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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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March 2, 2006

This Week's Program: March 2, 2006

Habitat for Humanity

Speakers: Chip Huston and Jason Pyrah

Arranged by Steve Quigley

MINUTES by Fran Luft

Next Week's Program: March 9, 2006

Gundaker Foundation

Speaker: Gary Hess

Arranged by: Gary Hess

President Gary opened the meeting and **Jeannie McGinn** gave the invocation in which we recited the Rotary 4 Way Test.

There were no visiting Rotarians. Guests included Caroline Dow with **Victoria Dow**, Shannon Royer, with **Steve Quigley**; Lori Schultz and Mike Romain with **Carol Metzker**; Dottie Mallon with **Bob Poole** and Joe Polito's son.

Ken Hickman wished a Happy Birthday to **Jack Wintermute** as did **Bob Frame** to **Dave Biffin**.

Chuck Hawkins announced the progress of the Olympic teams and encouraged all to SELL Fruit! Chuck also announced that \$3,500 was donated to our family from Hurricane Katrina and an additional \$1,100 was donated by the Religious Council. **Stan Zukin** donated a rent free apartment. The Kent's also received Christmas presents - Jessica cookware and Erin a scooter. In addition they have received phone cards, vet care for their dog, eyeglasses, and dental appointments are scheduled. Jessica does need tax preparation assistance.

Annalie Korengel- Lorgus announced that **Bud Deaver** is at home recuperating and **Sinc Adam** is in the Chester County Hospital.

Carl Werner announced that the Rotary Leadership website is www.Rotaryleadership.org. Leadership sessions will be held 3/4/ 06 in Newark DE and 3/9/06 in Mt Laurel.

The annual reports are now available and may be picked up.

Phoebe Kitson-Davis won the 50/50.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Steve Quigley commented he liked visiting his boss, **Joe Hamel**, when both were at West Chester University, because he got to see Marguerite Gould, director of ACEER, whose office was near Joe's office. Rotary members could see why that was as we listened to Marguerite tell about ACEER (Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research) and the Peruvian rainforest – fascinating!

Marguerite is a native of South Africa who came to the United States 20 years ago. She became Director of Operations for the ACEER Foundation when Roger Mustalish moved it to WCU five years ago. Previously ACEER was headquartered in Alabama and primarily took people on trips to the Peruvian rainforest. Since its move to WCU, ACEER is more focused on education and conservation.

ACEER's mission is promoting rainforest conservation by being a catalyst for awareness, understanding, action and transformation. It's important to understand the interconnectedness of our work, said Marguerite, whose enthusiasm for environmental work was evident in her talk. The rainforest impacts our weather, agriculture and so many other areas of our lives, she said. In addition to running outreach visits to the rainforest, the foundation supports scientists through research programs and has developed AMIGAS, a program working with schools here and in Peru to educate children to the environment.

The foundation works with corporations to fund student trips to Peru and they also work with villages and schools in the rainforest to help them understand how to protect, as well as utilize, the resources provided by the rainforest. They developed the first Spanish language environmental education curricula for rural teachers and have a teachers' academy to train Peruvian and U.S. teachers and provide lesson plans. There is conservation education in 100% of the schools in one region of southern Peru (Iquito City and Puerto Maldonado), she said.

They have a Children's Rainforest Reserve in northern Peru, and work with schools and villages to plant gardens. They showed one village how the "nuisance" berries they were discarding could be useful as medicine.

In addition, ACEER foundation provides scholarships for rainforest schools, provides basic supplies and books for teachers and children. The staff was so moved by a school in southern Peru that was going to be closed due to lack of children that they raised funds to finish a boarding house and provide extra food so children from outlying areas could board during the week and attend school, thus increasing enrollment and saving the school.

In the U.S., children conduct walks to raise money to save the rainforests, and an elementary school in Coatesville has a community garden to raise funds for the rainforests, she said.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Virginie Bregeon (France) Henderson
Host Family – Ellen and Mark Morun
416 Crislina Lane 19380 610-344-0205

Sebastian Velez(Ecuador) East HS
Host Family - Steve and Catherine Burtch
170 William Penn Blvd 19382
610-399-1258

MARCH 23 MEETING

Westtown School will host our Club meeting on Thursday March 23. Directions will be in next week's Votary.

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for

membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Mark Bertrando, Principal, Henderson High School; Sponsor: Rick Dunlap; Classification: Education, High School Administration

Brad Barron, Attorney, Brazil McNulty Law Firm; Sponsor: Joe Polito; Classification: Professional - Law - Reinsurance

Dave Presley, Attorney, Brazil McNulty Law Firm; Sponsor: Joe Polito; Classification: Professional - Law - Reinsurance

Written objections must be received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for their inductions.

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 4 Rotary Leadership Institute
Mar 9 Board Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST CHESTER - DISTRICT 7450

P. Gary Hewitt, President; Annalie Korengel-Lorgus, President-Elect; Gary Hess, Vice-President; Steve Quigley, Past President; Patricia Kotsay, Secretary; Victoria Dow, Assistant Secretary; M. Robert Clarke, Treasurer; Steve Karp, Sergeant At Arms; Mike Alfonsi, Assistant Sergeant At Arms. Board Members: Vic Abdala, Bob Frame, Joe Hamel, Rich Kaufmann, Carol Metzker, Bill Ronayne, and Joanne Tadeo.

Bob Lankin, District Governor

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

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