



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: July 7, 2016

Next Week's Program: July 14, 2016

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MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

The Rotary meeting was opened at 12:30 by **President Katie Martin**. This is her final meeting as president because the new Rotary year starts July 1.

Sue Greenberg gave the invocation.... for everything there is a season. She mentioned the passing of **Joe Polito**.

We had two visiting Rotarians today: Charles Streitwieser and John Saling. We also had two guests today: Alex, **Bill Friedmann's** fantastic daughter and Justin, **Marjorie Wentz'** fantastic son.

President Katie's Throw Back Thursday was a photo of incoming president **Bob Rogers**. She also shared upcoming dates of importance:

July 19 - Rotary night at the Phillies

October 9 - West Chester Chili Cook-off

November 22 - ex-Sergeant at Arms awards

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Cathy Palmquist** who attended a fantastic luncheon and seated around her table were 5 wonderful Rotarians and she gave a second happy buck because she will be celebrating her 55th wedding anniversary on Saturday. **Bob Frame** also gave two happy bucks. His first was for the bike cancer ride on Sunday where he rode 50 miles. **Bill Ronayne** and Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning sponsor this great event. His second happy buck was because last Thursday he had lunch with Justin Wentz who is meeting with local business people. He suggested others also meet with him. **Sue Casso Rogers** announced that her 14 year old nephew is an actor, singer, etc. He is playing in "13", a musical this summer which is playing weekends in July. He is also doing a one-man Cabaret for an intimate crowd of 40-50 people on Thursday night July 21... fun summer entertainment. **President Katie Martin** gave 5 happy bucks. The first was because she had a great year

as president. Her second was for her dad took a few steps this week. Katie's third buck was because she is celebrating her 3rd anniversary this week. Her fourth buck was to announce she is selling her condo - if interested please talk to **Deb Sparre**, her wonderful realtor. And the 5th happy buck was because she had 5 bucks in her wallet, so why not just throw it in!

Mark Samarrone wished a happy birthday to his very first stock broker, **Jim Gasho**, **Catherine Friedman** sang happy birthday to **Bob Frame**. What a voice! **Dave Biffen** had some choice birthday wishes for him. **Mac Neilon** wished a happy birthday to **Bill Friedmann**, who has his last day today as Sergeant at Arms.

Sue Casso Rogers reminded everyone that dues need to be paid now. And the auction was hugely successful. We raised over \$6,000 at the Gala.

Glen Sweet worked very hard at preparing for the auction and **Bob Frame** did a great job as auctioneer.

Rob Malone won the 50-50 but the huge jackpot continues to grow...

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Fran Luft

In order to fully enjoy today's presentation you had to be in attendance. **Andy Keen** used wit and humor to give us an insight into his Korean trip. Andy spent 17 days in Korea, in part to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference. Korea is Andy's favorite country. Upon his arrival he stayed at a Buddhist Temple where there were only women monks. He slept on the floor. The daily schedule was arising at 3 a.m. breakfast at 5 a.m. and also eating at 10 a.m. Individuals fasted the remainder of the day. Bed time was 10 p.m. During the day there were different types of work accomplished. Andy visited many museums in Korea as he enjoys all kinds of museums. He

visited the parallel line. He said that communication between South and North Korea is nonexistent.

People wore gas masks due to pollution and possible germs. He embraced the culture in every way possible.

At the leadership conference he saw an inspirational movie and attended break-out sessions in agricultural and how to get young people involved in Rotary. He thanked our Rotary club for making it possible for his trip to Korea. One ambition he has taken from attending the conference is that he wants to be a leader in Rotary and in more organizations

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Sue Casso Rogers of Robert W. Rogers Appraisals

SAVE THE DATE

July 13 Rotary Board Meeting
July 19 Rotary Night at the Phillies
Oct 9 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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DISTRICT LITERACY PROJECT

From Dennis Wallace

I am a member of the Greater West Chester Sunrise Club and have recently become aware of an organization that is **making a difference** in the literacy rate on several islands in the Caribbean. Many of us are familiar with the resorts and the resort life on those islands. However, once you leave those facilities and venture out into the local communities, you discover another, completely different world. One of poverty and, of course, need.

We believe that **literacy** is one, if not the most important, determinant to help others help themselves out of the cycle of poverty.

Toward this end, we are partnering with an organization, "Hands Across the Sea", (www.handsacrossthesea.net) that has been making a difference in the literacy rate in the Caribbean for the last nine years. During that time, they have purchased and distributed over 200,000 books to under-served schools, libraries, and children throughout the islands.

This appears to be a perfect project and project partner for Rotary clubs in our district. To further our understanding, and explore ways we may be helpful, we are hosting an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 20th, at Barclay Friends facility in West Chester, 6 p.m.; refreshments will be provided. Barclay Friends is located at 700 N. Franklin St., West Chester, PA 19380.

If you are interested in literacy projects or if your club would like to participate in a worthwhile international project with other Rotarians in the district, please come to this program July 20th.

Please RSVP by **Friday, July 8**. To respond or for more information, contact Dennis Wallace (dmwallace1@comcast.net) or Bonnie Korengel (bkorengel@ukacpa.com).

Working together, we can make a difference in a child and a family's future!