



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Ian Riseley, International President 2017-2018

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**This Week's Program: May 24, 2018**  
**Speaker: Brett Walker**  
**Author: The Killing Name**

**Next Week's Program: May 31, 2018**  
**Speaker: Dwight Leeper**  
**Pakistan Mission Trip**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Mickey Hall** opened the meeting and gave the invocation recognizing differences among individuals.

We had two visiting Rotarians Dennis Wallace and Jackie Tate. We had a number of guests Shamus Lavin, Danielle Montomer, Sarah Blossom, Elizabeth Boulanger and a representative from the Salvation Army. Happy Dollars: **Deborah Sahjwani** is happy that **Bill Ronayne** spoke at the school districts career day.

**Bill Friedmann** highlighted Hands Across the Sea, a literacy program in the eastern Caribbean nations. Bill also announced that the Chili Cook Off is having a happy hour at Kildare's on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Linda Hicks** announced the Scholarship and RYLA award winners. The 2018 Scholarship Recipient is Sarah Blossom and the 2018 RYLA Recipient is Elizabeth Boulanger. **Catherine Friedman** announced that the Community Warehouse Project workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**President Mickey Hall** congratulated Matt Holliday on his award from the State Capitol. She also announced that Rotary is collecting peanut butter and jelly to be delivered to the food bank.

**President Mickey Hall** reminded everyone that the Rotary International Conference will be held June 23-27<sup>th</sup>. The Pulled Pork Showdown will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> at **Deb Sparre's** home during our regularly scheduled Rotary meeting. The Presidential Induction Ceremony will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Barnaby's. Tickets should be purchased in advanced.

**Deb Sparre** won the 50/50 drawing but did not draw the Queen of Spades.

## SPEAKER REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

**Cristina Combee**, Chair and Founder of the International Service Committee, shared an update on the committee's work. Rotary has a mission to do good in the world. Cristina introduced the committee for recognition of their efforts. The funding for this committee comes from the Chili Cook Off. The committee gets 14.7% of the proceeds of the cook off. The group looks at the various projects for consideration and approval.

We are currently sponsoring a student – Jeniel Jones – who we have been sponsoring since 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She lives in Belize where 40% of the population lives in poverty, average income is \$2.50/day and education is not free. We support her to encourage literacy. She is 15 years old and lives with her mother, father, younger sister and 2 younger brothers. Pathlight is the program that administers the literacy program. Our sponsorship is \$1200/yr which is comprehensive, covering tuition books, uniforms, lunch, supplies, etc. She graduates from school next year and she wants to be a teacher.

**Ernest Zlotolow** updated us on the 3 projects he manages: 1) Vosh International (vision assistance). We collect eyewear that is no longer being used and send them to Horsham HS where the interact club turns them over to a specialist who brings them to Haitian adults and children. 2) CORS – Children's Orthopedic Rehabilitation Strategies. We partner with GMRF Foundation, Powell Foundation and Shriner's Hospital. This project provides surgeries and prostheses for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. 3) TIGRE Project – this is a very poor area of Argentina which is constantly dealing with flooding. The project

improves the lives of destitute children in isolated islands supplying first aid, hearing loss support, drinking water and clean kitchens.

**Carol Hanson** spoke with us about how she and her husband, Dennis Wallace, became involved in Hands Across the Sea. This project delivers books to areas with high illiteracy. Carol and Dennis went to St. Lucia to meet up with other Rotarians to look at 9 different schools to see where they could provide support. Reading and writing proficiency is a significant issue in the Caribbean. Our Rotary group has been supporting 2 schools for the last 2 years and they have gotten other Rotary groups to participate.

We connected with **Andy Keen** via Facebook call to get an update on his work with the Peace Corp. He is enjoying his mission work and the weather, but he misses America. Another American volunteer is coming in the next 3 weeks and he's looking forward to conversing with that person. He has about 10 months left on this assignment. He was asked what his biggest challenge has been so far – he says the hardest thing is how much of a burden you can bear and still smile. Clean water and medical care are both difficult to get. He has to commit to making free time or he would go insane. He says it's been a great experience. Andy is considering graduate school to get a Master's in Public Administration and he should be able to get 50% of his grad school covered due to his service. He will miss being at the Chili Cook Off this year.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by  
**Faith Woodward** at Barclay Friends



### CAROLINA LEAGUE ACTION

The Fellowship Committee presents  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
WC Rotary Night with the Wilmington Blue Rocks  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
Wilmington Blue Rocks (Class A Affiliate of the  
Kansas City Royals)  
vs.  
Frederick Keys (Class A Affiliate of the  
Baltimore Orioles)  
Cost \$37 per ticket  
See Jack Wintermute for tickets

### NEW MEMBERS

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

**Jack Ellis**, Vice President & Market Manager First Resource Bank; Classification - Banking Management. Sponsored by **Bill Friedmann**

**Tim Healy**, Financial Advisor with Janney Montgomery Scott; Classification - Financial Advisor Sponsored by **Matt Holliday**

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.

### SAVE THE DATE

May Bring PB and J for CC Food Bank  
May 24 Happy Hour  
May 29 WC Rotary Night with the Blue Rocks  
Jun 7 Pulled Pork Show Down at Deb Sparre's  
Jun 21 President's Gala

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

### THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Mickey Hall; President-Elect, Bill Friedmann; Vice-President, Matt Holliday; Past President, Bob Rogers; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeants-at-Arms, Catherine Friedman and Debra Sparre; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Brad Abel, Cristina Combee, Catherine Friedman, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Andrew Stump, Glen Sweet, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow.

Dawn deFuria, District Governor  
Alan Simbo, 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  
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P.D.G. '77-78 District 7450

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