



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

Bill Boyd, International President 2006-2007

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This Week's Program: April 12, 2007
Brighter Future
Arranged by Cathy Palmquist

Next Week's Program: April 19, 2007
Classification Talks
Jodi Button and Doug Marshall
Arranged by: Noel Stanek

MINUTES by Fran Luft

Frank Reilly gave the invocation, thanking all the men and women who serve in the armed forces. **President Annalies's** joke for the day was about a hen and an egg hunt.

Visiting Rotarians included Steve McGann, Mary Mosley and Cliff DeBaptiste. President Annalie welcomed

to our Rotary Meeting. Our guests today were Bill Eaton, Leo Gibbins, Marie? Brian Marian, Deb Bridges, Brian? Mary Bingham, Brad Wetzel and Katie Lorgus. **Joe Polito** extended Happy Birthday wishes to **Dave Wood** and **Geoff Baker** wished a Happy Birthday to **Mary Lou Dupont**.

Many members gave Happy Bucks: **President Annalie** for the Kennett Rotary Club, and Presidents Annalie's mother, Bonnie Korengel for all the help from the Sergeant of Arms and for feeling welcomed in our club. **Carol Metzker** was happy as her daughter Katherine will be teaching summer school in Ghana for a month. Katherine has invited Carol to accompany her on the trip and for electricity. **Sue Casso** announced the special Chamber of Commerce event April 20th, raffle tickets- only 200 available for \$200 apiece that could net the winner \$10,000. This will benefit the newly created educational foundation. **Bill Hess** is happy as next week he will visit Petey, exchange student in his home land of India. **Geoff Baker's** car has hit the 10,000 mile mark on veggie oil. His car now has 30 percent more power and fuel costs 46 cents per gallon. **Bob Poole** never had to wear pant hose while making up a Rotary meeting at the Kennett-Longwood Club. **Terry McGrath** is happy for three reasons- he heard a concert by the Angel Band, he will be playing 22 instruments at a concert May 4th in Norristown to benefit the homeless and the Greystone Ramblers will be playing in a concert August 5th. **Becky Cacace** is happy that her husband, after 2.5 years is getting his MBA. **Bob Crow** needs assistance to be bailed out of jail.

Announcements: We wish a speedy recovery to **Christie Blake Blackburn**. Please attend the clean up on April 28th in collaboration with the Kennett at Longwood Club. This project will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Chadds Ford Historical Society to clean up, rake, mulch and then enjoy a picnic and perhaps play

some baseball together. Please RSVP to **President Annalie**. April 14th the Rotary Leadership Institute will take place in Wilmington DE. **President Annalie** has five Rotary caps to sell- \$15.00 a piece. Replacement Rotary pins cost \$4.00. A thank you letter was received from Chester County Cares for the \$500.00 donation they receive from our Rotary Club. Congratulations to **Geoff Baker** for being selected the Rotarian of the Month. **Jack Wintermute** announced that May 10th is Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks. For \$35.00 a head Rotary Club gets box seats, a great dinner and fellowship. See **Jack Wintermute** to sign up. **Cathy Palmquist** announced that the photos of our visitor from India are misplaced. If anyone has seen the photos please let Cathy know. **Fran Luft** accepted a \$500 check from the Rotary Club to be used for scholarships for the YWCA Chester County Summer Enrichment Program, SEP.

Bill Ronayne pulled the ticket for the 50/50. Today's winner is **Stan Zukin**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Matt Bradley

Today's program was a presentation by our own **Gary Hess**, Gundaker Foundation Chair and President-elect, about the annual Gundaker Foundation, the local foundation of our district. With a goal of \$100,000, Gary is asking for \$75 from each Rotarian in the club and 100% participation.

Gary gave a brief overview of the programs that Gundaker supports, beginning with the Club Matching Grants Program which accounts for 30% of the budget and supports service projects of local clubs. National Grants are matching grants of up to \$1,000 and are for projects in our district. Quite a few clubs in Chester County have received these grants, including Central Chester County (benefiting Habitat for Humanity and CVIM), Downingtown (dictionaries for 3rd graders), WeGo (benefiting WC Senior Center), Coatesville (materials for the public library), Kennett Square (signage on a local trail), Concordville (for a park for handicapped children), Thorndale (benefiting Handicrafters), and West Chester (matching part of our contribution to the fire company).

International Grants are similar to National, except that they must be for overseas projects. Projects

funded last year were in two main categories: water projects and Rotaplast (cleft lip and palate surgery). Other projects provided defibrillators in Brazil, supported a children's library in Honduras, a dormitory for children in Uganda, and an elementary school library in the Philippines.

The largest component of the budget (about 60%) is allocated to Educational Grants. Undergraduate grants are given to juniors and seniors with high academic achievement (last year there were 8 grants, totaling \$30,000). Graduate grants are given to high achieving and well deserving graduate students (see below).

The final component of the Gundaker budget (about 10%) is given in support of the District Youth Exchange program to help pay for all of the activities enjoyed by our exchange students.

Gary introduced a special guest, Leah Mast, who is a recipient of a graduate grant. Leah spoke persuasively about the value of the Gundaker grants and impressed us with her goals and hard work. Leah is in her second semester of full-time study, pursuing dual certification in Spanish and Teaching English as a Second Language. In addition to her studies, she works 20 hours per week tutoring foreign students. In January 2006, Leah had decided to work full time to earn and save money to then study full time. In April of that year she went on a Group Study Exchange to Mexico and spent two months the following summer volunteering on an American Friends Service Committee project, also in Mexico. Participation in these service projects helped focus her goal of learning about and working toward sustainable methods of living, but also meant that she earned less money for her schooling. She is very appreciative of the Gundaker Foundation grant that helps make it possible to pursue her studies.

SAVE THE DATE

Apr. 12 International Service Avenue Honduras

blood lab meeting, after regular Rotary lunch

Apr. 19 All-hands international service avenue meeting, after our regular Rotary lunch

April 28 Clean-up /Kennett @ Longwood Club

May 10 Blue Rocks

July 12 Presidential picnic for **Gary Hess**

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

To add events send e-mails to:

calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THE GUNDAKER FOUNDATION

The annual fundraising campaign for the Gundaker Foundation is now underway! On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to thank the following Rotarians who have made a contribution already this year: **Mary Lou DuPont, Anita Trump, Lee Bunting, Faith Woodward, Joe DellaVecchia, Bruce Beadle.** Thank you!

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided at our meeting by **Sue Casso** of Custom Printing and Promotions **NEW**

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The following persons have been proposed for membership and have indicated a desire to become a member:

Bryan Brockson: EDIS Company; Classification: Management -- General Contractor; Sponsor: **Steve Quigley**

Bryan Mitchell: Waddell & Reed; Classification: Business -- Financial Management; Sponsor: **Concetta Schiattarella**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their induction.

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