



ROTARY:
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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 12, 2017

EVENING Meeting

Joint Meeting with WEGO and Sunrise

Speaker: DF Pace

Next Week's Program: October 19, 2017

Classification Talk

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

The meeting was opened by **President Mickey Hall**. **Faith Woodward** gave the invocation, noting the recent weather and human tragedies and asking members to observe the Quaker practice of holding folks "in the light." Due to numerous agenda items, **President Mickey** suspended singing, birthdays and happy bucks for this meeting.

Visiting Rotarians were Dennis Wallace, Reese Reynolds, Lymar and Claudie Brock and Bill McDougall. **Phyllis Dunn** introduced her guest, Fred Gusz; **Cathy Palmquist** introduced Bill Rettew from the Daily Local News.

Bill Friedmann, chili czar for this year, reminded all of our 15th Annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday, by answering the question: Why Do We Chili? He explained many of the proceeds will go to the 12 local charities we have selected to receive our support. He talked about the band, and then acknowledged the cook-off committee members for this year, noting that many new members have stepped up to take on major responsibilities. He said that due to our new social media presence and pre-sales, we have already raised over \$1,200. He also said that it is every member's responsibility to help keep the streets clean, aiding our capable trash czar, **John Schwab**. New this year is a HUGE traveling trophy, topped by a chili that will go to the winner and be in their possession for a year of bragging rights. Also new, we can accept credit cards.

Cook-off opens at 10:30 with Rotarian and Sheriff **Bunny Welsh** giving the opening words. Grant recipients will be introduced on the main stage at 1:30 p.m. and the awards ceremony of cook-off winners will be on the main state at 3:30 p.m. Bill's request for a couple of additional members to help with packing

up items on Saturday morning at **Jim Gasho's** warehouse was quickly filled by two volunteers.

Linda Hicks gave a quick pitch for donations to the 14th Annual Stockings for Soldiers program. Several members have made holiday stockings, now we need members to donate small items to go into the stockings. Flyers listing suggested items were placed on all the tables. Deadline for donations is November 22nd. Linda will have boxes for donations at meetings.

Visiting Rotarian Dennis Wallace gave a humorous pitch for the rappelling fun(d) raising event coming up. He showed off the custom-made cape AND the shiny blue tights that were especially made for him to wear this year. The event raises money to help change girls lives, by engaging them in Operation Outward Bound. Dennis became a bit emotional when he read a thank you letter from one of the girls who previously benefitted.

Chris McCawley gave a quick update on Rotary Readers, noting that we are supplying 20 readers in eight elementary schools. She has had requests for readers for three more second grades. Please see Chris if you can help out.

Catherine Friedman won the 50/50, but the queen eluded her.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Mark Berenato

Nancy DeLucia and Judy Bergbauer, volunteers for VOSH-PA, spoke to the Rotary on October 5th about their trip to Haiti this past July.

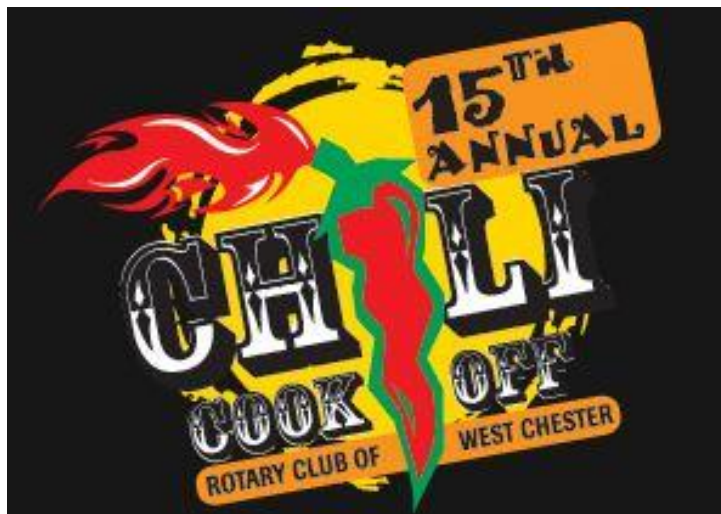
VOSH-PA is a chapter member of VOSH International, a nonprofit organization that annually provides quality vision care to nearly 100,000 people in more than twenty countries.

VOSH-PA supports five or six vision care missions to Haiti each year. Teams are comprised of optometrists, lay volunteers and optometry students. All volunteers their time and pay their own expenses.

This July, Nancy, Judy, Dr. Dave McPhillips and twelve optometry students from Waterloo University (just outside Toronto) provided a week of vision clinics to communities in Northern Haiti. The team was based in Cap Haitian and travelled to a different community each day providing complete vision exams to more than 1500 patients. Approximately 1000 people received prescription glasses and 282 were referred to Vision Plus, a local ophthalmology clinic, for surgery for cataracts, glaucoma and other vision issues. VOSH-PA provided their clinic services free of charge and paid for the surgeries performed at Vision Plus.

Though they were lay volunteers, Nancy and Judy were involved in most clinic activities; providing visual acuity exams, testing eye pressures (high pressures are an indicator of glaucoma) and dispensing prescription glasses. They and the whole team worked long hours in challenging, hot and humid conditions. Both women shared that the experience was extremely rewarding. They plan to return to Haiti next summer and invited West Chester Rotarians to consider joining them.

Thank you everyone who helped make the Chili Cook Off a success!



THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Faith Woodward at Barclay Friends

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 12 Evening Meeting -Sunrise and WEGO
Oct 14 District Fair
Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled
Dec 15 Holiday Party

Calendar of events at

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

2020-21 DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

.A candidate for District Governor must be a member in good standing of a functioning Club in Rotary District 7450, have been a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for a total of seven years at the time he or she assumes the position of District Governor, must have served a full term as Club President during or before 2016-2017; and demonstrate the willingness, commitment and ability (physically and otherwise) to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of District Governor as provided in the Rotary International Bylaws, section 16.090, found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/bylaws-rotary-international>.

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