



ROTARY VOTARY

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This Week's Program: September 8, 2016

To Be Announced

Next Week's Program: September 15, 2016

Rotary Club Program

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Bob Rogers opened the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance and called **Gary Hess** to give the invocation. Gary forgot about the invocation so we had a moment of silence followed by Rotarians singing "God Bless America". The weekly "What do you know" segment featured **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Abel** telling us the joke, "There is a new restaurant in town- Karma, no menus, you just get what you deserve." Our lone visiting Rotarian was John Saling. Our guests included John Kucko, Steve Pennich, Nancy Gugenhausen, and Rob Pennigan.

Pat Runyen kicked off Happy Dollars as weather permitting he will see the sunrise in Acadia National Park. **Cristina Combee's** mother passed away last week. She thanked all the Rotarians who reached out to her in this time of need with their kindness and assistance. **Tamara Minnick** announced that she is volunteering for the Chili Cook-off by doing computer work. She urged Rotarians not able to assist on October to volunteer in other similar ways. **Katie Martin** was happy to talk about the Chili Banners. So far we have collected \$3,700. She will be the first one tomorrow to see the sunrise as she is arising at 4:30 a.m. **Andy Keen** is happy as he is joining the Peace Corp in January 2017. President Bob showed us a photo of his second granddaughter.

Andy Keen wished **Cristina Combee** a happy birthday. **President Bob** reminded members of upcoming dates: September 10th soccer Kick Polio Off the Planet, September 14th Chili Cook-off sponsor Party, October 9th Chili Cook-Off and November 22nd Ex. Sergeant-of-Arms awards.

Faith Woodward spoke about the Votary Committee writing the minutes and speakers review on a weekly basis. **Carl Werner** announced that the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held at three locations: October 8th in Vineland N.J., November 12th in Newtown PA and November 19th in Harrisburg PA. For more information go to the website - RLIENA.org. **Jeannie McGinn** announced that there will be a

booth at the Restaurant Festival, September 18th. Volunteers are needed. **Ron Ginns** reported that a trash czar and helpers are needed for the Chili Cook-off.

Jack Wintermute announced that the Red Cross will be receiving \$1,200 from the 50/50. The 50/50 winner today was **Dan Cosgrove**, but he missed the queen. Next weeks' winner will get the grand prize.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Our speaker, Jack Harrison was introduced by his long-time friend and co-worker **Paul Woodruff**.

Jack joined the Navy in 1942 at the age of seventeen. He presented many of the ideas from his book, Fairwing Brazil, Tales of the South Atlantic in World War II. According to Jack, the cause of WWII was the heavy reparations that were imposed on Germany following WWI through the Versailles Treaty. This caused the German economy to crash and led to the depression in Europe and the US.

The Battle of Somme in WWI, a major British offensive resulted in 1,000,000 dead on each side. With these odds, Jack decided he would join the Navy since he did not want to be involved in trench warfare.

He was too young to be fearful as he flew on the 12-hour antisubmarine flights. His daughter pointed out to us that he took amazing photographs on these flights as he sat in a "bubble" on the side of the planes.

In 1943 he was transferred to Brazil. It was not clear whom Brazil supported during WWII, the Germans or the Allies, but FDR and Vargas (President of Brazil) formed an important alliance. His photo of them demonstrated their great camaraderie.

The city of Natal in Brazil was near a US Army Airfield. The seaplane base there was strategically located in this city, the closest to Africa. It took Jack ten years to write his book about Brazil. The Brazilians helped the US during WWII by producing rubber for the tires of planes. Thirty thousand Brazilians died in the effort.

He shared his photos of Brazilian cities now. He also showed a photo he took of Moo Soo Hoo and his wife, Nancy Kumasaki Soo Hoo. Nancy's family had emigrated from Hiroshima and, as Japanese Americans, were interned during WWII. Her father was so embittered by this experience that he renounced his US citizenship. He was later given the opportunity to return to the US as a citizen as the US re-examined its decision on this controversial internment.

Jack's daughter was in attendance and shared her pride in the great photos her father took, many of which were in his book.

POLIO ERADICATION

The 6th Annual Kick Polio off the Planet fundraiser event is just over 1 week away on Saturday, September 10 at Talen Energy Stadium (f.k.a. PPL Park).

Join fellow Rotarians to watch the Philadelphia Union take on the Montreal Impact while raising funds to drive Polio Eradication.

Tickets are still only \$30 each which includes: Tailgating from 5-6:30 pm; and \$10 to the district's Polio Plus campaign. With matching from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for every ticket sold, 50 children will be immunized against polio! As an added bonus, whichever club purchases the largest block of tickets between now and September 10th, it will receive an autographed Union item as well as 3 complimentary parking passes,

2016 marks our 6th year raising money for our battle to rid our world of polio. To date, we have raised over \$10,000 through this event.

5:00 p.m. - Join us for a tailgate party with fellowship, food and beverages, hosted by the Rotary Club of Chester and the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Club, who is providing a keg of beer, donated from Boxcar Brewing Company. If you have dietary/drinking restrictions, please come with your own food/beverages. Concession stands are in the stadium.

7:00 p.m. -The game will start with special recognition at the pitch for Rotary and our efforts to *End Polio Now*, followed by the game.

You can purchase your tickets on line at www.rotarydistrict7450.org/soccer with a MasterCard or Visa credit/debt card or click on the following link:

 [Register NOW](#) for 6th Annual Rotary Night at Talen Energy Stadium. Send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

Limited edition End Polio Now scarves will be available again, only at the tailgate event.

Please register as soon as possible - this helps us prepare for the event.

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SAVE THE DATE

Sept 10 Kick Polio off the Planet-Soccer Match
Sept 14 Cook Off Kick Off Sponsor Party
Oct 9 Chili Cook Off
Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "awards"

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

EXCHANGE STUDENT

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