



**ROTARY:  
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DIFFERENCE**

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Ian Riseley, International President 2017-2018

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**This Week's Program: October 19, 2017**

**Classification Talk**

**Next Week's Program: October 26, 2017**

**To Be Announced**

## **MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**President Mickey** opened this joint meeting of the three West Chester Rotary Clubs.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Paul Woodruff** gave the invocation on peace. Then President Mickey introduced the president of the Sunrise club, **Rick Stevenson** and the President of WEGO, **Chris Baldwin**.

Rick Stevenson invited everyone to help the Sunrise club to plant trees that weekend. Rotary International President Ian Riseley has asked that each Rotarian plant a tree by April 2018.

Chris Baldwin indicated that WEGO's nineteen members had planted 28 trees.

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We believe that this is the first time all three Rotary Clubs have joined for a meeting.

All three presidents closed the meeting with the ringing of their three differently-pitched bells!

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Glen Sweet**

**Speaker: Captain D.F. Pace**

At our three club joint meeting, D. F. Pace, of the Philadelphia Police Department, was introduced by Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary President, Rick Stevenson. D. F. was the winner of the 2011 Peace Fellowship by Rotary

International which afforded him three months of study at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, where he earned a professional certificate in Peace and Conflict studies. The focus of the curriculum was on violence prevention, mediation, compromise building and the philosophy of peace building. He described the University as being very conducive to peace and conflict resolution studies. In a city of ten million, its campus was restful and quiet.

The Philadelphia Rotary Club sponsored Captain Pace for the scholarship. There were 15 to 25 people in his cohort, all with diverse backgrounds who had been in peace and conflict resolution for at least five years. One needed to come to the program with a thesis and Captain Pace's thesis was "bridging the gap between the Philadelphia police and inner-city Philadelphia".

Captain Pace traveled extensively throughout the region and he described some of his most memorable sights. He talked of women beggars on the street in Thailand holding a drugged, unrelated child. This was a scam operated by a cartel. The women received a pittance of the begged for money and Captain Pace said the child would likely be dead within a few years.

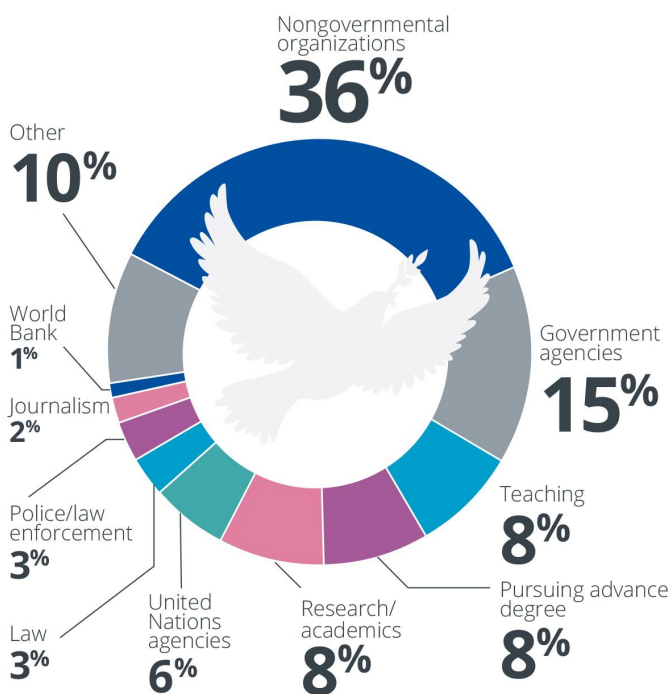
He also described the plight of tribal people living in the northern portion of Thailand near its border with Laos and Myanmar. Many of these people become "stateless" because they cannot meet the rigorous documentation requirements of the Thai government to prove they are citizens of Thailand. The statelessness of these individuals

often leads them to become the victims of human trafficking.

Captain Pace visited the mass graves at the Killing Fields of Cambodia. About one-third of the Cambodian population was killed by the despot Pol Pot. Pol Pot espoused an agrarian economy and to achieve this he killed academicians, professionals, people wearing glasses, etc.

Additional members of the Philadelphia Police Department and the District Attorney's office have since gone through the Peace and Conflict studies program and are charged with imparting their knowledge to other members of the department. Captain Pace ended with the quote: "If you think you don't like change, you will like irrelevance even less".

#### Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work



#### SAVE THE DATE

Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled

Dec 15 Holiday Party

Calendar of events at

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

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

#### NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

**Lynmar Brock:** Classification - Food Service Management / Retired Sponsored by **Bob Poole**

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

#### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by  
**Joanne Tadeo** of Morgan Stanley

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