



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: February 9, 2017
Meeting Cancelled Due to Snow

Next Week's Program: February 16, 2017
Classification Talk
Speaker: Steve Miersch

MINUTES by Glen Sweet

President Bob Rogers opened the meeting. After the club recited the Pledge of Allegiance, **Sue Greenberg** gave the invocation and **President Bob** presented her with her Paul Harris Fellow +5. **Catherine Friedman, Rich Murray** and newly added songster **Chuck Garfinkle** led us in "God Bless America".

President Bob noted it was Groundhog Day and that Puxsutawney Phil had seen his shadow implying there would be six more weeks of winter. He also noted the groundhog's prediction had 39% accuracy going back to 1887.

Sergeant at Arms **Brad Abel** turned to **Ken Hickman** for the "What Do You Know" portion of our meeting. Ken delivered in style a joke about how the angel came to be on top of the Christmas tree.

There were no visiting Rotarians but many guests. **Mickey Hall** brought her husband, Bob, who is putting in his application for membership. Other guests included Jim Murphy who was introduced by **Justin Sochovka**. Several guests are putting in their application for membership: Christine Hodson (**Bill Friedman**), Brian Fahey (**Paul Woodruff**) and Cynthia Stroup (**Winnie Stroup**). Harry Tashjian (a former member) was also visiting. **President Bob** noted that one of the requirements of the presidential citation was to recruit four members of less than forty years of age and that Cynthia would be the fourth such person for our club.

Happy Bucks: **Bill Friedman** announced a February 24 event of the Exton Chamber of Commerce, "Mixers with Shakes", whose proceeds will benefit Chester County Children. Carl Rhiener was happy for two potty trained daughters. Cynthia Stroup was happy to announce the sixth anniversary of her adoption. **Christine Wildauer** celebrated her father turning 95 and spending the weekend with him in Florida. **Catherine Friedman** happily anticipated her departure on Saturday to Arizona for a visit with Dan and **Phyllis Dunn**.

Christine Wildauer announced that fruit sales were currently at \$3,000. In order to net \$10,000 for distribution to the various non-profits the club needs \$30,000 in sales. She reminded members to put their name on all the order slips. Sales must be turned in by Thursday, February 19. Pickup date is March 11.

President Bob asked members to complete the club survey that had been e-mailed to everyone. February 4 is the deadline for submission. 47 surveys had been received to date. He also spoke about the Soup for Safe Harbor project with the pickup dates of February 16 and 23 at the club. Soup should be in one gallon plastic containers or freezer bags. He noted that **Diane Lemonides** had gone to WCHE to talk about the Soup for Safe Harbor project of our club. Finally, **President Bob** announced that the Souper Bowl fundraiser of the Sunrise and WEGO Rotary clubs will be held Friday evening, February 3 at the West Chester University Alumni Center.

Upcoming events: February 9 – Membership Growth seminar. **President Bob** commended **Chelle Venema** on the excellent job that she is doing as chair of the membership committee. February 16 – Chili Cook Off gathering at Boxcar Brewery on Market Street.

Ernest Zlotolow announced that on January 31, under the CARS program, three children from Nicaragua arrived in the U.S. They will be fitted for leg prostheses at Shriners' Hospital in Philadelphia. Three children from Tanzania are expected in March for hand replacements.

Birthdays: **Sue Greenberg** wished **Fran Luft** a very happy birthday. **Rich Murray** led the group in a happy birthday greeting to **Catherine Friedman**. **Bob Frame** provided a "mini-roast" story for his long-time friend, **Joe Fratoni**.

The 50/50 was won by El Presidente with proceeds dedicated to the Home of the Sparrow.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Matt Holliday

Bob Frame introduced **Matt Holliday**, the Chester County Prothonotary.

Matt started off by relaying an anecdote about President Harry Truman, who during a visit to Pittsburgh was introduced to the county's Prothonotary, and his alleged response was, "What the hell is a Prothonotary?" He was later alleged to have added that it was the most impressive-sounding political title he had ever heard.

Matt then explained that the Prothonotary is an elected Constitutional office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that the position was established in Chester County by William Penn in 1683. The word itself is almost 2,000 years old and is derived from Greek and Latin terms.

He then walked us through the office by describing all the different mini-departments within the organization and what they do. The four counter deputies take in new cases and secondary filings for a large assortment of civil and family matters including but not limited to divorces, custody cases, name changes, medical malpractice cases, protection from abuse orders, car accidents, landlord tenant disputes, eminent domain cases, passports, judgments, and liens.

Matt also explained how civil subpoenas are issued from his office. He covered the jobs of the order clerks who are responsible for docketing Judge's orders and sending them out to the parties involved in the case. A whole slide was devoted to the higher court clerk who is responsible for sending cases up to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth, Superior, and Supreme Court for appeals.

He also covered the duty of the court clerks who work for his office, but do most of their jobs in the court room where they swear in witnesses, facilitate the picking of juries, and take in and keep track of evidence during trials.

There was also a discussion about the office account, who has to keep track of tens of thousands of transactions that produce around 1.5 million annually. She also has to handle hundreds of judicial orders that direct people to place large sums of money in escrow with our office on a regular bases.

Finally, he described a number of his ceremonial duties which include administering the oath of citizenship to all new citizens at each of the County's naturalization ceremonies each year. He also swears in all the County Park Rangers, Assistant District Attorneys, Court Clerks, and any other public official or elected official who requests it.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Katie Martin of DNB First

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 9	Super Seminar – Membership
Feb 16, 23	Soup Drive for Safe Harbor
Feb 19	Fruit Orders Due
Mar 10	RYLA Awards
Mar 11	Pick up Fruit

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School

Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun (610) 344-0205
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