



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: April 23, 2015**  
**People's Light and Theater Company**  
**Speakers: Kelly Benedict and Marcie Bramuci**

**Next Week's Program: April 30, 2015**  
**Blue Rocks Baseball**

## MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

The meeting was opened up by my **President Rob Feenan** at 12:23 and **Katie Decker Martin** gave a beautiful invocation.

We had three visiting Rotarians: Jeff Brown who will be joining our club, Dennis Wallace from Sunrise and John O. from Longwood. There were also two guests in attendance: Lawrence Davidson made his first visit to Rotary as a guest of **Don Kohler**. Ron Dutton, team leader with Wells Fargo Bank, was a guest of **Shauna Yeldell**. **Matt Holliday** wished a happy birthday to **President Rob**, who has an April birthday and probably can't celebrate until after tax day.

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Bruce Beadle** who gave 3 happy bucks, thanking **Sue Casso Rogers** for spreading the word about Hello Dolly and the Rotoplast fundraiser. He also mentioned that there are still tickets left for May 14, but he won't be there because he is traveling. **Sue Flynn** invited everyone to CCFAs open house on Wed, April 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 at their new location on Union Street. **Katie Decker Martin** was glad to see, as she turned onto New St, that she wasn't the only one who procrastinated taking down her holiday wreath. **Matt Holliday** is happy to let everyone know about the Library's upcoming fund raiser - a fun mini-golf event inside the library on Friday evening, April 24. **Mark Sammarone** was happy that our country allows for extensions on tax filing. **Paul Woodruff** was hoping to be happy that someone would show him how to use his slide rule... I believe Bruce raised his hand to help. **Debra Sparre** was happy that **Catherine Friedman** performed at her house over the weekend and was happy that **Diane Lemonides** and **Phyllis Dunn** are back this week and looking great. **Diane Lemonides** was happy to be back. **Catherine Friedman** invited everyone to Night at the Opera, a fundraiser for Friends Association, on May 8th from 7-9pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Dennis Wallace gave a happy \$20 and reminded

everyone that the mayor, **Carolyn Comitta**, repelled down a Philly building recently and the group raised enough money to support either 5 or 7 girls. Dennis will be repelling in October and wanted to see if someone would like to join him... Jeff Brown is happy about the 2015 Gala fundraiser on May 16 at the Melton Center for a \$20 donation.

The first announcement was made by **Bob Frame** who, in **Jack Wintermute's** absence, was letting everyone know that the Blue Rocks game is coming up on May 21. He has tickets. **Katie Decker Martin** let everyone know that Bronwyn is hosting a happy hour at Mile High tonight. The Chili Cookoff update was done by Dan Cosgrove, who asked everyone to save the date - Oct 11. He let us know how many days until the event. It was a long number... **Christine Wildauer** gave the update on the Fruit Sale replacement survey. Lots of people said they want fruit, so she is asking if people were willing to spend an additional \$5 per box. Otherwise we just can't make money. **Matt Holliday** praised the superintendent, **Dr. Jim Scanlon**, for his support of Rotary as the two scholarships were given out last week at the Spellman Awards Ceremony. **Shauna Yeldell** is looking for nominations for Honorary Rotarian. **Jim Smith** let everyone know that grant requests for the CPC are due at the end of the month.

50/50 **Ernest Zlotolow** was the winner today

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Rachel Barakat

Suzanne Adams from the West Chester Food Co-Op was the speaker on April 16. Suzanne explained that the Co-Op's goal is to build a full service grocery store in the borough of West Chester. The co-op model is member ownership. One hundred owners are needed to open the store and each share costs \$400. They currently have 30 owners.

The West Chester Food Co-Op currently works with the West Chester Growers Market and is looking to expand that initiative with the opening of a

full store. The vision for the Co-Op is to provide better access to local and healthy food in an environment that supports community development. It also offers farmers better access to markets. There is currently a waiting list of 70 farmers who want to be at the Grower's Market in West Chester.

The Co-Op is looking at the old West Chester Post Office building, but that plan is only tentative and has many issues before it can be resolved. The timing of the market opening is based on the number of owners. This grocery store would offer produce, meat, dairy and dry goods and may have an outdoor café, as well as nutrition classes.

So why a food co-op in West Chester? Suzanne shared several reasons. First, there is a strong and well-known connection between food and health and its relationship to obesity, heart disease, diabetes and cancer. We all have to eat, so we are all concerned about the quality of our food. Second, there is a trust issue with the public and commercially grown food. This stems from the use of pesticides and also outbreaks in salmonella and other bacteria that has been found in food and has caused illness. The community is looking for more trust worthy sources of local food.

An additional economic benefit exists in that this Co-Op would stop leakage of revenue from the borough and serve to keep more business within West Chester.

The Co-Op model has several parameters including the rule that each owner only gets one vote. Buying multiple shares does not allow owners to have multiple votes. This model is the opposite of an investor model. The Co-Op serves its members/owners. Suzanne explained that the Philadelphia region is actually a very popular co-op environment and that this area of business is exploding.

Hunger relief and charitable giving back to the community is an essential part of the West Chester Food Co-Op. To this end, the organization works with local food banks and other charitable organizations to address hunger in our community. In addition, the Co-Op store may employ lower income individuals in exchange for discounts in food.

The timeline for opening the Food Co-Op store, and more information about their organization and its mission, is on their website: [wcfood.coop](http://wcfood.coop).

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by  
**Patty Jefferis** of Whirlaway Travel.

### NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

**Jeff Brown:** Partner at KMRD Partners  
Classification - Management / Insurance

Sponsor: **Carolyn Comitta**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

### ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
West Chester Rotary Night with the  
Wilmington Blue Rocks  
Thursday, May 21, 2015 5:30 to ?  
Please see **Jack Wintermute** for tickets.  
Make \$37 checks payable to  
The Rotary Club of West Chester

### SAVE THE DATE

Apr 25 Rotarians at Work Day at  
The Hickman  
May 11 District 7450 Conference  
May 16 Clean up at Joanne Tadeo's property  
May 21 WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks

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