



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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Community Partners Committee
Presentation of Grants

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Classification Talks

Halloween

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Matt Holliday** opened the meeting. **Faith Woodward** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jeannie McGinn** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included Randy Lindel from Massachusetts and Honorary Rotarian **Claudie Brock**.

Guests were introduced by **President Matt** (Margaret, Michelle, Carol, and Diane), **Jeannie McGinn** (John and Bill), **Sue Flynn** (Megan), **Arlene Adam** (Harry) and **Mac Neilon** (Former member Tim Phelps)

Birthdays: Dwight Leeper, Glen Sweet, Diane Liberi, and Brian Fahey all celebrated birthdays.

Happy Bucks were offered by **Michelle Venema** (thanks to Chili Cook Off money helpers **Glen Sweet, Jack Ellis, Patty Jefferis, Bob Rogers, and Bill Neis** and others), **Jeannie McGinn** (thanks to Passport Club members and members in our pipeline who helped with the Chili Cook Off), **Mark Sammarone** (thanks to Bar Association and Chamber of Commerce for the use of their quarters for the Chili Cook Off), **Dave Wood** (\$20 for his 38th wedding anniversary), **Ebbie Alfree** (10/22 will be Dining Around at nine West Chester restaurants who will give \$25 to The Hickman), **Katie Martin** (First Resource opening a new branch in Wayne, thanks to husband Chris for providing music at the Chili Cook Off and congratulations to **Melissa Baxter** for cooking for two teams and winning prizes for each!)

Announcements: Jeannie McGinn announced that the Rotary day at the Chester County Warehouse would take place on Saturday, 10/16, at 520 Lincoln Ave in Downingtown from 9:00 AM till 2:00PM. Furniture needs to be received and often picked up from donors; staging and delivery to families is especially rewarding. There are many organization tasks. Drivers who have their own pickup truck or can borrow one are especially needed. The warehouse is especially in need of dishes and silverware. Soon there will be a warehouse available in West Chester where Rotarians can drop off donations

President Matt announced that **Ernest Zlotolow** is giving away 2 tickets to a CORS dinner in Staten Island that promises to be over the top. See Matt or Ernest for information.

Dwight Leeper is organizing a table in front of the Courthouse to describe the status of Polio in the World and what Rotary is doing to end the disease. He had to get permission from both the Borough and the County. It will

take place during the day next Thursday. Please volunteer to Dwight if you can help. Dwight showed a compelling 4-minute video that told the story of 2 girls in Nigeria in 2016. It described what Rotary and its partners are doing in immunizing and surveillance. In 1985, the year Rotary made the commitment to eradicate Polio, there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide. Today there is still danger in Afghanistan and Pakistan where we only had 33 cases last year. Unfortunately, this year we have had almost 80 to date.

President Matt congratulated **Brad Abel** and all the chairs who had worked all year long to make October 13th's Chili Cook Off such a success. Brad reported that the club had grossed somewhere between \$65,000 and \$75,000. It will be a while before all the costs are tallied, but by any measure it was a huge success. **President Matt** asked club members to hug Brad and all the committee chairs.

Bill Friedmann requested that the Chili Cook Off signs be returned to be recycled.

50 /50: The draw has been postponed till next week. Hold onto your ticket till then.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Brian Fahey

County Commissioners Michelle Kichline and Terrance Farrell visited our club to talk about the work that they do as commissioners and to talk about some of the things that are happening in Chester County.

The Board of Commissioners is comprised of three members and by rule it must be bi-partisan. The Board is purely administrative and does not have any legislative responsibilities. The Board manages a five hundred million dollar budget and over twenty-six hundred employees, which puts it on par with some Fortune 500 companies. One half of the budget is directly linked to human services through departments such as the Department of Aging, Children Youth and Families, Emergency Services, and Voter Services. All told there are thirty-eight departments in Chester County. Significant funds are directed at public safety. The County is responsible for maintaining the 911 call center, building and maintaining cell towers and supplying technical equipment and devices to police. Additionally, the County invested forty-two million dollars in a state-of-the-art radio system that has a 99.9% coverage rate in The County. The system is currently being tested in schools to make sure that there is coverage in basements

and other remote areas of buildings.

The Commissioners highlighted two initiatives. The first was the ongoing effort to protect open space. Over the last thirty years there has been a 30% increase in the growth of open space in Chester County and much of that space will be permanently preserved. The Open Space Preservation Department spends as much as ten million dollars per year on maintaining trails and parks and preserving farms. The amount of open space in The County is larger than the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh combined. Importantly, the open space in Chester County offers significant economic benefits. Another unique initiative has been the construction of the Public Safety Training Campus. This facility is dedicated to providing quality training and education to Fire, EMS and Police professionals and other organizations. The facility includes an academic building, a tactical firing range and a tactical village. Individuals and organizations from the region and throughout the country come to Chester County to train at this site.

Lastly, the commissioners let us know that while they as they are ensuring our county's health and safety today, they are also looking to the future. They anticipate significant growth in Chester County in the near future, necessitating infrastructure investment to handle the expected population growth.

NEW MEMBERS

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

John Abitabilo: President of ACT & C LLC; Classification - Business Owner; Sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**

Jessica Reilly: Family Counselor, Philadelphia Memorial Park; Classification - Counselor;

Sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**

Phil Bieg: CEO Organizational Research and Development; Classification - Business Owner;

Sponsored by **Jack Ellis**

Randy Lindel Senior Director - Westport Consulting Group; Classification - Director/Consulting

Sponsored by **Sue Casso Rogers**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

Megan van Riet- Classification: Owner / Yoga Studio

Sponsored by **Sue Flynn**

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

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 24	World Polio Day Event @ historic courthouse
Nov 3	Polio Plus Event @ Uptown
Nov 16	Community Warehouse- Downingtown

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

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Howard Sundwall

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, November 16, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign up, please call **Jeannie McGinn** at 484-343-4577



END POLIO NOW

October 24th is World Polio Day. You are invited to help with an awareness and fund-raising event at the historic courthouse at High and Market, in front of the "Old Glory" statue. The goal is to inform the community about Rotary and polio, the risks to children here and abroad and collect donations to finish the fight. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact **Dwight Leeper**, **Cristina Combee** or **Carol Hanson**.

There will be some pre-event work to collect materials. Setup of the event would begin at 10am and consist of tables with literature relating to Rotary, polio eradication and vaccinations generally. We will approach passersby with information about Rotary and polio, while offering an opportunity to donate to our cause. Other Rotarians will politely and safely approach stopped cars with information about Rotary and polio, while offering an opportunity to donate to our cause as well. In the latter case, purple buckets will be offered for change, similar to the Penn State campaign. The event will conclude by 3pm. There will be some post-event cleanup.

Thank you for your service to Rotary and Rotary service.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Matt Holliday; President Elect, Michelle Venema; Vice President, Steve Brown; Treasurer, Jack Ellis; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Sgt at Arms, Bob Rogers; Immediate Past President, Bill Friedmann
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Peter Mardinly, District Governor

Cynthia Rugart, Assistant Governor

Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450

Dwight Leeper, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510

Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

Lynmar Brock, Past Director of RI, P.D.G. '77-78

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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