



ROTARY:
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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: August 31, 2017

Speaker: Michael Morrison, Historian
Rediscovering Devon

MINUTES by Matt Holliday

President Mickey Hall opened the meeting and **Bill Friedmann** gave the invocation.

We had a couple of guests. **Bob Frame** introduced his lady friend, Diane Gallagen as well as **Mike Dunn**. We had two visiting Rotarians, **John Sailing** from the West Chester Sunrise Club and **Mark Rudiger** (our speaker) who was from the WEGO Club.

Larry Miller gave a happy buck, because he was thrilled to be back to Rotary after his absence due to a recent knee surgery. **Bob Frame** gave a happy buck in thanks for having a great time golfing with **Brad Abel, Jim Gasho, and Gary Hess** last week. **Mark Ruddier** (our speaker) was happy to be back at our Rotary Club as we are his original club he joined back in 1992. **Mickey Hall** was happy and grateful to **Bill and Debbie Friedmann** for hosting her and **Bob and Sue Rogers** at their home for a great pool party which was the auction item they donated for the Presidential Gala.

Mickey Hall reminded us that the October 12th Rotary Meeting won't be a lunch meeting, but rather it will be an evening meeting that we will be doing in conjunction with the Sunrise and WEGO Rotary Clubs. **Catherine Friedman** announced that she is in charge of pre-sale wrist bands for the Chili Cook Off this year and if anyone needs some they should come see her. **Bill Friedmann** spoke for a few minutes about the Chili Cook Off and then unveiled "the world premier" of the new Chili Cook Off Video that

Next Week's Program: September 7, 2017

Speaker: Elizabeth Laurent
Chester County Historical Society

Justin Sochovka's made for us. The video was terrific and Bill asked that everyone share it on their social media.

Bob Rogers gave **Katie Martin** an award for being an awesome Rotarian.

Charles Streitwieser won the 50/50 drawing, but didn't draw the Queen of Spades.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

Mark Rudiger from the WEGO (Westtown-Goshen) club was our speaker. He heads a program called RO.A.D.D (Rotarians Against Distracted Driving). Last year over 7,000 people were killed by distracted drivers. This is caused by behavior and is accelerating the accident rate by 15-20% per year. The Rotarians target 8th graders because they are old enough to understand the situation but young enough to still form opinions about proper behavior.

The presenters are high school seniors rather than Rotarians because the 8th graders relate to them better. Last year as a high school senior, Dean Maupin gave a presentation about his experience as a 9th grader getting a call at home where he was with his 11th grade sister. It was Chester County Hospital explaining that his parents were in intensive care because they had been hit by a distracted driver.

The organization is beginning its second season and trying to roll out the program to Rotary clubs in the area. They would like clubs to fund the presentations which cost approximately \$350

each and roll the programs out to local schools. The goal is to have young kids be advocates for safe driving. They encourage kids to stop their parents and older siblings from texting while they are in the car.

The final part of the presentation is very moving and shows Liz Marks before her accident was as beautiful as a high school girl could be, smart with a great life ahead. After her accident, she has a huge scar across her face, she lost her eye and suffers from some brain damage.

Videos can be viewed on website: wegorotary.com

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I have received many messages from concerned Rotarians throughout our District asking how we can help with relief for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The following message was posted on the [RI website](#):

Texas Rotary district collects emergency funds for Hurricane Harvey victims

Rotary clubs in District 5930 (Texas, USA) are collecting emergency relief funds to help flood victims of Hurricane Harvey, which slammed into southeast Texas over the weekend.

Severe rainfall has caused historic flooding along the Texas coast, including in Houston, the fourth largest city by population in the United States. Deluged towns in the region are in desperate need of aid as thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes. About 6.8 million people have been affected by the hurricane, which made landfall on 25 August.

District 5930 has partnered with the nonprofit McAllen North Rotary Fund to set up an emergency relief fund. To help, please send checks and gift cards to:

Rotary District 5930
McAllen North Rotary Fund
501 W. Nolana Ave.
McAllen, Texas, 78504

Federal Tax ID# 27-3855943

If you have questions about how you can help, contact relief@rotary.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 8 Chili Cook Off Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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