



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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## This Week's Program: April 28, 2016

**Speaker: Alfred Rasch,  
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## Next Week's Program: May 5, 2016

**To Be Announced**

### MINUTES by Pat Barron

**President Katie Martin** called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Those assembled sang "America" to **Faith Woodward's** keyboard accompaniment. The invocation was delivered by **Bill Ronayne**, who recited "The Fire Fighters' Prayer".

- There were no visiting Rotarians this week.
- We were honored by a number of guests:
  - ✓ **Bill Ronayne** brought Don Power of Fame Fire Company.
  - ✓ **Cathy Palmquist** brought the guest speaker, Susan Carty, President of the Pennsylvania and Chester County League of Women's Voters.
- **President Katie** reminded us of important dates:
  - ✓ April 29-Community Philanthropic Committee nomination deadline
  - ✓ April 30-Rotarians-at-Work day to benefit **Patty Jefferis** and Beth Lukens
  - ✓ May 19-Rotarians at the Wilmington Blue Rocks
  - ✓ June 22-**Bob Rogers'** induction as club president
  - ✓ July 19-Rotary at the Phillies
- President Katie's Throw Back Thursday offering was a picture of Rotarians-at-work from last year. Lots of fun to accompany the work, so be there!
- We had lots of happy buck people:
  - ✓ **Don Kohler** attended a fun breakfast with Eagle Scouts.
  - ✓ **Kevin Quinn** became a grandfather for the first time.
  - ✓ (Not to be outdone) **Dr. Bob Poole** became a **great** grandfather for the first time.
  - ✓ **Cathy Palmquist** reported that former club member and past district governor Charles Streitweiser is recovery nicely from his illness and now can drive his car.
- We had several announcements:

- ✓ **Howard Sundwall** invites all to "TED Talks". See Howard for details about this nationally acclaimed speaking series.
- ✓ **Steve Quigley** invites all golfers to the Barclay Friends annual golf outing on June 13 at Whitford Country Club.
- ✓ **Bill Ronayne** invited all to the "Willing Hearts Gala" to benefit Fame Fire Company, to be held on April 29 at the Antique Ice Tool Museum (who knew there was such a thing!), 825 Scennelltown Road, West Chester.
- **John Schwab** wished **Past President Rob Feenan** a happy birthday.
- Announcements:
  - ✓ **Carl Werner** informed us that District will hold a Rotary educational meeting the evening of May 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Delaware Community College. Supper is included. Our club will pick up the cost of attendees. See Carl, if interested.
  - ✓ **Shauna Yeldell** reminded everyone to forward to her nominations for Honorary Rotarian--someone who is not a Rotarian but displays Rotary values--and nominations to the Community Philanthropic Committee.
  - ✓ **President Katie** announced that **Mickey Hall** and **Christine Wildauer** shared Rotarian of the Month honors for their hard work making the Fruit Sale a success. Mickey is moving to another Rotary job, but Christine will return next year as chairman of the Fruit Sale Committee. She would like to share these duties with another Rotarian, so let her know if interested.
- On behalf of Fame Fire Company, **Bill Ronayne** accepted our check for \$8,295 as proceeds from the Fruit Sale. Rotary also received cash donations of \$2,703. We were treated to an uplifting video of First Class Fireman D. J. Mathews explaining how Fame was able to

rescue a little boy who got stuck in mud. D. J. thanked Rotary for our donation, which will allow Fame to protect its valuable equipment from the outside elements.

- **Deb Sparre** had the winning 50-50 ticket and received \$24, but she did not win the \$664 Pot-of-Gold.
- **President Katie** closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

### **SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Rachel Barakat**

Susan Carty, president of the Pennsylvania and Chester County chapters of the League of Women Voters was the speaker on April 21. The League of Women Voters is a civic organization established in 1920 to help women vote. It's a non-profit, non-partisan organization comprised of both women and men that takes a variety of public positions on policy issues. Some of the issues they are currently involved in include modernization of Pennsylvania election laws (most states offer more than one day), environmental protection, public health and gun safety. They are also currently focusing on a study on criminal justice, as this is the third most expensive item in the Pennsylvania budget. They are operational on the local, state and national level.

As the issue of delegates and how the system works is timely, Susan explained this process. Each state selects delegates to their convention. This is guided by state rules and formulas. There are two methods to choose state delegates: the caucus and the primary. The caucus is an open, public gathering of voters; the primary involves a private ballot. For Democrats, selection of delegates is a proportional representative system. It is guided by seven sets of rules. For Republicans, there are three delegates elected from each congressional district. The remaining 14 delegates are selected in May and are bound to the candidate who receives the most votes.

Superdelegates are unelected delegates. They are a way for the party elite to exert additional influence over the nomination process. In the Democratic Party, this comprises 15% of their total delegates. In the Republican Party they represent only 7% of delegates. The Democratic Party allows superdelegates to vote for any candidate. Conversely, in the Republican Party, superdelegates must vote for the candidate that their stated selected.

In order to become the Republican party's nominee, the majority of 2,472 delegates is needed. For Democrats, the nominee needs the majority win of 4,765 delegates. Delegate counts for Pennsylvania Democratic Convention are 210, 30 of which are uncommitted. Delegate counts from Pennsylvania for the Republican Convention is 71. All of them are officially uncommitted. This means we may have a contested convention.

### **ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS**

Thursday, May 19, 2016  
Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Frederick Keys  
5:30 Cash Bar 5:45 Buffet  
6:35 Play Ball \$37.00 per ticket  
See Jack Wintermute for tickets

### **THANK YOU**

Copies of the Votary are provided today by  
**Fran Curtin** of [ABChearing.net](http://ABChearing.net)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Apr 29	CPC Grant Applications due
Apr 30	Rotarians at Work Day
May 19	Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction
July 19	Rotary Night at the Phillies

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

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### **THE BARN AT SPRING BROOK FARM**

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm is looking for in-kind donations for their summer camp.

**Mac Neilon**, owner of Penn Office Products, has agreed to allow us to order the requested items on his website, he will then compile the total order and deliver the products directly to the Barn

Please place your orders by May 1. Please contact Sue if you have any questions

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