



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: February 21, 2019
Speaker: Julia Phelps
Rotary International Trustee

Next Week's Program: February 28, 2019
Speaker: Tom Hannum
Harley Davidson

Julia Phelps

Trustee 2017-20
Rotary Club of Amesbury
Massachusetts, USA

Julia Phelps, who began her career in education in 1976, is the associate commissioner for the Center for Curriculum and Instruction for the state of Massachusetts. She served on the board of the Amesbury Educational Foundation Inc. and the John Ashford Link House Inc.

A Rotarian since 1997, Phelps has served as director, vice chair of RI's Audit Committee, Rotary Foundation alumni coordinator, and district governor. She is a member of the Operations Review Committee.

Phelps is a Major Donor, Benefactor, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Bequest Society. She is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting. **Matt Holliday** gave the invocation focusing on the history of Valentine's Day.

There were no visiting Rotarians. We had two guests at the meeting today Debbie Berry and Derek Chandler.

Sue Casso Rogers extended birthday greetings to **Nancy Pine**. **Bob Frame** wished a happy birthday to **Joe Fratoni** and **Cathy Palmquist** wished **Fran Luft** a happy birthday.

Christine Scott kicked off happy bucks about her

daughter participating in Thon at Penn State. **Nancy Pine** is happy about the Hickman's Art of Caring on March 30th. **Steve Bayles** is happy about his daughter's upcoming recognition in *Main Line Today* for her fundraising achievements. **Mark Sammarone** is happy about the Chamber of Commerce ten grand club. The event will be held Easter weekend. Tickets will soon be on sale. **Jeannie McGinn** is happy to thank **Christine Wildauer** for all the work she has done on the fruit sale. **Sue Greenberg** had a wonderful time in Israel, but is glad to be back home. **Katie Martin** also thanked **Christine Wildauer** for her work on the fruit sale and said if you cannot sell fruit write a check in support of the sale. **Mac Neilon** is happy about the chamber banquet and the speech **Matt Holliday** gave as chamber Citizen of the Year. **Laura Aloisio** thanked all the Rotarians who gave her and her family support during this difficult time due to the passing of her father.

Jeannie McGinn announced that the Community Warehouse Project will be held this Saturday, February 16th. Jeannie also announced that the fruit sale is way behind. Please sell fruit. The last day to hand in fruit sale slips to Christine is Monday, February 18th.

President Bill announced that **Cristina Combee** is Rotarian for the month of January.

President Bill's moments in history- the following Rotarians were inducted into Rotary on this date - 2015- **Chris Feryo**, 2005- **Jeannie McGinn**, 1989- **Steve Founds**. In 1951 on February 14th the club held a ladies' night- \$5 per person.

President Bill announced the first Chili Cook-off meeting for 2019 will be held on Monday at Brad Abel's office, Julia Phelps' visit on Feb 21st and the

rescheduled Tom Hannum- Harley Davidson program on Feb. 28th. He also noted Mid-Atlantic Pets training on Feb.22nd which **President Elect Matt Holliday** will attend, and the District SASY awards on March 15th followed by the District 7450 Conference March 16th.

The 50/50 was won by **Joe Fratoni**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

On Valentine's Day at the Country Club, we have the pleasure of hosting Jim Christ, President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund. Jim spoke passionately about the Battle of Paoli and enlightened us about the history that took place not far away on Swedesford Road.

The Battle of Paoli, also called the "Paoli Massacre," was a vicious battle that occurred during the American Revolution. It was fought at midnight on September 20-21, 1777. Although the battlefield is located in the present-day Borough of Malvern, it received the name due to its proximity to the Paoli Tavern, a well-known landmark in 1777. The Paoli Tavern is named after General Pasquale di Paoli, who was a Corsican patriot, statesman and military leader who in 1755 wrote the constitution that proclaimed Corsica a sovereign nation.

The battle was fought with over 1,800 British troops and roughly 2,000 American Soldiers. Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne and George Washington were in command and hoped to push the British into the Schuylkill but their plans got intercepted and the British were ready for Wayne's troops. The rain was so bad the gunpowder was getting wet and the mud was up to the soldier's knees - making it very difficult to attack or travel. At midnight with bayonets and swords, dispersing them in one of the bloodiest battles of the War of Independence. But, in accomplishing the mission, the Redcoats committed numerous atrocities from murdering soldiers who surrendered, forcing some to stay inside small brush "teepees" at bayonet point while they burned alive, playing gruesome games with repeated bayonet stabbings on wounded men. Wayne's troops were destroyed, demoralized and some fled. This so outraged American civilians and soldiers alike that it crystallized American hatred of the British. *Remember Paoli* was heard repeatedly in later battles. This was also nicknamed "The Battle of the Clouds" in Goshen - and was the battle after Brandywine, but before Germantown.

Much more at <http://pbpfinc.org/>

4 Quick Facts:

- To commemorate the battle, a monument was placed on the gravesite to honor those who fought and this monument is the second oldest Revolutionary War battle monument in the USA.
- The Battle of Paoli is the 9th Deadliest Battle of the American Revolutionary War
- "Remember Paoli" was the first time "Remember" was used to describe a US Event
- Sir Bruce and Anthony Wayne's names were combined when creating Batman's secret identity - Bruce Wayne

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SAVE THE DATE

Feb 22-23 Mid-Atlantic PETS Training
Mar 2 Fruit pick up
Mar 15 SASY Awards

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