



**ROTARY:  
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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: March 29, 2018**

**Speaker: Bob Hall**

**Bringing Rail Service Back to West Chester**

**Next Week's Program: April 5, 2018**

**Meeting at**

**The Chester County Food Bank**

## **MINUTES by Winnie Stroup**

President **Mickey Hall** opened the meeting. **Cynthia Stroup** gave the invocation.

Guests: **Jane Anthony** from the e-club attended. **Cristina Combee** introduced her friend Drew Braun who in his suit was immediately mistaken for the secret agent speaker. (Not!)

**Happy dollars: Jeannie McGinn** is happy with her new Ford. **Christine Wildauer** is happy that the fruit sale is over! **Cynthia Stroup** is happy that she will be competing in the Special Olympics regional bowling competition on Sunday. **Deb Sparre** is happy that she is going to Boston to visit her daughter Liz and meet the new boyfriend. Will he put a ring on it? She will wear Eagles gear everywhere.

**VP Report: Bill Friedmann** reported on RYLA program – the Rotary program that provides a weekend of leadership training and exercises for high school students. Our Club paid for a student from East High School and one from Chester. Mostly he wanted to highlight **Linda Hicks** outstanding contribution over the last 20 years to our programs for youth.

**Announcements: Mickey Hall** reminded us about Comedy Night Saturday April 21 at the Quality Inn on 202 where our own Gen Jensen will perform. The proceeds will go to the dictionary project for schools. The district conference is April 20-22. Mickey also reminded us that April 28 will be our Club tree planting project in support of Rotary International's goal that every Rotarian plant a tree this year. The Rotary International Convention is in Toronto June 23-26.

**Justin** announced that he is hard at work on the social medial support for the Chili Cook off. He will be at future meetings to record repeat Instagram's, videos etc. **Laura Aloisio** announced that there will be a bar hop at Barnaby's to kick off the Chili Cook Off on April 12<sup>th</sup> and a committee meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged club members to get involved early. **Mac Neilon** reminded all that the CPC Grant

Application is on our Web site. Please contact non-profits that you know and let them know how to apply. **Paul Woodruff** had one box of fruit available for sale and Jane Anthony immediately purchased it. **Jack Wintermute** is selling tickets for the Club Outing to see the Blue Rocks on May 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year for the trip which is always a ball. Jack started it when he was 25.

**Jeff Brown** announced a Community picnic in honor of our fire fighters and neighbors of the Barkley Friends who were heroes the night of the fire. This is not a Rotary event but many of us are involved. It will be free thanks to several sponsors including Jimmy John's, Carlino's Market, The Social and SPAZ. Speakers include **Faith Woodward, Bill Ronayne** and **Carolyn Comitta**. We can also show our appreciation by donating to one of the 5 West Chester Fire Companies who responded.

**Jane Anthony** presented a check to **Katie Martin** from Fox and Roach Charities/Trident Insurance for the West Chester Club Foundation to be used for Operation Warm. Every year at the holidays, Trident Insurance and other Fox and Roach companies donate funds to Fox and Roach Charities. Charities are chosen from employee nominations. Jane had proposed Operation Warm and was able to sponsor a donation of \$2680 for our Club to provide a stylish new warm coat for West Chester Area Elementary School children who otherwise would go without. Jane worked tirelessly with Joe Polito on our warm coat project from its beginning until Joe's passing and is still having a huge impact on the program.

**Lynn Child** won the 50-50 but the King of Spades eluded her.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos**

Our speaker today was Richard Rolfes with the Secret Service. The Secret Service was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln the day that ended in his assassination at Ford's Theatre in April 1865. It

was officially formed July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865. It is a federal law enforcement agency that was under the US Department of the Treasury but in March of 2003, was transferred to the newly established Department of Homeland Security. As of 2017, it had 7,000 employees with 3600 field agents.

The agency was originally founded to combat the then-widespread counterfeiting of U.S. currency following the Civil War. It was reported one third of the currency in circulation was counterfeit at that time. The Secret Service has a dual mission: safeguarding the financial infrastructure of the United States, and protecting the nation's leaders. Protection of the nation's highest elected leaders and other government officials became the second mission of the Secret Service after the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley. The protective mission of the United States Secret Service includes not only the President, but also the Vice President, the President's and Vice President's immediate families, former presidents, their spouses, their minor children under the age of 16, major presidential and vice presidential candidates and their spouses, and foreign heads of states. In 1968, as a result of Robert F Kennedy's assassination, Congress authorized protection of major presidential and vice presidential candidates and nominees.

The Secret Service work with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and the military to safeguard the President when he travels in Air Force One, Marine One and by limousine in motorcades. They investigate thousands of incidents each year of individuals threatening the President. The more a President travels, the tougher it is to protect him and at a high cost to the agency. A Secret Service agent is groomed for protection and that protection is 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. They will rotate detail between the President, First Lady, children and travel. He started working for the Secret Service while working at the IRS. They were working a case together, and the Secret Service asked him to join them. Richard spent a lot of his time in service for President Reagan, who he said was a great man.

### **CAROLINA LEAGUE ACTION**

The Fellowship Committee presents  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

WC Rotary Night with the Wilmington Blue Rocks  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Wilmington Blue Rocks (Class A Affiliate of the  
Kansas City Royals)

vs.

Frederick Keys (Class A Affiliate of the  
Baltimore Orioles)

Cost \$37 per ticket

See Jack Wintermute for tickets

### **SAVE THE DATE**

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| Apr 5  | Luncheon Meeting at Chester County Food Bank                |
| Apr 12 | Bar Hop   |
| Apr 16 | Chili Cook Off Meeting                                      |
| Apr 21 | Rotary Benefit Comedy Club – Presenting <b>Glen Jenkins</b> |
| Apr 28 | Rotary at Work- Tree Planting at the Stroud Preserve        |
| Apr 30 | Deadline for CPC Grant applications                         |
| May 29 | WC Rotary Night with the Blue Rocks                         |

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

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