



ROTARY VOTARY

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**This Week's Program: April 14, 2016
 To Be Announced**

**Next Week's Program: April 21, 2016
 Speaker: Alfred Rasch,
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MINUTES by Laura House Kelly

President Katie opened the meeting and **Phyllis Dunn** gave a lovely invocation about concentrating on the present moment. We had two visiting Rotarians: Gary Hewitt from Seoul, Korea and Dave Forward of Medford Sunrise. We also had two guests: Chris Schumaker from Immaculata University and Lauren Graville, who is in the queue for membership.

President Katie gave a brief summary of the board retreat that took place last weekend. They met at Denise's barn from 8:30 to 1PM and focused their meeting time on three main areas: membership, budget, and diversity. **President Katie** declared it a "fantastic" retreat and was grateful for the commitment of the current board and incoming board who gave up precious weekend time to hash out concerns and opportunities. Feedback from the retreat will be delivered to the membership over the next several weeks. In the meantime, she reminded us of the importance of making sure all visitors (and members) feel welcomed. If you see someone you don't know – be sure to say hello!

President Katie reminded us of the following important dates: 4/13 is the next Board meeting; 4/19 is Happy Hour – 5PM at Restaurant 51 on Church St., we'd like to get them to sign on as a sponsor for the Chili Cook Off so a good turnout for happy hour will help us reach that goal; 4/29 marks the deadline for our CPC grants so if you know of a great organization worthy of support please let them know about CPC; 4/30 is Rotary at Work Day, we'll be working at **Patty Jefferis's** and **Rob Lukens'** houses with a pizza party to follow; 5/19 is Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks; 6/22 is **Bob Rogers'** induction; and finally, 7/19 is Rotary Night at the Phillies – you can purchase your tickets on line this year and if we sell a total of \$500 proceeds will go to Polio Plus.

Happy Bucks – **Sue Casso Rogers** had happy bucks for uncovering a piece of family and Rotary history –

she was cleaning out old files that have been stored at 1st National Bank vault room and found evidence that both of her great grandfathers were members of West Chester Rotary! **Billy Ronayne** had happy bucks for an upcoming event for Fame Fire Company – 4/29 will be a special event at the Antique Ice Tool Museum to benefit Fame. **Catherine Friedman** had happy bucks for **Steve Founds** and the Founds Funeral Home – Friends Association lost a client in March and Founds Funeral Home helped the family with funeral services. Catherine also announced a 4/17 event of music and fun to benefit Friends Association. **Brad Abel** had happy bucks for his participation in the upcoming Great Race for West Chester Senior Center on 5/7. **Matt Biffen** had happy bucks for a 4/13 golf outing to benefit families of fallen fire fighters.

Birthdays – **Catherine Friedman** sang a lovely rendition of "Happy Birthday" to ME! Thanks Catherine!

Announcements – **Sue Casso Rogers** reminded us of the email she recently sent requesting in-kind donations to help The Barn at Spring Brook Farm get ready for summer camp. Please consider purchasing items through Penn Office Products (**Mac Neilon**). Instructions are in the email Sue sent – you can see her for any questions.

Howard Sundwall won the 50/50; the Queen stayed away.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Glen Sweet

President Katie introduced Dave Forward, District 7500 Governor from Medford, New Jersey. M. Forward is the author of "A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International" and "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of the Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years". Mr. Forward began by recounting his work with our club member, **Dr. Robert Poole**. Mr. Forward stated that **Dr. Poole** was his main mentor when they worked together to start the Polio

Plus campaign in 1983-84.

Mr. Forward then relayed some interesting historical facts about the origins of Rotary and Rotary International. The first meeting occurred in Madame Gallie's restaurant in Chicago in February 1905 with four people. Two of the first four dropped out within a couple of weeks. A fifth person, Harry Ruggles, who was the printer for Paul Harris, prepared the weekly bulletins and a club directory. According to Mr. Forward, he is also the person responsible for singing at meetings. Mr. Forward stated that everyone has the potential to be a Harry Ruggles with lasting contributions even though they were made almost anonymously.

As membership grew, the group decided they needed a name. Some of the candidates were: The Blue Boys; Windy City Round Up; Men with Friends; and Food and Fun with Friends. Paul Harris suggested they be called the Rotary Club since the meeting location rotated from business to business.

Mr. Forward then discussed the origins of the Rotary International Foundation which was suggested in 1917 by Arch Clump, former president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. There was hostile opposition to the foundation from succeeding officers and it wasn't until 1930 that \$5,000 had been accumulated. Money from the foundation was used to support crippled children which eventually became the Easter Seal Society. When Paul Harris died in 1947 the RIF had \$3 million with donations from all over the world. The ambassadorial scholarship program was begun at that time.

ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

Thursday, May 19, 2016
Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Frederick Keys
5:30 Cash Bar
5:45 Buffet
6:35 Play Ball
\$37.00 per ticket
See Jack Wintermute for tickets



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SAVE THE DATE

Apr 13	Rotary Board Meeting
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Apr 19	Happy Hour
Apr 29	CPC Grant Applications due
Apr 30	Rotary at Work Day
May 19	Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction

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

THE BARN AT SPRING BROOK FARM

Recently, our club was approached by an organization, The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, not for funds, but for in-kind donations for their summer camp. In talking with our Chair of Service Projects, **Mickey Hall**, we determined a really great way to manage this project and make an impact for The Barn.

Our member, **Mac Neilon**, owner of Penn Office Products, has agreed to allow us to order the requested items on his website, he will then compile the total order and deliver the products directly to the Barn. How easy is that!??

This week, an email was sent by **Sue Casso Rogers** detailing how to order, what to order and how to pay for the items you ordered. It is an easy project and one that will help a local organization. Please place your orders by May 1. Please contact sue if you have any questions

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