



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
John F. Germ, International President 2016-2017

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**This Week's Program: December 8, 2016**  
**Speaker: Dr. James Lewis**  
**The "Wall Doctor"**

**Next Week's Program: December 15, 2016**  
**Classification Talks**

## MINUTES by Matt Holliday

**President Bob** opened the meeting and **Sue Casso Rogers** gave the invocation.

This was followed by **Brad Abel**, our Sgt.-at-Arms, telling an awful joke.

We had two Visiting Rotarians. **Reese Reynolds** from Longwood and **Phil McFadden** from the Sunrise Club were greeted with enthusiasm. There were also a couple of guests. **Joanne Tadeo** introduced Lynn Childs who is a personal shopper. **Sue Casso Rogers** introduced Scott Fulton who is looking to join a Rotary Club. **Katie Martin** introduced Randy Christy, who is the branch manager of the DNB First in West Chester. **Don Kohler** introduced Neil Guteklunst, who is an attorney. Finally, **Deborah Saijhwani**, introduced a student who heads up one of our interact clubs.

**Katie Martin** gave 10 happy bucks because she was grateful that her dad is doing well. **Phyllis Dunn** gave a dollar to remind everyone about the West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour. **Faith Woodward** gave a happy dollar because she was going wedding dress shopping with her daughter later that day. **Don Kohler** gave 11 happy dollars, because he was proud of his daughter's recent accomplishments in Irish Dance.

**Sue Flynn** wished a very happy birthday to **Joe Panero**, and **Katie Martin** wished a happy birthday to **Eric Smith**.

**Sue Casso Rogers** did an announcement about the Rotary Holiday Party, which will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at **Rob Feenan's** house. **Bob** announced the super seminars that are being held by the district again. **Katie Martin** made an announcement about the nominating committee

looking for new board of directors candidates for the club.

**Steve Quigley** won the 50/50.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Cathy Palmquist

Our program this week found us multi-tasking. April Suda from West Chester University introduced the WCU Literacy Initiative, a micro service project that involves putting together materials for teachers and prospective teachers for use in schools. The project involved Rotarians putting numbers and letters on clean bottle caps, a task we (mostly) handily accomplished, while listening to Rotary announcements, birthdays, introduction of guests, etc.!

As we were winding down on our project, **President Bob Rogers** called on members to share stories of thankfulness at Thanksgiving. **Andy Keen**, who admitted he loves to talk – and we love to listen to him – told us how he fixed a Thanksgiving dinner for senior relatives (grandparents?) at Freedom Village after cruising the aisles of the grocery store to purchase needed items. His efforts, he says, earned him the favorite grandchild award from his grandparents, which he says usually results in a monetary reward. Andy will head to Ghana the end of January with the Peace Corps - we will miss him!! **Laura Aloisio** said she was thankful because her brother was able to move into his new home, after it burned down a year or so ago. **Mac Neilon** was thankful that he and **Dan Cosgrove** ran the Philly Marathon in such great time that they have qualified for the Boston Marathon – congrats, guys!

**Rich Murray** was thankful for the opportunity to take his youngest cousin to downtown Philadelphia, and **Sue Flynn** was thankful that the children from the academy will again "Shop with the Sheriff." **Katie**

**Martin** will be there in her elf costume, and **Laura Aloisio** will take photos. **Sue** also was thankful to have heard the song the children have prepared for their holiday with us, and said it is the best yet. **Marjorie Wentz** was thankful that the letter she got from the Sherriff's Office was requesting a donation to "Shop with the Sheriff, although it shocked her daughter who thought Marjorie was in trouble.

**Bob Frame** was thankful to have dinner with a friend, and then told a tale about an elderly couple sitting nearby, celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, when a genie popped up on the couple's table to grant some humorous wishes - hmm. **Sue Greenberg** was thankful for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service hosted by the Religious Council of Greater West Chester, and how uplifting it was to the many people from various faiths that participated in and attended the annual service. **Phyllis Dunn** would be thankful if folks still want to contribute to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the year. See her to do so.

In extending thanks to April Suda for bringing the service project to our club, **Matt Holliday** noted the frequent interaction between our club and WCU and its amazing students, with whom we have and always enjoy working.

In closing announcements, **Iliana Tati** reminded members to sign up for our annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army, **President Bob** reminded members to also sign up to do invocations, and for the Rotary holiday party.



### THANK YOU

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### EXCHANGE STUDENT

**Gabriel Bay** from Rafaela, Argentina  
Attending Henderson High School  
Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun  
416 Christlana Lane, WC, PA 19380  
(610) 344-0205

### SAVE THE DATE

Dec 7 Million Dollar Journey  
Dec 9 Holiday Open House @ Rob Feenan's

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at  
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec 9, 2016  
Rotary Holiday Party  
6pm - 10pm at Rob & Kelly Feenan's  
16 McMullan Farm Lane West Chester, PA

The main dishes will be provided by President Bob. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. **This is a BYOB event** - ice chests and coolers will be provided for your chilled beverages.  
RSVP Sue Casso [shcasso@cs.com](mailto:shcasso@cs.com)



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