Gary** stressed that this is our big fundraiser that has replaced the auction and the "United We Walk:

Joe Hamil- Budget handouts are available for board members.

The 50-50 was won by **Craig Kalemjian**.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Geoff Baker presented the Fruit sale. Fruit tastes great, it's good for you, and it's not expensive. This years' crop has been affected by the hurricanes so the price is slightly higher. The recipient this year will be the West Chester Senior Center.

Steve Quigley, a board member at the Senior Center for three years, introduced Amy Balian. The strategic plan for the center included a new site for the center. After considering 40-50 sites, 530 E. Union was selected. The construction is complete now and the move-in was the last week in December. Amy showed slides of the first few weeks in the new building. With double the space, this new building includes a private wellness room, a state of the art kitchen, an exercise room with a cork floor, a craft room, a computer classroom, and a café area. They now have services for 2,000 seniors which is 1.5 times the numbers in the old building. Parking is now available. EDIS was the contractor and they did a wonderful job. Everyone is thrilled. Amy thanked our club for choosing the center for the fruit sale and they intend to sell 200 cases themselves.

Bob Poole commented that 50 years ago, care for the elderly was primitive and the quality of life for this age group has risen tremendously.

Geoff has organized everyone into teams corresponding to Winter Olympic events. The teams and leaders are as follows:

Biathlon- **Don Stonestrom**, Bob Sled- **Cristina Combee**, Figure Skating- **Mary Lou DuPoint**, Ice Hockey- **Carol Hanson**, Skiing- **Jim Gasho**, Luge- **Paul Woodruff**, Short Track- **Bert Volger**, Speed Skating- **Domenic Carnuccio**, Snowboarding- **Duke Evans**, Skeleton- **Joe Polito**, Curling- **Bob Poole**, and Free Style Skiing- **Steve Quigley**.

Lieutenants who will oversee three teams each are **Adrienne Masak**, **Phoebe Kitson-Davis**, and **Steve Founds**.

Each Rotarian is expected to sell 10 cases of fruit or donate \$100 in cash. Only the cash donation is tax deductible (those check are made out the The Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation). The yellow copy of the invoice should be given to the person picking up the fruit (please get their cell phone number). Alliance Print Group donated the printing of the invoices for us. **SELL FRUIT! HAVE FUN!**

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) Henderson
Host Family – Ellen and Mark Morun
416 Crislena Lane 19380 610-344-0205
Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Steve and Catherine Burtch
170 William Penn Blvd 19382 610-399-1258

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Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

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Guman, Seamus Lavin (Web site), Fran Luft, Eric
Metzker, Cathy Palmquist, and Joe Polito

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 9 Blood Drive
Feb. 24-26 RYLA conferences
Mar 4 Rotary Leadership Institute DE.

WE WANT YOUR BLOOD

Please donate blood at our Red Cross Blood Drive!
When: Thursday, Feb. 9, 8:00 - 1:30
Where: West Chester Friends School
While you're doing something wonderful for our
community, you're earning a Rotary make-up.
To schedule an appointment, call Carol Metzker at
610-793-4387
The Rotary Blood Drive will be in the Spring.

UPDATE ON KATRINA FUND by Cathy Palmquist

The Brighter Futures Committee thanks the **Rotarians** who made a financial pledge to the Katrina Fund. To date, 61 members (95%) have paid their pledges. Let's get those last pledges in and reach 100% this month!

Those who have paid their pledges include **Steve Godsall-Myers, Faith Woodward, Cathy Palmquist, Tom Spackman, Joe Hamel, Al Filano, Don Stonestrom, Bud Deaver, Sinc Adams, Lance Knauth, Jennie McGinn, Lawrence Richard, Gary Hess, Jim Gasho, Steve Quigley, Bob Connolly, Jerry Alfano, Joanne Tadeo, Elizabeth Guman, John Schwab, Sue Casso, Dave Rayburn, Steve Founds, David Biffen, Jack Wintermute, Carol Hanson, Martha Carson-Gentry, Ann Mintz, Dick Yoder, Patty Jefferis, Andy Close, Terry McGrath, Craig Kalemjian, Pete Thompson, Vic Abdala, Annalie Korengel Lorgus, Bob Poole, Chuck Hawkins, Bob Crow, Charles Streitwieser, Bill Ronayne, Adrienne Masak, Steve Karp, Joe DellaVecchia, Clint Wiggins, Domenic Carnuccio, Harold Green, Gary Hewitt, Fran Luft, Bill Bunch, Frank Reilly, Joe Polito, Jean Oakes, Chris Feryo, Lisa Howard, Jim Stuart, Cristina Combee, Dave Wood, Bob Frame, Lonnie Beck and Mark von Hacht.** In addition to their financial pledges, many Rotarians have offered in-kind contributions of food, clothing, household goods and services.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, have forgotten what amount you pledged, or did not pledge but would like to make a donation, please see Cathy Palmquist. Checks should be made out to **Rotary Club of West Chester** and turned into Cathy Palmquist.