



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: August 16, 2018
Club Assembly
Classification Talk
Speaker: Terri Edgar

Next Week's Program: August 23, 2018
WCU Football
Speaker: Coach Bill Zwann

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting. **Jeannie McGinn** gave a two-part invocation, the first part expressing excitement about the upcoming Chili Cook-off, the second, an Irish joke. Jim Horn from the Longwood Club was the only visiting Rotarian, but there were several guests. **Sue Greenberg** introduced her daughter, Miriam; **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Gary Green, who is with Uptown Entertainment, and a prospective member, and also Cindy McCord, who owns a catering company. **Bill Ronayne** introduced Bill Mullin, who is moving his electrical business into the area, and is in the membership pipeline, and Clare, who is with BB & T Bank. Former member Seamus Lavin is in the pipeline to rejoin us.

Happy Bucks were given by **Christine McCawley**, who is traveling to Asia, with stops in Shanghai, Cambodia, Kuala Lumpur (she has a conference there), Hong Kong and perhaps a few other places. **Sue Greenberg** was happy to have her daughter with her at Rotary, and happy to be over a long bout with pneumonia. **Ken Klein** was happy that he had an opportunity to make donuts at the recent Goshen Fair, with donut sales raising \$65,000. **Patty Roos** was happy to be with the bank where the fair proceeds were deposited. **Mark Yoder** was happy to announce the upcoming annual West Chester Cycling event and thanked all for their support and volunteering. **Brad Abel** shared a few comments about **Bob Rogers** giving wife **Sue** sponge baths when she was recovering from knee surgery, and noted that Sue recently walked the entire 18 holes at Applecroft Golf Course. **Phyllis Dunn** was happy to report she completed another item on her bucket list, a visit to the last of the 50 states, with a wonderful trip to Alaska arranged by **Patty Jefferies**.

President Bill gave us a look back at history, noting that 1890 was the first time the electric chair was used. In 1922, our club and the Chester Rotary Club played baseball - our club lost. In 1959, our club played golf with the Lions, and we lost again. In 1993, Gary Green was guest speaker, and **Lynmar Brock** attended our meeting.

Sue Casso Rogers kicked off announcements by reminding members there are just two more weeks to order Rotary apparel. **Catherine Friedman** announced the next warehouse work day will be Aug; 18th. Drivers, especially those with trucks, are needed. She will send out a sign up notice. **President Bill** announced the next Chili Cook-off meeting is Aug 13th, **Terri Edgar** will give her classification talk on August 16th, and the Rotary Zone Conference will be September 20 – 22nd in Montreal. **Brad Abel** introduced Brad Hankin from Christ Community Church, which will be one of our main cook-off sponsors.

Ebbie Alfree won the 50/50, but the queen of spades eluded him.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos

Doug Waegel from Chester County Department of Children, Youth and Families was our guest speaker. He started with a quote from Michael J Fox which said "Family is not an important thing. It's everything." Their mission is to provide child protective social services to Chester County children and their families so they can live and thrive in safe, stable, permanent homes.

Children, Youth and Families is a 24/7 operation. They needed to expand after hours with the recent increase of changes in the reporting of child abuse.

They receive 8000 calls a year and 50 of their staff members are designated for in home services alone. They will support children until 23 years of age.

Some of the services they provide are:

- Assess risk and safety of children
- Assist families with concerns for their children's school attendance.
- Voluntary services to explore alternatives for expectant parents concerning their expected child.
- Create more options for support and planning for the child/family by engaging family members and others.
- Family members come together and share strengths, concerns and community resources.
- Place children with family members when separation is required to keep the child safe.
- Foster homes for children provided by other foster care agencies including specialized homes to address medical or behavioral concerns.
- Recruiting permanent, supportive home for children

Children, Youth and Families really want to reduce the group care setting – they really want to work on one on one with family members.

If any would like to volunteer, they have a mentoring program and camps for kids. You can call Doug at 610-344-5800.



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SAVE THE DATE

Oct 14 Chili Cook Off

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

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