



# 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: November 10, 2016**  
**Speaker: Bruce Mowday**  
**New Book on West Chester**

**Next Week's Program: November 17, 2016**  
**Speakers: David Reinfeld and Eric Smith**  
**Classification Talks**

## MINUTES by Matt Holliday

**President Bob** opened the meeting and **Cathy Palmquist** gave the invocation.

We had one Visiting Rotarian, **Charles Streitwieser**. There were also a couple of guests. **Patty Jefferies** introduced Lynn Childs who is a personal shopper. **Laura Aloisio** introduced Matt Wiggim. **Don Kohler** introduced Neil Guteklunst, who is an attorney. Finally, **Bill Ronayne**, introduced Rebecca Lukens.

**Katie Martin** gave a happy buck because she was in Chester County Hospital the other day picking someone up and she saw a beautiful portrait of past Rotarian **Jean Oakes**. **Bill Friedmann** gave a dollar to thank the club for all of the support they extended to him and his family after the loss of his father. **Pat Barron** gave five dollars for the new World Series Champions, the Chicago Cubs. **Linda Hicks** gave happy dollars for her new grandchild that was just born. **Ron Ginns** gave happy bucks because he is almost ready to pass off the Chili Cook Off Czar baton to **Bill Friedmann**.

**Matt Holliday** wished a very happy birthday to **Dwight Leeper**, **Rich Murray** wished a happy 30<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Rob Malone**, and **Sue Casso Rogers** wished a happy birthday to the guy who sets up our Rotary meeting every week, **CJ Romanoski**.

**President Bob** announced that the Ex Sgt-at-Arms Awards will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Side Bar. He also told us that Becky Lukens generously donated a copy of **Rob Luken's** book to each member of the club in memory of him. Bob also mentioned that we will have a Rotary Holiday Open House, which will take place on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. **Carol Hanson** reminded us about the Million Dollar Journey Dinner. **Linda Hicks** made an announcement that Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for Stockings for Soldiers donations.

The 50-50 was won by **Bill Winters**, but he didn't find the Queen of Spades.

Bobble-head Reading Phillies and Fightin' Phils players were won by **Don Kohler**, **Chuck Garfinkle**, and **Howard Sundwall**.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Laura House Kelly

Staff from the Reading Fightin' Phils joined us on 11/3: Derek Lupia, Groups Manager, and Mike Robinson, Executive Director of Community and Fan Development. Both are enthusiastic supporters of the team and each play an important role in promoting and supporting the players and the community.

The Reading Fightin' Phils is the oldest affiliated minor league baseball team in the nation. They work hard at making their games affordable and focused on the family, which is part of why they've been so successful. Tickets are kept at an affordable price. The most expensive ticket is \$70 and includes first base seats, an open bar and buffet. There is a pool right inside the stadium so you can enjoy a dip in the pool while watching the game – a favorite, especially with kids.

While they didn't win the championship this year, they did have a great season. One player hit 41 homeruns; 2 others hit 38 or more. The team prides itself on having had several players move on to the majors, including Cole Hamels, Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard, and Cesar Hernandez, among others. The team balances their goal to develop individual talent while also having a winning team by moving players up within small cohorts. Three or four players will advance together while a new cohort moves in behind them.

Players play an important role in the community while they are members of the Fightin' Phils. Each player contributes 10 hours of community service annually

and Robinson helps players manage that role. Meanwhile, the team provides charitable contributions and helps non-profits raise critical funds for their programming. Lupia and Robinson are especially proud of their recent partnership with Baseballtown Charities' Dream League. The Fightin' Phils hosted Baseballtown's October fundraising event at FirstEnergy Stadium - \$650,000 was raised in order to build Berks County's first special needs baseball field.

Ed- This is Laura's swan song as a writer for the Votary. Farewell and thanks!



### **FUNDRAISER**

We have a great new Fundraiser coming up which will benefit our own West Chester Rotary Club Foundation!

Talbots Store in Downingtown is having a "Shop for a Cause" event and our Club Foundation is the recipient! The event will take place on December 1, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Talbots will donate 10% of the proceeds from that shopping time. Talbots is located in the Wegman's shopping center; the store is at the corner of Rt 30 and Quarry Road.

Watch for more details as to how you can support this event and great ideas for wish lists, Christmas ideas and more.

### **MILLION DOLLAR JOURNEY**

Be sure to sign up to attend our marvelous celebration. As a "Service Above Self" member of our Rotary District 7450, be proud of all we have accomplished together in our Clubs and our District. JOIN US to meet Rotary International President John Germ and to participate in the wonderful recognition of our Rotary District 7450's Million Dollar Journey and the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Rotary Foundation!

**Signup by November 15 for only \$45;  
thereafter \$60**

### **THANK YOU**

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**Faith Woodward** of Barclay Friends

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "Awards"  
Dec 1 Fundraiser at Talbots  
Dec 7 Million Dollar Journey  
Dec 9 Holiday Open House

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

### **EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**Gabriel Bay** from Rafaela, Argentina  
Attending Henderson High School  
Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun  
416 Chrislena Lane, WC, PA 19380  
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