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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

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This Week's Program: May 18, 2006
Mexican GSE Team-Idna Corbett

Next Week's Program: May 25, 2006
Honorary Rotarians-Martha Carson Genrty

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

the proceeds of last month's 50-50.

President Gary opened the meeting and **Dave Rayburn** gave the invocation based on a Cherokee story.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Visiting Rotarians Mark Rudiger (WEGO) and Edward Garadedian (Media) were introduced by **Dave Pressley**.

Carolyn "Bunny" Welch led off the classification talk line-up, revealing the answer to such mysteries as "Who was the first woman to be sheriff of Chester County?" and "Who is the Sheriff of Nottingham?"

Guests were: Laura Cervantes with **Bunny Welsh**, Amy Quinne with **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus**, Jessica Kent with **Adrienne Masak**, and Joe Penario with **Andrew Stump**.

Well known to some of our clubs members, Bunny is new to the club but not new to Rotary. Bunny was most recently a member of Concordville-Chadds Ford Rotary where she served in the past as president. She also comes from a family tradition of Rotary service. Her father was a member and president-elect of the Upper Darby club before his sudden death in 1982. She also has an uncle in Florida whose attendance record stretched over 50 years.

Paul Woodruff wished a Happy Birthday to "Builder Bob" Charlie Lydanne.

Bunny currently holds office as the Sheriff of Chester County, heading an organization of 80 people, 52 of whom are deputies. The road to sheriff, as were many of Bunny's roads, was full of skepticism based solely on her looks and gender. Told that Chester County was not ready in 1999 for a blonde woman named "Bunny" in her 50's and who wears high-heels to be the new sheriff. Apparently that was all the encouragement she needed to run for office and win.

Happy Bucks: **Phoebe Kitson-Davis** (a good friend helped her and in-laws will be visiting), **Annalie Korengel-Lorgus** (apologized for cell phone going off and praised **Eric Metzker** for his statement written for the Leadership Connection), **Lonnie Beck** (cousin leaving for Samoa for the Peace Corps but sadly losing his best man for his wedding in October), **Paul Woodruff** (oldest granddaughter graduated from UD), **Charlie Lydanne** (**Paul Woodruff's** talk for A Prepared Place at Kiwanis resulted in their gift of \$500).

Jack Wintermute announced that evening's game at the Blue Rocks and all the possibilities for rain dates etc.

Gary Hess thanked the club for 40% participation so far in the Gundaker Foundation fund drive. Gundaker will be giving us a check for our club's foundation.

Chuck Hawkins reminded us of the Brighter Futures event on Saturday June 10 from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Care Center for Christ at Matlack and Barnard Streets. Sign up will be next week.

Terry McGrath had 4 free tickets for the Blue Rocks game to give away.

Mark Sammarone asked for volunteers to fill a few spots as helpers for the Rotary booth at the May Fest at CCH on May 20.

Joe Hamil invited members to join the litter pick up Saturday, May 13 with a meeting time of 8 AM at Mrs. Mike's.

Charles Streitwieser was the winner of the 50-50 and gave his winnings to the Gundaker Foundation.

President Gary read a thank you from St. Agnes for

Not only did Bunny break ground as the first female sheriff of Chester County, Bunny also broke ground as a contractor, building such structures as pedestrian ramps for the Commodore Barry Bridge. Before that she graduated from Wesley College. Her later studies included Wharton and then a degree in criminal justice from Temple.

Bunny has 4 children – 2 sons and 2 daughters – and 6 grandchildren. Keeping up the tradition of breaking with tradition, one of Bunny's sons is a nurse and one of her daughters "is a cop".

The club welcomes Bunny and looks forward to her continued Rotary service as a member of the Rotary Club of West Chester.

Our second classification presenter was **Robert Feenan**. Born in Riddle hospital, Rob is a native son of southeastern Pennsylvania. He grew up in Wallingford with one brother and one sister and attended Strathaven High School.

In Rob's family, opposites truly attract – his father is an Irish Catholic and his mother is an Irish protestant. And one generation earlier, one of Robert's grandmother's is a member of a DAR while his grandfather is an Irish immigrant.

Apparently experiencing the desire to see a little of the world, Rob ended up in Florida where he received a Master's in Taxation from the University of Miami.

While working for an international accounting firm, Rob realized he was spending a little more time on the road than he liked when he received a hand signed holiday card from the Daytona Marriott. This led Rob home to Pennsylvania with a yearning to join in and support a community – to have more direct contact with people as neighbors and friends.

Toward that end, Rob met his future wife and decided to have marry in a manner that kept up the tradition of opposites. This time opposites were measured on the scale of romance. They became engaged in Venice, Italy on a gondola...and they married in the Las Vegas courthouse whose claim to fame is it is open 24 hours. From the romance of Italy, they tied the not after waiting in line with a couple who were still wearing their pirate costumes from the previous evening's party (where they had obviously just met).

Rob works in tax management with Maillie Falconero and is looking forward to serving as a new Rotarian. The club warmly welcomes Robert and looks forward to his future opposites, whatever they may be, by serving our community together.

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

PRESIDENTIAL PICNIC 2006

Thursday, July 6 at 5:00pm
Annalie's house - 429 W. Union St., WC
Please RSVP by June 30
to 610-692-5055 or lorgusfamily@verizon

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Bob Lankin, District Governor
Robert Poole, III, M.D., P. D.G. 1980-1981

NEW MEMBERS

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

Laura Dallas Burford: President of LAD

Enterprises; Classification: Consulting / Computers;
Sponsor: Jeannie McGinn

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.

BLUE ROCKS

We are trying to get another night at the Blue Rocks in June...including the Cafe! Ticket holders...your stub plus a minimal fee of \$5.00 to \$7.00 will get you another fellowship night with a full meal (and a ball game). Non Ticket holders who wished they could go...I'll get back to you later... We are trying for Tuesday night June 20th).

GUNDAKER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Gundaker spring campaign is off to an excellent start, with over 40% of our club members having made a donation already. I would like to recognize the following Rotarians for their support of the Gundaker Foundation this year:

Duncan Smith, Jeannie McGinn, Bunny Welsh, Irvie Hoffman, Bill Gotwals, Paul Woodruff, Joe Cunnane, Fran Luft, Mike Alfonsi, Michelle Venema, Elizabeth Guman, Bill Bunch, Carol Metzker, Eric Metzker, Jeanne Oakes, Quigley Steve, Larry Richards, Bob Poole, Linda Hicks, Ann Mintz, Dave Rayburn, Patty Jefferis, Duke Evans, John Schwab, David Wood, Lee Bunting, Joe DellaVecchia, Jim Stuart, Alan Elko, Bill Winters, Clint Wiggins, Bert Volger, Vernon Brewer, Howard Johns, Matt Bradley, Christina McCawley, Jack Cording, David Biffen, Cathy Palmquist, Carol Hanson, John Olszewski, Rich Kauffman, Madeleine Adler, Frank Reilly, Gary Hewitt, Gary Hess, Adrienne Masak, Carl Werner, Vic Abdala, Charles Streitwieser, Phoebe Kitson-Davis, and Norman Skillman.
Thanks again to all of these folks for generously supporting our District's Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE

May 20	Rotary helps @ CCH May Fest
June 10	Brighter Futures Work Day
July 6	President's Picnic
Sept 16	District Membership Workshop
Nov 18	Foundation Workshop

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