



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 22, 2016
Chester County Family Academy Students
Holiday Concert

Next Week's Program: December 29, 2016
Speaker: Michelle Legaspi Sanchez
Chester County Non Profit Blueprint Report

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President **Bob** opened the meeting and **Phyllis Dunn** gave the invocation. We then sang God Bless America led by **Catherine Friedman**.

Brad Abel, our Sergeant-at-Arms told us one of his calendar employee jokes.

We had several Visiting Rotarians- Phil McFadden and Sue Mandely, an Interim Assistant Governor. **Cliff DeBaptiste**, not a Visiting Rotarian, pointed out that he had been a member in our club before some of our members had been born!

Guests included **Winnie Stroup's** daughter, Cynthia; Carl Reiner with **Matt Holliday**; Neil Gundekunst with **Don Kohler**; **Charles Streitwieser's** son, Charlie; Keira Farley and Patricia Henson with **Jeannie McGinn**; and Cindy Vincini with **Andrew Stump**.

Happy dollars were given by **Catherine Friedman** (60 families had holiday wish lists filled), **Jeannie McGinn** (Kelly and **Rob Finnan** had a great holiday party). **Patty Jefferis** (son Ed has no signs of cancer!), **Linda Hicks** (Celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary); **Cynthia Stroup** (in memory of **Joe Polito** for Operation Warm and helping with her adoption), **Don Kohler** (Flyers' ten-game winning streak since we began singing "God Bless America").

President Bob announced that when the club is closed for January, our meetings will be held at the West Chester Senior Center, catered by Matt and Cathy Farms. The following seminars will be at the West Chester University Graduate Center- January 26th- Gundaker Foundation, February 9th-members and March 30th-youth services. The International Convention will be held in Atlanta, June 10-14, 2017.

Carol Hanson sent around a envelope for Gabriel Bay, our Exchange student's holiday gift. **Katie Martin** announced the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee (listed on the other side of this Rotary). **Charles Streitwieser** asked for nominations for District Governors for years 2018-19 and 2019-20. **Steve Founds** presented

Dave Wood with his Paul Harris Fellow +2. Please see that **Sue Casso Rogers** receives your dues by the 29th of December.

Sue Mandely, Interim Assistant Governor of Area 8, said that Assistant Governor had to step down, Sue is filling in, and there will be a new Assistant in July. Sue is president of *Mommy Sue's Children* that helps a school in Haiti.

Sue Flynn won the 50/50 but didn't draw the Queen of Spades. .

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Elizabeth Guamn

We had two classifications talk today. **Laurene Grabill** began by orienting us to her name. Laurene came from combining her two grandmother's names: Laura and Irene. Grabill is pronounced like Betty Grable's last name. Laurene is the 3rd oldest of eight and there are 37 of them in her immediate family! She's been married for 27 years to her best friend, Matt. She had two girls, one a freshman at Delaware and one a junior at Villa Maria. They also have two dogs.

Laurene began her career as a dental hygienist and after 10 years she decided to return to school to become a dentist. She was in practice with her father for a number of years. She has studied to expand her practice beyond traditional dentistry and included cosmetic dentistry as well. She has served in several leadership roles in the Dental Society of Chester County and Delaware County. Some of her hobbies include golf, knitting, crocheting and enjoying martinis!

Jim Magee also gave his classification talk. Jim grew up in Ridley and graduated from Strathaven High School where he played football, hockey and lacrosse. He considers high school to be where he learned how to make friends and network. He attended University of Pittsburg and took classes at WCU in the summer. His mother manages an infectious disease department at Delaware Memorial Hospital and his father served in Viet Nam and then made a career of selling pianos. He is very close to

both his stepbrother and half-brother.

Jim is married to Lisa and has two step daughters, Madeline and Margo. Madeline is expecting a son soon. Jim is a real estate broker at Swope Lees selling commercial real estate. He enjoys bow hunting, teaching fly fishing and grilling.

Jim was drawn to Rotary because of the 4-way test. He is excited to support and grow the Chili Cookoff. He also would like to explore a new project with our club called Project Healing Waters. It is a program that works with veterans through teaching them how to fly fish. Jim's father experienced PTSD and Jim is inspired to help others to heal from PTSD through the experience of fly fishing.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Christian Merritt- BB & T, Classification: Financial Management Sponsored by **Wendy Leeper**

Lynn Childs - Self employed Personal Shopper, Classification: Sales, Sponsored by **Patty Jefferis**

Phil McFadden- Owner - Home Instead Senior Care Transferring from Greater West Chester Sunrise Club

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

RETURNING MEMBER

After a short membership with the Longwood Club, **Charles Streitwieser**, PDG and former member, has decided to return to the Rotary Club of West Chester and we are happy to have him back.

UPDATE ON DISTRICT 7450 GOVERNOR'S NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Deadline extended until January 2, 2017

We have had several inquiries from individuals pertaining to possible candidates submitting their names for nomination as District Governor. As the submission process can take some time and considering we are all busy during the Holiday Season, with the concurrence of current Governor Dave Haradon, we shall extend the deadline for nomination submissions from December 21st until Monday, January 2, 2017. Please contact **Charles Streitwieser** Streitwieser@verizon.net 610-547-0393

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Don Kohler** of Kohler Law Offices

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee would like to propose the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Rotary calendar year. A vote on the proposed slate will take place at the clubs annual meeting on Thursday, December 30.

President- **Mickey Hall**; President Elect- **Bill Friedmann**; Vice President- **Matt Holliday**; Secretary- **Sue Casso Rogers**; Treasurer- **Tim Walsh**; Sergeant-at-Arms- **Brad Abel**; Immediate Past President- **Bob Rogers**

At large board members: **Rob Malone, Shauna Yeldell, Glen Sweet, Cristina Combee, Dave Barkasy, Laura Aloisio, Michele Venema, Ernest Zlotolow, Andrew Stump**

EXCHANGE STUDENT

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

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 Super Seminar - Gundaker Foundation
Feb 9 Super Seminar – Membership

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

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Bob Rogers; President-Elect, Mickey Hall. Vice-President, Bill Friedmann; Past President, Katie Martin; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeant-at-Arms, Brad Abel; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow.

David Haradon, District Governor
Bronwyn Martin, Assistant Governor
Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450
Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

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