



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 K.R. Ravindran, International President 2015-2016
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This Week's Program: September 17, 2015
Speaker: David Woods
Commissioner Gaming Control Board

Next Week's Program: September 24, 2015
Speaker; Judi Bell
Technology Update

MINUTES by Pat Barron

President Katie Martin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those assembled sang "America" to **Faith Woodward's** keyboard accompaniment. The invocation was delivered by Tamara Minnick, who read some of her favorite quotes about "gratitude". Here's her personal, all-time favorite:

"What day is it?" asked Pooh.
 "It's today," squeaked Piglet.
 "My favorite day," said Pooh.

- We were honored by visiting Rotarian John Saling, who took valuable time off from his busy golf schedule to join us. (Of course it WAS raining today.)
- Guests included **Sue Greenberg's** son, John, and Jean Cassidy, **Joe Polito's** secretary.
- **President Katie** read excerpts of the Votary minutes from September 8, 1952, which included its own **Throw Back Thursday** to 1922. Interestingly the 1952 club allocated \$350 for ladies' night at a time when ladies were not admitted to Rotary. Hum.....
- **President Katie** reminded us of several important Rotary dates in the weeks to come.
 - ✓ This Saturday is Rotary Day at PPL Park
 - ✓ September 17 is dine out night at Iron Hill Brewery, where 20% of the food tab will go to our club.
 - ✓ September 20 is the West Chester Restaurant Festival. Katie needs volunteers from our club to help administer this event.

- ✓ October 11 is our annual Chili Cookoff in West Chester.
- ✓ October 31 Foundation seminar at Montgomery Community College.
- ✓ November 13 District Conference

- **Marjorie Wentz** reported that fellow Rotary **Chuck Garfinkle** fixed her back.
- **Gary Hess** won West Chester Country Club's mens' golf championship.
- **John Schwab** was instrumental in getting our club a key exemption certificate from the Commonwealth of PA.
- **Jeannie McGinn** announced a fund raiser for the new theater on October 17.
- **Matt Holliday** wished **Bill Christman** a happy birthday.
- **Sue Casso Rogers** (somewhat wobbly, but on her feet!) wish **Linda Hicks** a happy birthday.
- **Jack Wintermute** reported that Ken Hickman is recovering from open heart surgery at Paoli Rehab.
- **Laura Aliosio** announced two more sponsors for the Chili Cook off.
- **Jeannie McGinn** is selling Chili Cookoff wristbands for \$10 each or three for \$25.
- **Elizabeth Guman** is seeking Chili Cook off volunteers for several positions.
- **Linda Hicks** is seeking two mentors for Interact East.
- **Steve Quigley** is seeking golfers for September 29, 1:30 p.m. at Kennett Square Country Club.
- **President Katie** awarded a special citation to **John Schwab**, who as president presided over completing the strategic plan and has

kept involved in seeing that its goals are fulfilled.

The 50-50 was won by **Elizabeth Guman** but the queen of spades is still in the deck.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Jim Kammerer

Introduced by **Matt Holliday**, Montreal born investigative reporter and Radio talk show host Dick Pomerantz, renowned author of "A love letter from Princess: Lucky Mommy and Me" & sworn champion of "man's best friend" spoke to us about a personal story that forever changed his life. Returning from Williamsburg, Virginia, Dick and his wife Bobbie encountered a torrential rain & thunderstorm while approaching Dover, Delaware. The double rainbow that appeared on the near horizon was the sign That Dick had asked for. With their newest family member, Panda, safely sleeping in the rear seat crate, Dick and Bobbie were comforted by their thoughts and memories of their beloved "Princess" who was born without her rear hip sockets but became a true support during Dick and Bobbie's darkest times. His story was truly uplifting. The twenty mile ride, dotted with the re-appearance of the heavenly rainbow was a clear sign to both of them of Princess' gentle presence.

Mr. Pomerantz reminded us of all that our canine friends and family members do for us & our community – from guide service, therapy, police & military work and companionship. He asked us to ask ourselves if we know we have a magic dog.

His future speaking engagements will help to support **America's vet dogs – the veteran's K-9 corps.**

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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SAVE THE DATE

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| Sept 12 | Rotary Night at PPL Park |
| Sept 17 | Dine Out at Iron Hill |
| Sept 20 | Chili Cook Off booth at Restaurant Festival |
| Sept 29 | Golf Match with Kennett Longwood |
| Oct 11 | Chili Cook Off |
| Nov 13 | SASY Awards |
| Nov 14 | District Conference |

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
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