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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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

**Next Week's Program: February 23, 2006**  
**ACEER/Rainforest**  
**Marguerite Gould & Roger Mustalish**  
**Arranged by Steve Quigley**

### MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Gary** opened the meeting. **Katie Walker** gave the invocation in honor of Valentines Day. - Why I love to be a Rotarian.

Visiting Rotarians were John Sailing, Steve McGann, Robbi Healey and V.J. Theodorides.

Guests included Van?, Brad Barron, Dave Pressley, Kristine Lisi, and the exchange students, Virginie and Sebastian. **Annalie Lorgus** introduced her 4 year old son Riley and **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** introduced her son Ben.

**Steve Quigley** extended birthday greetings to **Joe Hamil**.

Happy Bucks: **Jeannie McGinn, Joanne Tadeo-** lunch, **Bill Winters** – Collegium Charter School- New high school, middle school and breaking ground for a new elementary school. Casino Night will be held April 1<sup>st</sup>. **Chris McCawley- Frank Helms** is on the mend. **Steve Quigley-** fruit sale benefits the senior center. Daily participation tripled. John Sailing- the four Rotary guests from the Sunrise club attended the Sunrise club meeting this week, and **Jack Wintermute- Steve Karp** received free advertising today.

Announcements: John Sailing- charter night for the Sunrise Rotary Club will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>. This club will honor **Bill Hess**. There will also be an auction that evening. **Geoff Baker** announced to please support the Senior Center by SELLING FRUIT! **Jim**

**Gasho** announced that 48 Rotarians to date have indicated they will assist with the Chilli Cook-off. Please email your response indicating your feeling about the Chill cook-off happening in 2006.

The 50/50 was won by **Joe Polito**. He pulled the Queen of spades.

### SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Fran Luft

Our exchange students provided very interesting presentations about their home countries.

*Sebastian Velez* enjoys playing tennis. He lives in Ecuador ,a country filled with beautiful landscape, buildings and people. The capitol city is Quito. 12 million people live in Ecuador. The current president is Alfredo Palaci. Ecuador is known for its tropical rainforest, Andes and the Galapagos Island filled with a multitude of birds and wildlife. Ecuador has 50 different ecosystems. 20% of the area is protected for its natural beauty- birds, flowers, mammals and trees. Two current issues of concern in Ecuador according to Sebastian are economically deprived residents and corruption in the government.

*Virgine Bregeon-* lives in Brittany France. Her father is a teacher and her mother owns a hotel/restaurant. She has two sisters, a brother and a cat. She enjoys being around people as she comes from a large extended family- 16 cousins. In France the school day runs from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. There is a break mid – day. Dinner is a 8 p.m. The high school is 3 years and middle school 4 years.

Virginies' hobbies include: sailing, skiing, photography, trips to Madagascar and spending time with friends on the roof top of her home.

### 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

### BRIGHTER FUTURES

Whew! Talk about yesterday's news! Our project at 303 West Washington Street was universally considered a success: great weather, terrific project planning, lots of pizza, good friends, hours and hours of fun, and feelings of accomplishment . . . and even some pretty good press.

Now, nine months to the day after the scheduled work began, we are finished! The project is closed!

So, what's been happening in the meantime? Well, some of us Rotarians and a few others had at least three subsequent *impromptu* work days. We also helped Ms. D'Annunzio with a number of things outside the obvious project scope. They include:

- Having the kitchen stove removed and the gas line capped
- Obtaining a \$500 PECO rebate and a reduced energy rate
- Arranging her placement on the regular Meals on Wheels route
- Registering her with the Council on Aging
- Visiting her at least monthly to determine any new needs
- Revamping the ductwork throughout the house and providing a damper to help zone rooms and reduce heating costs

- Removing (at last!) the dead tree in the back yard
- Repairing the roof over the back bedroom
- Arranging and scoping additional work days for the Knights of Columbus (and perhaps the Girl Scouts)
- Monitoring her general health by contacting her doctor
- Having her water service restored and her delinquent water bills paid

Here's a Big Rotary Hand to **Greg Radford**, who performed or coordinated almost all of these items in the name of our club!!

### SAVE THE DATE

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

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