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# ROTARY VOTARY

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<p><b>This 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>	<p><b>Next Week's Program: April 20, 2006</b>  <b>To be announced</b></p>
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### MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Gary opened the meeting by having all Rotarians recite the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ann Minz** gave the invocation.

Guests included Ed Garbidian, Amy Quinn, Congetta, Eric Schneck, Dave Pressley, Brad Barron, Alyssa Arona (West Chester Area School District student shadowing **Joe Polito**), and Amy Balian.

Birthday greetings were given by **Bob Frame** to **Bill Bunch** and **Duke Evans** extended birthday wishes to **Jim Stuart**.

Happy Bucks were from **Sue Casso** ( WC Chamber of Commerce 10 Grand Event-Westside Entertainment, only 200 tickets being sold, \$10,000 prize and other smaller prizes- see Sue for tickets), **Carol Metzker** (Lil George lives in Vermont, George Mason University did well and also her father's university in Florida), **Annalie Korengel Logrus** (talent show at First Presbyterian Church), **Bob Poole** (**Charles Streitwieser** is now on the district Rotary Foundation Committee), **Larry Richardson** (**Sue Casso** YMCA volunteer of the year), **Ken Hickman** (**Dr Steve Karp** is back- had a bad back), **Steve Karp** (7 treatments so far thanks Doc's for covering for him the past few weeks), **John Schwab** (sold 2 Declarations of Rotarians and Business professionals), **Joe Polito** (**Bob Rodgers** was present when **Sue Casso** received her volunteer award).

Announcements: **Jack Wintermute** announced that Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks will be held May 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is

\$30.00 per person. See Jack for tickets. **Charlie Lydanne** stated he is in need of individuals to do the invocation for the next three months. Please sign up for this job. **Annalie** wished everyone a happy spring, Passover and Easter. **Jean Oakes** announced that St Agnes Day Room received a donation of \$506.18 for all the good work they accomplish through food, fun and fellowship to individuals in need. Barbara Kirby from the day room was present to receive the donation. She thanked all Rotarians.

Alyssa picked the winning 50/50 ticket; **Rob Feenan** won.

### SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Gundaker Foundation– **Gary Hess**

Gundaker – A name we as Rotarians of District 7450 hear often but may not always understand. Today's speaker, soon-to-be President-elect, helped us focus on the true meaning – not where the name came for but what it stands for: a great means to help our District's Rotarians do great things.

*A few fun facts:*

80% of the funds provided by the Gundaker Foundation were spent in the District.

There are no 'budgetary' issues – Gundaker is pay-as-you-go.

This year's contributions (plus interest) making up next year's funding.

Our district is only 1 of 3 in the entire world that has its own foundation. It started before Rotary International's fund

and was 'grandparented' once a common International fund was created.

Because of Gundaker, your projects could get matched twice - once by Gundaker, and then that whole amount might qualify for matching grants from Rotary International. This helps us turn 1\$ of our contribution into 4\$.

Funds come from our District's Rotarians. For folks reading this, that means you and me. 5\$ comes from our annual dues and 60\$ is the donation request made of each of us. (Some Rotarians routinely donate \$1,000)

Gary also addressed some frequently asked questions such as:

Does Gundaker compete with International or other giving? No. The fund is intended to work together with our local and International giving. It provides a smart way to manage funds and concentrate the strength of the many clubs in our district through matching grants.

Do we have to give 60\$? No - you can certainly give more : ) At the same time, everyone recognizes this is a volunteer organization - The goal is 100% participation at whatever level you see this fitting in to your annual giving.

What recent help has our area received from Gundaker matching grants? Our club directly benefited by receiving a grant of \$1,000 (the maximum amount) to help with our commitment to the Goodwill Fire Company. Additionally Exton, WC Sunrise and WeGo were among nearby clubs who also received Grants. We also sponsored two students for school grants - including Jess Ayers whom many of us met through her hard work on the Brighter Futures project.

So, whether you are interested in helping out local projects, international projects, educational grants or student exchanges, Gundaker is the place to give to multiply your dollars and join with our neighboring clubs to put Service Above Self.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

May 11 Rotary Night @ the Blue Rocks  
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 [adimasak@hotmail.com](mailto:adimasak@hotmail.com) or 610 738-9792, for further information, or if you know of a possible host family.

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