



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: April 9, 2015
Musings from the Bench
Speaker: Honorable Jeffrey R. Sommer,
Judge Chester County Court of Common Pleas

Next Week's Program: April 16, 2015
West Chester Food Co-Op
Speaker: Suzanne Adams

MINUTES by Helen Flanders

President Rob opened the meeting.

Dick Yoder delivered the invocation with a theme of, "Those who desire heaven the most, serve earth the best." Dick also noted that we should take time to appreciate the simple things in life.

There were two guests today. **Jim Gasho** introduced his wife Beth. Eric Rosle is in the queue for membership. Our Visiting Rotarian was Jeff Brown from Concordville Rotary.

Jeff Somers offered birthday wishes to **Dave Wood**. **Jeannie McGinn** wished happy birthday to **Andrew Stump**.

There were many Happy Bucks today. **Debra Sparre** offered best wishes to **Diane Lemonides** and welcomed back **Jeff Somers**. **Jeannie McGinn's** table acknowledged how lucky the ladies at her table were to be sitting with **Chuck Garfinkle**. **Catherine Friedman** is happy because the Friends Fundraiser "A Night at the Opera" is coming up on May 8. **Elizabeth Guman** reminded the group that Catherine would be singing at the event. **Rob Malone** is happy about the upcoming Applebee's pancake breakfast to support adults with developmental disabilities. **Tim Walsh** is celebrating his dad's 80th birthday today. **Dr. Poole** wrote and read a thank you fruit sale poem to **Mickey Hall** and **Christine Wildauer** for all their hard work. **Paul Woodruff** is happy that MSU made the final four in March Madness. **Katie Martin** shared that 34 teams are signed up to cook chili at the fall cook-off.

Announcements

Bruce Beadle announced that Hello Dolly tickets from the Media Theatre have been donated to support Rotoplast's cleft palate work on kids. The

show is on May 14. 100% of the proceeds go to Rotoplast. **Mac Neilon** needs 20 people to help out at the Hickman from 8 AM to noon on April 25 for Rotarians at Work Day **Jack Wintermute** told the group to set aside May 21 for the Rotary Blue Rocks Game. Lots of door prizes will be given away. **Mac Neilon** encouraged everyone to go to the Rotary website and sign up for email updates on Chili Cook Off. Also, please like us on Facebook. **Brad Abel** gave us the chili fact of the week - fish do not have pain receptors so they cannot be affected by spicy hot chili. **Andrew Stump** announced that the CPC grant applications are now open. **President Rob** asked the group to give **Shauna Yeldell** their Honorary Rotarian nominations. **Steve Quigley** announced a golf competition between Longwood and WC Rotary Clubs.

John Schwab won \$8 in the 50/50 but the Queen remains in the deck!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Laura House Kelly

Our 4/2 meeting included two classification talks: **Christopher Feryo** and **Jim Gasho**.

Christopher Feryo

Chris is 46 and lives in West Chester. He was a former member of WC Rotary, having joined in 2003. In 2007 he left the club and eventually joined the WC Downtown Club in 2011. He became president elect of the Downtown club before the club opted to fold. He returned to WC Rotary in January.

Chris began his career in 1991 at Vanguard in Malvern after graduating from Mt. St. Mary's University with a BS in Economics and Fine Arts. While in college, he had the privilege of travelling around the US and Europe as a performer with the Mount Singers. He even performed for now Pope

John Paul II. Chris continues to enjoy singing and has recently performed with the Brandywine Singers and Valley Forge Chorale.

In 1999, Chris left Vanguard and finished mortuary school. He has worked as a funeral director in the West Chester and Main Line area ever since and currently serves at Founds Funeral Home.

He and wife, Kate, a special education liaison with the WC School District, have two children: Georgia, age 6, and William, age 5, plus two cats and a new puppy. When his children were quite small, Chris opted to work part-time for 3 years in order to spend additional time at home; time he describes as being his greatest accomplishment, challenge, and joy of his adult life. In his spare time, Chris enjoys swimming, travelling, home improvement projects, and going on family cruises.

Jim Gasho

After a suspect introduction from **Judge Sommer**, **Jim Gasho** shared his re-classification talk. Jim has been a member of West Chester Rotary for 30 years, having joined in 1985 at the age of 25. Jim describes his rotary years as being very influential. In fact, even before he was a member, Jim was reaping the benefits of WC Rotary.

A Henderson HS graduate, Jim received the 1978 WC Rotary scholarship. A second foreshadowing of his days in Rotary was his witness to the tragic injury of high school football player, Brian Bratcher. West Chester Rotary supported Brian's Run, a continuing community fundraising event, and Jim organized the event during his earliest days as a Rotary member. While assimilating to the club as its youngest member had some challenges, Brian's Run served as an initial anchor. Since then, Jim has "grown up" in the club and it has shaped his personal and professional life.

He has worked with multiple Rotary members professionally and in volunteer capacities and has received significant guidance and support. Jim began his career working for Meryl Lynch and then switched gears to work alongside his father at Gasho, Inc. While not a Rotarian, Jim's father lived by the Rotarian values of working hard, doing your best, and telling the truth. Jim has served West Chester Rotary in many capacities over his 30-year membership including as president from 1988-89. He continues to enjoy all aspects of the club.

When not busy at Gasho, Inc. or with Rotary, Jim loves to stay active by playing golf, exercising, and

playing drums. He and his wife enjoy taking "active" vacations and have hiked Mt. St. Helens and biked through Italy. Jim has three children, ages 23, 21, and 19.

THANK YOU

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ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

The 22nd Annual
West Chester Rotary Night with the
Wilmington Blue Rocks
Thursday, May 21, 2015 5:30 to ?
Please see **Jack Wintermute** for tickets.
Make \$37 checks payable to
The Rotary Club of West Chester

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 30 District Rotary Night at the Sixers
Apr 16 Comedy Night- Gundaker Foundation
Apr 25 Rotarians at Work Day at
The Hickman
May 11 District 7450 Conference
May 16 Clean up at Joanne Tadeo's property
May 21 WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks

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