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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, International President 2005-2006

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**June 8, 2006**

**This Week's Program: June 8, 2006**

**Sword and the Star**

**Speaker: Len Traines**

**Arranged by Henry Karish**

**Next Week's Program: June 15, 2006**

**Accupuncture**

**Speaker: Eva Zeller, M.A.O.M., L**

**Arranged by Dave Rayburn**

**MINUTES by Fran Luft**

**President Gary** opened the meeting and **Bob Frame** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians were **V.J. Theodorides** and **Bob Fischer**.

Guests were: **Shannon Royer**, **Dr. Curtis Ripple**, **Amy Quinne**, **Tracy Carter Dougherty**, **Conchetta**, **Ann Todd**, and **Margaret Hackel**.

Happy Bucks: **Gary Hess** (three new Gundaker fellows); **Annalie Korengel Lorgus** (sister gave birth to a beautiful baby girl); **Katie Walker** (Swing Summer- Thursday, First Friday tomorrow, Up On The Roof Saturday and super Sunday this Sunday); **Carol Metzker** (book); **Bob Frame** (**Jack Wintermute**, **Ken Hickman**, and all those individuals who said yes and extended Happy Birthday greetings); **Bill Gotwals** (attend class reunion – 4 people in attendance- met other Rotarians with 50 years perfect attendance- Bill has 63 years perfect attendance).

**Announcements:** **Jean Oakes** read a thank you note from **Elinor Taylor**- honorary Rotarian. **Victoria Dow** announced she has copies of **Carol Metzker's** book, **Appreciative Intelligence** for sale. The cost is \$24.00. **Cathy Palmquist** announced that all individuals who volunteered for the Rotary reader, book project etc. need to stay a few minutes after the meeting for a group photo. **Steve Karp**, "Coach" announced that we should **Brighten the Future of the Care Center of Christ**, 127-29 S. Matlack St. Please volunteer to help out Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Rain date is Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>. A block party will also take place during this event. **Charlie Lydanne** announced that the **Prepared Place** project is coming along great. **Paul Woodruff** is running it. Eight other Rotary clubs are involved. This project has three components- water projects, schools and orphan adoptions. Seats are

available for channel 10 program- Monday and Wednesday.

**Geoff Baker** pulled the winning 50/50 ticket.

**SPEAKERS REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman**

**Victoria Dow** introduced our program today. She had two very interesting connections to the program. The first is that the West Chester Public Library had worked with Verizon to initiate a new program this year, the **Literary Heroes Breakfast**, which our speaker was a part of. The second connection was that one of the recipients of the awards as the breakfast was our own Rotary Club.

The **Literary Heroes Breakfast** is a new event designed to recognize and nurture successful efforts in promoting literacy in our community. There were a number of categories in which they were giving out awards. In each category, there was a sponsor who reviewed the nominations and chose the recipient for that award. Our Rotary Club won recognition in the **Community Impact Hero** category for the **Rotary Readers** program, including the book and dictionary project. The sponsor of that category was **Lockheed Martin**, and their representative, **Tracy Carter Dougherty**, spoke to us.

She showed us the short video vignette that was done on the **Rotary Reader** program presented at the awards breakfast. The video featured our own **Carol Metzker**, **Terry McGrath** and **Bob Poole**. **Tracy** spoke about her experience being a sponsor and her impressions of the **Rotary Reader** program. She explained how their team reviewed the 17 submissions finding that the **Rotary Reader** program clearly stood out among the rest. She was impressed by the program's ability to implement its core value of inspiring children to read, and its impact in terms of how many

children have been impacted and mostly it's sustained effort in that the program has been in place for so long.

**Frank Helms**, the leader of the Rotary Reader program, received the award from Tracy and she again told us how magnificent the work is that we are doing and how truly deserving the club is for this award.

Tracy also shared how impressed she was with this club. She said she goes to many lunches in her work, but was amazed when she saw how many people attended, the energy of all the initiatives going on, and that it goes on every week! But the truly inspiring part of the program was Terry's comment in the video where he said that the reward was in the impact of the program, "We just want to help kids realize that reading is fun." Thanks to all the club members who have made this goal a reality for so many kids!!

#### **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 Burch  
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

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

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| June 10 | Brighter Futures Work Day    |
| July 6  | President's Picnic           |
| Sept 16 | District Membership Workshop |
| Oct 8   | Chili Cook Off               |
| Nov 18  | Foundation Workshop          |

#### **2006 GUNDAKER FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

The Gundaker spring campaign is off to an excellent start, with over 50% 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, Norman Skillman, Joe Hamel, Bill Ronayne, Bill Hess, Jim Lees, Victoria Dow, Don Stonestrom, Geoff Baker, Mac Neilon, Steve Founds, Sue Casso, Grant Nelson and Linda Antonowich.** Thanks again to all of these folks for generously supporting our District's Foundation.

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