



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: May 28, 2015

**Speaker: Matt Kalos
Battle of Paoli**

Next Week's Program: June 4, 2015

**Speaker: Brian Greenstein, Ass't Professor at University
of Delaware
The Affordability Care Act**

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Rob Feenan opened the meeting, and **Rich Murray** talked about causes needing attention, and quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson. **President Rob** announced that **Al Filano**, a past club president and longtime Rotarian, has passed away.

Visiting Rotarians included Jay Call, who has a Philly connection and will be here for a year, and Diane Pat, both from Sunrise Rotary in England. Also attending was **District Governor Doug Blazey**. Other guests included a retired dentist who came with **Ernie Zlotolow**, a partner in Fischer Cunnane with **President Rob**, parents of the two scholarship winners introduced by **Linda Hicks**, Bruce Catell who attended with a Rotarian, Chelsey Sammarone who was introduced by **Matt Holliday**, and Dave Aloisio with his daughter, **Laura**. **President Rob** noted that he played golf with the Chester County Bar Assn. and it was one of the best golf tournaments he has been in.

Gary Hess kicked off Happy Bucks by announcing that his daughter has graduated from the University of New Hampshire, **Michelle Venema** happily reminded us to remember service members on this upcoming Memorial Day, such as her brother, and she also was happy that **Matt Holliday** participated in the recent primary election. **Shauna Yeldell** is happy that her oldest son graduated from high school, and **Matt Holliday** was happy to announce he still has tickets left for Up On the Roof, but they are going fast. **Andy Keene** is happy to have talked his brother into teaming up with him to cook chili in our Chili Cook-off. **Joanne Tadeo** was happy to have her property cleaned up per her auction winning at the last presidential gala. She thanked members for the great turnout, saying she thinks she got more than she paid for the yard work. Guest Diane Pat was happy that her son has moved to Australia and is joining Rotary, which makes him the 4th generation of Rotarians in their family.

Laura Aloisio announced that First Resource Bank will be the bandstand sponsor for the Chili Cook-off. In **President-elect Katie Martin's** absence, **Matt Holliday** announced that the June service project will be the June 7th Achievement Walk and runs to benefit The ARC of Chester County. **Rob Malone** reminded members of the fundraiser at Iron Hill Brewery on June 2 in which 20% of the food bill will be donated to our End Polio program He urges folks to call for reservations. **Glen Sweet** announced she will have a lottery tree available at the presidential gala and asked

that members buy small lottery tickets and give them to her for the tree. She also needs auction items.

Steve Quigley reminded us of the golf competition with the Kennett at Longwood club on June 9th at 1:30, and the \$1,000 purse that will go to the winning team's chosen charity. **Steve** needs 20 players; please see him. **Glen Jensen** announced that 912 dictionaries were distributed to 2nd graders this year. Most have been distributed through the Rotary Readers. In other announcements, **Rich Murray** attended the new member assimilation last night at the Ann and **Steve Quigley's** and said he really feels welcomed into the club. **Linda Hicks** reminded members we are collecting paper towels through the end of May for Act in Faith, a local charity. Please bring single, wrapped roles.

President Rob then asked DG Blazey and PDG Bob Poole to come up. DG Blazey commented that every moment of his term as DG has been fun, and he is looking forward to going to the international convention in June in Brazil. He then proceeded to recognize PDG Bob and his wife, Anne (Anne was unable to attend), as Major RI Donors at Level Two, commenting that the Rotary Foundation has been a major charity in the Poole's life. PDG Bob was hesitant to be publicly recognized but did so at Blazey's urging because of the reason the Poole's came to become major donors. PDG Bob told the story of his friend who had polio, survived, and went on to do important work in his life, and thus, inspired Bob and Anne to contribute. After DG Blazey presented PDG Bob with an engraved plaque, pins for he and Anne, and a necklace for Anne, members gave them a standing ovation.

Rev. Chris Franz won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Rachel Barakat

The May 21 meeting honored students from the West Chester Area School district who distinguished themselves through their community service accomplishments. **Marjorie Wentz** first spoke about three students who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program hosted by the district annually. This program is for 11th grade students who demonstrate exceptional leadership ability through involvement in service to their school and community. Three students, Christina Chawn, Roseline Gouese and Justin Cooper were the awardees. Justin spoke eloquently about how the weekend impacted him in a positive way and enlightened him as an individual as to how he can make a difference. He mentioned the

speakers, one man who had polio and also the father of Alex from Alex's Lemonade Stand, who were inspirational to him.

Next **John Schwab** introduced our "Students of the Year" recipients for their service and volunteerism of service above self. He acknowledged the countless hours they have contributed collectively toward the betterment of their community. Collectively, they participated in 47 activities or an average of almost 8 each. They spent 416 hours a month and an average of 70 hours per month for each student. The recipients for this year are Jessica Jaramillo, Madalyn Stiebritz, Mary Joy Kozak and Luca Greco. Unable to attend the meeting were Brittany Saello and Caitlin Brown.

Our annual awarding of Rotary Community Service and Volunteerism Scholarships is a special honor for two area students. **Linda Hicks** explained the process. Applicants must submit a list of their community service and volunteerism activities along with a statement on how their community involvement had a positive impact on them and their community and two letters of recommendation. This year, in addition to their list of activities, they had to provide details on how many years they were involved in the activity, did they hold a leadership position, how many hours they devoted to this activity on a monthly basis and for how many months out of the year. All of this information was translated into a scoring method developed on a Rubric to assist the committee in translating the data.

The first recipient was Rustin student Katarina Darmofal. Katarina's achievements in services including working with the YMCA to help young girls become better swimmers, volunteering with the Pennsylvania State Junior Grange promoting the Grange at community fairs and Ag Process Days. She was introduced on the floor of the Pennsylvania State Senate and House of Representatives. She accomplished other volunteer activities through her church, including mission trips to Kentucky, West Virginia and New Orleans. She has also volunteered at Helping Hands Day, Hurricane Sandy Clean up and Martin Luther King Day Aid for Friends.

The second recipient, East student Julia Sabrick, has an interest in global public health and has volunteered at Bryn Mawr Rehab, helping out in nursing, marketing, administration and physical therapy. She was later accepted in a high school program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she had personal contact with patients. Julia has been actively involved in East's Interact Club for four years where she participated in events such as the trips to Arlington National Cemetery to lay wreaths on soldiers' graves, the Chili Cook Off, face painting at East Goshen Pumpkin Festival, teaching elderly people how to use technology and babysitting children at school district meetings. Julia also participates in East's Best Buddies program.

Linda commented on how amazing each of these young women are. Both are so young and have already accomplished so much in the spirit of volunteerism and giving back. Both the them clearly embrace our Rotary motto of "Service Above Self".

FAMILY VISITATION AND FUNERAL MASS

Al Filano, President 1995-6

Family visitation at DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith, and Boyd
Thursday, May 28 from 6:30- 9 PM.
Funeral Mass St. Agnes Church, Friday, May 29, at 10 AM.

NEW MEMBER

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

Justin Sochovka: QVC. Classification - TV Host
Sponsor - **Wendy Leeper**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

PRESIDENT'S GALA AND INDUCTION OF OFFICERS

Remember to bring your scratch off lottery tickets to our Thursday meeting. A lottery ticket tree will be one of the auction items. Also, please complete the auction item donation form that will be on the luncheon tables and return it to Glen Sweet. Your participation is what makes the auction a success!

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Matt Holliday for
State Representative Dan Truitt

SAVE THE DATE

June 2 Iron Hill donates 20% between
5-7 PM to Polio Plus
June 9 Kennett Club Golf Challenge
June 25 Induction of New Officers and Presidential Gala

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

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