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<p><b>This Week's Program: April 6, 2006</b>  <b>Speaker: Gary Hess</b>  <b>Gundaker Foundation</b>  <b>Arranged by Gary Hess</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week's Program: April 13, 2006</b>  <b>Speaker: Jeff Murray</b>  <b>WCPD &amp; Lt. Col. USMC-Iraq</b>  <b>Arranged by Dick Yoder</b></p>
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### MINUTES by Faith Woodward

**President Gary** opened the meeting and **Elizabeth Guman** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Frank Reilly**: Mary Mosley (Sunrise), Joe Kahn (WEGO), Kevin Fetter (WEGO), Pat Barron (Concordville-Chadds Ford), and Edward Garainian.

**Katie Walker** introduced her guest Anne Shuniak, as did **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** her guest, **Joe Polito** his guests Dave Pressley and Brad Barron, and Bunny Welsh her guest Pat Scott?

Birthday greetings were offered by **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** to **Mike Alfonsi**, **Eric Metzker** to **Mary Lou DuPoint**, **Vernon Brewer** to **Harold Green**, **Lance Knauth** to **Bill Eaton**, and **Geoff Baker** to 6 month old Ava (**Lisa Howard's** daughter).

Happy Bucks were from **Phoebe Kitson Davis** (a healthy son), **John Schwab** (**John Messersmith**, **Rick Dunlapo**, **Steve Karp** for supporting the Interact Club), **Eric Metzker** (**Penny Boyd's** out of the hospital, thanks for condolences for Tom Fox's passing, and that others are ok), **Charlie Lydanne** (the warm welcome for Dr. Michael Johnson last week and for **Paul Woodruff's** helping to obtain a 3-H grant from Rotary International for Health, Humanity, and Hunger, and for support from **Charles Streitwieser** and **Cristina Combee**), **Anita Trump** (surprise visit from her son), **Joe Polito** (Sebastian's role as an officer in the Interact Club- their group raised \$2,200 for the school in Ecuador), **Mike Steinberger**

(his son Tommy as a RYLA representative and his Eagle Scout project nearing completion, and Mike's promotion to Senior VP at First National Bank), **Bob Poole** (Interact Clubs that have increased in number from 7 to 35, and for **Lance Knauth's** being the first faculty sponsor and then becoming a Rotarian), **Ann Minz** (thanked the club for the job shadowing program beginning at CCHS and her brother coming east to attend the Naval academy at Annapolis), and **Carol Hanson** (**John Olszewski's** organization for fruit sales).

Geoff Baker thanked everyone who helped with the Fruit Sale. One can still donate money to the cause.

The Pot of Gold proceeds will now go to the Foreign Mission Board. **Mary Lou DuPoint** won.

### SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Presenters: Chris Kemple, General Manager and Kevin Linton, Group Sales Executive and PA Announcer for the Blue Rocks Minor League Baseball team and stadium. Arranged by: **Jack Wintermute**

How can you tell it's Spring in the Delaware Valley? Some might say daffodils in the garden. Others look for forsythia and robins. But probably the most foolproof way to know it is Spring is to look at the window where Jack Wintermute spends his Winter with his nose pressed to the glass looking outside for signs of Spring training, waiting for baseball season to start. What do you see? Only nose print and no Jack? Blue

Rocks presenting at Rotary? Must be Spring for sure!!

Leading off the line-up, Chris Kemple popped up an easy question that the rusty Rotarians had a little trouble with in the outfield – To which Major League team are the Blue Rocks aligned? Taking a wild stab at the fly ball, the answer “Kansas City Royals” yielded an empty mitt. Turns out that the Blue Rocks are now home to hopefuls in the Boston Red Sox pipeline.

What’s the difference between the ‘big market’ Red Sox and the ‘small market’ Royals? Well, as the saying often goes, it depends. If you’re a player for the Blue Rocks, the difference might be that Kansas City typically tried to develop players in the Minor League to advance to their Major League franchise. Boston on the other hand likes to ‘buy’ known quantities with big league experience. So a player on the current Blue Rocks might be more likely to end up as part of a trade for one of those experienced ball players rather than packing their bags for Boston directly.

As a fan, there isn’t much difference. The stadium’s the same. The commitment to family fun that’s affordable is the same. And the free parking is the same. But it’s kind of nice to have an East coast tie to the Majors – there are certainly more BoSox caps in the Delaware Valley than there are Royal’s caps. And it doesn’t hurt that they won the World Series. So the Blue Rocks still have a field of dreams with pretty much the same dream of ending up in the Show as before.

After some shop talk, Kevin Linton came up to the plate to take a swing at displaying his announcing skills. Kevin is the voice of the Blue Rocks and, as it turns out, also the University of Delaware’s Blue Hens. With a believable demonstration he showed the Rotarians how he helps to liven up the slow times at the game and captures the energy of the exciting events.

### SAVE THE DATE

May 13 Brighter Futures Work Day

### 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

### YOUTH EXCHANGE

At present we need homes for three female students, from Brazil, Germany and the Czech Republic respectively, with seven more students yet to be processed. The sooner we can get homes for these students, the sooner we can get them the information they need, in order to get visa’s, etc. Please contact **Adrienne Masak** at 610 738-9792, or email [adimasak@hotmail.com](mailto:adimasak@hotmail.com), for further information, or if you know of a possible host family.

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