



ROTARY:
MAKING A
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: December 7, 2017

CORS- Patients from Rwanda

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Mickey Hall opened the meeting and **Pastor Chris Franz** gave the invocation.

Sergeant-of-Arms Brad's words of wisdom came from **Rob Malone**. Our Rotary meeting on January 4th will be held at the Chester County Food Bank in Exton. The meeting will be a service project.

We had two visiting Rotarians Lynmar Brock and Jackie Tate. Our lone guest was Sarah Yanuuzzi.

Carol Hanson gave dollar because she was thankful for all the support given by Rotarians and the community at large to support Barkley- Friends in this time of need. **Allison Snaveley-Villano** is happy as she has a new job as the development director with Chester County Historical Society. **Jeannie McGinn** happy that she heard Capt. Sully Sullenberger speak.

Sue Flynn wished a happy birthday to **Joe Fratoni** and District Governor Dawn DeFuria wished her grandson a happy birthday.

Matt Holliday gave the Vice-President's Report on **Sheriff Bunny Welsh** for her assistance in making Shop with the Sheriff a huge success.

Dates to remember December 13- board meeting; December 14th no meeting; December 15th Holiday Party at **Bill and Doreen Winters'** home; February 9-11 RYLA; March- trip to India; April- District Conference and June 23-27th Rotary International Conference.

President Mickey announced future dates will be announced for the Community Warehouse Project to give furniture away to needy families. **Winnie Stoup** thanked all the people who were involved in assisting with Project Warm. Over 175 coats were delivered. **Katie Martin** announced that help is need for

Next Week's Program: December 14, 2017

No Noon Meeting: Come to the Holiday Party - December 15

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Saturday, December 9th at K- Mart and ACME Goshen Shopping Center.

Ernest Zlotolow announced that more eye glasses were shipped and now more than 2,000 individuals can see. Next week to program is CORS- Patients from Rwanda. **Cathy Palmquist** announced that our Rotary club has been in the news in the Daily Local newspaper. If anyone sees articles about our club in other media please clip the article and or photos and give them to Cathy.

Jeannie McGinn announced that tickets are on sale for A Christmas Carol - A Live Radio Play. **Sue Casso Rogers** reminded all Rotarians to sign up for the holiday party December 15th starting at 6 p.m. at the home of **Bill and Doreen Winters'**. Our December 21st holiday meeting will feature Chester County Family Academy.

Winne Stroup won the 50/50.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Mark Beranato

Message from District Governor Dawn deFuria

"Thank you for allowing me to come to your Rotary Club today. I appreciate your time and service that you bring to the Rotary Organization. You have many choices in life and thank you for choosing Rotary to be your service component!

"A little bit of history about me...Dawn DeFuria

"My father-in-law, Edward O'Brien was the District Governor from 1989-1990.

"Russ DeFuria, my husband was District Governor from 2008-2008 and here I am 10 years later leading our district in the 2017-2018 Rotary year under the leadership of RI President Ian Riseley from Australia.

"Every year the Rotary International President chooses a theme to lead the Rotary world. We all know that our motto is "Service Above Self". This year our theme is "Rotary Making a Difference".

"President Ian explains to us that whatever project we are doing in our community or around the world we know the work we are doing will change people's lives. It could be small or large but for the better we are making a difference. Day by Day, Community by Community we are changing lives and making the world a better place.

"This year as the District Governor, I also created a "theme" to lead District 7450.

"My theme is "Get On Board with Rotary". I choose this theme because when I hear the word train it reminds me of a metaphor for "journey". This year I am taking an amazing journey with all the Rotarians of District 7450. What I am seeing as I visiting all the clubs of our district. We do have small clubs, large clubs, struggling clubs for membership as well as thriving clubs that seem to make it easy for membership. BUT each club is making a difference in their community. The acronym I am using for the District newsletter is "ACE" Express. Rotary loves its acronyms!

A is I appreciate you being a member of Rotary

C is I want to congratulate you for all the good work you do in your community and around the world.

E is for Educate. The district and I am here to be a resource for you and your club.

"I also talk about how we need to change our Rotary club. Membership in North America is declining as it is now labeled as a disease and we need to focus on growing our Rotary clubs that we will still be here for the next 100 years. In the countries of India and Africa the membership is growing in leaps and bounds."

Dawn spoke about how we need to change our Rotary meeting and have younger members join Rotary. She used examples of two companies: Kodak and Blockbuster. They did not change with the times and today these companies are no longer in business.

Change is inevitable to move forward and we need to stop looking back in the rear view mirror. Change begins with us and what we do today will be the future of Rotary.

Lastly, I challenge each and every one of you to serve your community. Find some way you can use your talent to be relevant in Rotary. I hope every week each of you are reading my email "Things you Need to Know" every Sunday at 11:00 AM. I am trying to keep you informed of what is going on in the District.

I ask you to "Get on board with Rotary" this year because "Rotary is making a Difference."

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SAVE THE DATE

- Dec 9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Dec 13 Board Meeting At WASC
- Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled
- Dec 15 Holiday Party

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Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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