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This Week's Program: June 15, 2006

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

Arranged by Dave Rayburn

Next Week's Program: June 22, 2006

Induction and Classification Talks

Arranged by Sue Casso

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Gary opened the meeting and **Patti Jefferis** gave the invocation.

Lonnie Beck introduced Visiting Rotarians: Mary Mosley and John Saling (Sunrise) and Reese Reynolds (Concordville/ Chadds Ford).

Guests were presented by **Sinc Adam** (son Alex), **Steve Quigley** (Shannon Royer), **Brad Barron** (Hosatina Kaufmann), **Raoul Pagine** (Connie Sceterella), **Mike Alfonsi** (Steve Batalana), **Steve Reilly** (son Ian), **Jeannie McGinn** (Laura Dallas Buford), and **Linda Hicks** (Michelle and Tom Steinberger, Evan Stein, and Tony).

Happy Bucks were offered by **Joe Polito** (June 6 –Men's Night), **Katie Walker** (June 17 Iron Hill Criterium), **Terry McGrath** (\$1080 donated for the beard fund and tools for Brighter Futures), and **Jean Oakes (Elinor Taylor here)**,

Linda Hicks introduced two students who had received Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: Amanda Messersmith and Tom Steinberger, both children of Rotarians. Amanda felt it was a life changing event and Tom enjoyed learning the history of Rotary,

Rick Dunlap presented the Students of the Month from East High School for April, May, and June: Kevin "Jake" Grable, Keelie Karne (**Elinor Taylor** also gave her a citation from the PA House of Representatives), Josh Rodell, Jamie Capriotti, and Laura Schofield. **John Schwab** presented Kovic Froll the \$1000 award from our club as a graduating senior. **Charles Streiwieser** praised **John Schwab** for receiving the District Governor's Citation for his involvement in Vocational Service.

Katie Walker reminded everyone the Brighter Futures project will be Saturday, June 10 at the Care Center for Christ. A block party will be held for the kids. **Lee Bunting** arranged for the

YMCA to loan the moon bounce, Shop Rite gave 300 hot dogs and rolls, and Heinz donated the condiments. Eighteen volunteers had signed up.

Bob Frame reported that the District Golf Outing was a success with several members of our club participating.

The winner of the 50-50 was **Elinor Taylor** who pulled the Queen of Hearts. She will donate her winnings to charity.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Eric Metzker

Speaker: Leonard Traines Arranged by: Henry Karish Introduced by **Duke Evans**

Inspiring, sobering, passionate...these are the impressions left by Len Traines. A West Chester resident for many years, a Rotarian since 1950 and a friend to many in the room, Leonard also thinks globally. Moved by both world events and a family tragedy, Leonard wrote "The Star And the Cross: A Journey of Two Faiths" to raise awareness of genocide around the world.

A difficult topic, Leonard spoke simply and knowledgably in a soft-spoken way that captured the attention of the entire club.

Having lost family members to murders motivated by anti-Semitism in Polish concentration camps, in Latvia and during the communist rule in the Soviet Union, Leonard Traines is no casual observer. He knows genocide is not a thing of the past. He listed some of the worst 20 dictators in the world and a long list of countries that fostered genocide throughout the 20th century through to today with the killings occurring in Darfur. Leonard's message is

simple – this is a real occurrence and it needs our attention.

The book is a novel which uses the character of a Penn State University professor to introduce and explore the topic of prejudice and genocide. Rather than simply list a numbing record of nearly unthinkable acts against humanity, Leonard chose this narrative approach to help make it ‘thinkable’ and personal for everyone.

The club extended it’s warm appreciation for Leonard’s caring and courageous willingness to speak out, touch our lives and remind us of why we are Rotarians – people dedicated to service and raising understanding of one another both locally and internationally.

As a show of the interest raised in the club, we bought all 20 books that Leonard brought with him and several of us were still standing in line. The book is available at Chester County Books and Music and can be ordered from Amazon.com and Borders.

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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Eric Metzker, Cathy Palmquist, and Joe Polito

SAVE THE DATE

July 6 President’s Picnic 5 PM
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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