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This Week's Program: March 9, 2006

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Speaker: Gary Hess

Arranged by: Gary Hess

Next Week's Program: March 16, 2006

To be announced

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting. **Carol Metzker** gave the invocation quoting Martin Luther King, Jr. that we can all serve regardless of our education, backgrounds, race, etc.

Katie Walker introduced Visiting Rotarians V.J. Theodorides (WEGO), John Saling (Sunrise), Charles Huston (Coatesville), and Reese Reynolds (Concordville-Chadds Ford).

Guests were: Jerry Hadley with **Dick Yoder**, Katherine Metzker with **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus**, Jennifer Wilson with **Steve Quigley**, Noel Stannick with **Paul Woodruff**, and Lloyd Roach with **Bill Ronayne**.

Birthday greetings were offered to **Dick Yoder** by **Joe Polito**, to **Steve Founds** by **Kevin Quinn** (oops, Steve got away), and to **Jeff Sommer** by **Jack Wintermute**.

Happy Bucks came from **Paula Ott** (**President Gary** cleared her sidewalk of snow), **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus** (**President Gary** cleared her walk, too and **Terry McGrath** is a great Rotarian to get to know), **Bob Poole** (WCU is in the state basketball finals for the first time), John Saling (happy to be here), Reese Reynolds (happy to be here), and V.J. Theodorides (happy to be here, [yes, it was a trend started by John]).

President Gary gave kudos to **Steve Karp** and **Adrienne Masak** for finding people to participate in the Group Study Exchanges coming up.

Our March 23 meeting will be held at Westtown School.

Steve Quigley invited everyone to the West Chester Senior Center open house on March 25, 2-4 PM.

Steve Karp announced that the Interact Club at East HS has its first project. Sebastian's home town needs clean water for its school, so a

Battle of the Bands will be held at the Goodwill Fire Hall on March 25. Tickets are \$10. Those who are under 21 are invited to enjoy the 8 bands, everyone else is asked to chaperone.

Geoff Baker encouraged us to sell fruit. Team 7, the Speed Skaters, is ahead. March 25 is the distribution date.

Chuck Hawkins reported that Brighter Futures will have a workday Saturday, May 13 (rain date 5-20). Chuck will send out an e-mail to ask for nominations for a worthy recipient (deadline March 16).

Annalie Korengel-Lorgus asked if Rotarians can sit with **Bud Deaver** so that his wife, Elaine, can have a break from caregiving duties. Please e-mail or call Annalie if you can.

The Pot of Gold proceeds will go to the St. Agnes Day Center and **Andrew Stump** had the winning ticket.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Topic: Habitat for Humanity

Presenters: Chip Huston, Executive Director and Jennifer Wilson, Director of Marketing

Imagine building a house in 3 days - the energy it takes, the ability to have a firm grasp on all of the details necessary to bring the materials and workers together in the right sequence to make that house safe, solid and attractive. That's the kind of energy and knowledge our main speaker, Chip Huston, brought to his presentation. That's also the kind of energy Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) has been putting into building high-value, low-cost homes for people around the world since 1976 when it was founded by Millard Fuller along with his wife Linda.

Many people associate President Jimmy Carter with HFHI. President Carter joined HFHI after he left office in 1984. Though he wasn't the founder as some folks might think, he has been

engaged long enough to be initiating the 23rd Carter project, this one in India.

Locally, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County has an equally ambitious program. They have already built 84 homes throughout the county – 68 in the Coatesville area, 14 in Phoenixville and 2 in West Chester. Now they are back in West Chester beginning work on the first 6 of 16 homes. These homes are in the area of Balmer, Barnard, Worthington and Poplar streets. They consist of singles and twins. The goal is to continue building after these first 6 to a total of 16 in this area.

These 6 homes have a variety of sponsorship. Four are sponsored by different local churches who will have first pick at the volunteer positions, 1 will be a “blitz-build” by a local homebuilder association (the 3-day build!) and one will be built by an all woman team which is co-chaired by co-presenter, Jennifer Wilson.

There are 3 criteria for qualifying to be a home owner: Ability to pay a mortgage of between \$650 and \$700 per month, Willingness to partner by contributing 200-400 hours of “sweat equity”, and of course the need for the housing and financial assistance. The houses cost around \$90K and are valued at nearly double the cost.

These homes cost far more than the individual sponsors can provide so HFHCC is just as industrious, if not more, at raising funds as it is at raising roofs. Companies such as Wawa and QVC have been strong supporters. Events include the QVC golf tournament, participating in Super Sunday in West Chester and the Home Store which provides supplies for the home and uses the proceeds to fund the equivalent of one house per year.

Chip Huston became involved with HFHI through his volunteer work as an employee of QVC. Eventually, Chip left QVC to work full time for Habitat for Humanity Chester County. We can all become involved by offering skills and time for work crews, donating cash and visiting the store. Find out more at www.hfhcc.org and www.habitat.org

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 three (3) days of this notice. Otherwise, a date will be set for their inductions.

MARCH 23 MEETING

Westtown School will host our Club meeting on Thursday March 23.

Directions:

Proceed on Route 202 South to the Westtown Road Exit (near West Chester, Pa). At the bottom of the ramp/traffic light, make a left and head east on Westtown Road for approximately 2.5 miles. The Main Entrance will be on the left. Continue on Westtown Road for the south Entrance, which is approximately 600 yards further and also on the left.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 4 Rotary Leadership Institute
Mar 9 Board Meeting
Mar 23 Meeting at Westtown School
Mar 25 Fruit Distribution
Mar 25 Interact Club Battle of the Band
May 13 Brighter Futures Work Day

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