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**This Week's Program: May 11, 2006
To be announced**

**Next Week's Program: May 18, 2006
To be announced**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President **Gary** opened the meeting. **Ann Mintz** gave the invocation (4 way test). Guests included Noel Stanick, Amy Quinne, Conchetta, Vince Range, Shannon Royer and our exchange students Virginie and Sebastian.

Happy Bucks: **Sue Casso** (joke), **Gary Hewett** (President of our club), **Bill Hess** (grandson Timothy William), Sebastian (great tennis season), **Eric Metzker** (graduation Leadership Connection), **Annalie Lorgus** (invitations), **Geoff Baker** (green- new car), **Charles Streitwieser** (district assembly awards), **Mike Alfonsi** (**Joe DellaVecchia** getting better each day), **Joe Polito** (son is in NY doing make up for a movie and a joke), **Tom Spackman** (weather will be good Sunday for Walk For Paws).

Anita Trump had all Rotarians sing Happy Birthday to **Dave Rayburn** and **Carol Hanson**.

Announcements: **Adrienne Masak** stated that our exchange students will give presentations next month. She also congratulated Sebastian on a great tennis season. **Gary Hewett** is going to look into the Rotary medallions missing from in and out of town. **Ken Hickman** announced that tickets are still available for the May 11th Blue Rocks game. See Ken or Jack for tickets. **Bob Frame** announced that the annual golf outing will be held June 5th at Honey Brook. Cost is \$85.00. **Carol Metzker** announced that the International Service Avenue will meet today, May 4th. **Steve Quigley** announced that the blood drive is being held today, May 4th from 2-6 p.m. at Pennwood Elementary School.

Larry Richards won the 50/50 today.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Our program was a two-for-one today! **Bill Hess**, club chair of the Rotary Foundation, said

he and **Gary Hess**, who heads up the Guy Gundaker Foundation drive, are "passionate fundraisers." After giving the Gundaker fund a plug, Bill focused on the Rotary Foundation by saying that he is proud to be a Rotarian and Rotary is many things. He became a member because Rotary is international and works for peace, about which ALL Rotarians can feel passionate. He recalled sitting in Greece one time, talking about Rotary with a German Rotarian.

Bill is especially interested in the work being done around the world. As a Christian and clergy who has been involved in missions worldwide, Bill said he sees Rotarians in action where Christians cannot always go.

One of the joys of Rotary is recognizing Paul Harris Fellows who have made substantial contributions to Rotary Foundation for humanitarian and educational activities around the world. He acknowledged the Rotarian who donated to the foundation in Bill's name, acknowledging Bill and his wife's hosting of a number of international students through Rotary, which entitled Bill to receive his first Paul Harris Fellow award.

He said 106 club members have contributed a total of \$12,345 to the foundation this year, an average of \$122 per person (the goal is \$100 per person). He said he has even received checks from people who do not live here any more. Bill then recognized the most recent Paul Harris Fellows, three of whom were in attendance and have been recognized for previous donations to the foundation – Sync Adams, Sue Casso and Paul Woodruff. Not in attendance but also PH awardees are Vernon Brewer and Joe Hamel. In recognizing these generous donors, Bill read the congratulatory words of the foundation trustees.

Mike Alfonsi presented the second half of the program, talking briefly about his experience last week in Nairobi/Kenya and Zimbabwe. After tending to business, Mike stayed for a few days. Mike's first impression was how dark it was at night because the Kenyans do not have the resources to pay for lighting. His second observation was the thousands of people walking along the roads because there is no public transportation.

He had an opportunity to spend a day with Dr. Johnson, who spoke with us on a recent visit to the U.S. As the father of two young sons, Mike noted a preponderance of boys on the streets. Dr. Johnson told him when a father has enough sons to help with his business, the other sons are put on the streets. Girls are treated the same. These street orphans are the ones the Johnsons have been helping get off the streets and adopted.

In Zimbabwe, Mike visited two clubs and found it interesting what we share as Rotarians. The effect of poverty stood out during his visit. Mike said we need to be proud of the work Rotary is doing and continue to share our resources.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Shannon Royer, Classification: Government,
Spon-sor: Steve Quigley

Amy Quinne Classification: bank/branch
manager
Sponsor: Annalie Lorgus

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.

GUNDAKER

The annual **Gundaker Foundation** fund-raising campaign is now underway, and the responses have been excellent! Already, **nearly 25% of our club members have stepped up and made a contribution.**

The Gundaker Foundation is the local foundation of our District, and has supported programs that benefit local clubs and individuals for over forty years. **Your support is extremely important to the ongoing success of the foundation.**

If you have not yet had a chance to do so, you can make out a check to "The Gundaker Foundation," and give it to me at our Thursday meeting, or mail it to Gary Hess at: 34 West Miner Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

SAVE THE DATE

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| May 11 | Rotary Night @ the Blue Rocks |
| May 20 | Rotary helps @ CCH May Fest |
| June 10 | Brighter Futures Work Day |

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