



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: September 13, 2018
Speaker: Chris Tabakian
iHi International

Next Week's Program: September 20, 2018
Speakers: Ken Kline and Steve Bayles
Classification Talks

MINUTES by Chris Feryo

President Elect Matt Holliday opened the meeting and the club joined in The Pledge of Allegiance. **President Bill Friedmann** is in Myrtle Beach

Charles Streitwieser gave the invocation on the theme of Opportunity for Service.

John Boulanger was a Visiting Rotarian. Our guests included: Bill Mullen and Mrs. Lynmar Brock.

Happiness filled the room as **Don Kohler** announced his son will once again be selling popcorn for Scouts, **Faith Woodward** reminded us of Barclay Friends' annual Secret Garden Tour this Saturday from 10-3, **Paul Woodruff** left his phone on the trunk of his car and didn't lose it and **Michelle Venema** announced that Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children was recognized as the United Way Agency of the Year.

Patty Jefferis led the group in wishing **Phil McFadden** a happy birthday.

Days of Yore: On this day in 1985, The Titanic was discovered, 1923 The Club moved to create a Civic Association for charitable appeals (now known as CPC) and in 1974 the club created a task force to determine if West Chester needed another Rotary Club leading to the formation of the WEGO Rotary in 1975.

Announcements: **Chris McCauley** announced that Rotary Readers kicks off at the end of the month and if you are interested in volunteering to see her for more information. **Laura Aloisio** delivered the Chili Moment and informed us about the volunteer opportunities available for this year's Chili Cookoff. See her or anyone on the Cookoff Committee for details.

50/50 – **Allison Snavelly** won the raffle, and the current recipient of the proceeds is Camp Abilities

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Bob Frame introduced our speaker, Larry Leopold from Emmaus House in Aston.

Four years ago, Larry met a woman with a disabled son who wanted to start a place for her son and others with similar needs in Tinnicum. Having achieved the status of Eagle Scout, he wanted to help, so she gave him a list of things to do. After he completed the list, he married her!

They moved their Emmaus House office to Aston, established homes in Swarthmore and Willow Grove and are now searching for a third site.

Jean Bonier of Larch Communities in England was their mentor. These homes, for those with and without intellectual disabilities, are set up with the premise that each person living there can learn from the others. The diagnoses of those in the homes with intellectual disabilities range from Autism to Downs Syndrome to Multiple Diagnoses.

Larry told the story of Marty who had been in traditional settings where he had worn a helmet for protection and had caregivers who guarded him closely. Marty didn't want to wear a helmet nor the belt to his wheelchair to prevent injuries from falling. He wanted to go to concerts and get out into the world. At Emmaus House he found this freedom. When someone like Marty feels accepted, they develop beautifully into fuller human beings.

In the Larch model, a home is a place to live for caregivers and those who need physical help. This calls for creative staffing including assistants and house parents. Volunteers include prayer night volunteers, ambassadors, and housekeepers. Larry

encouraged us to come have dinner with them, to build a community where all can learn to live together. This is an antidote to the inhumanity of our world.

Licensed by the state, thirty people live in each home. The household members serve the community around them as well by cleaning homes for seniors, vacuuming at various places, helping with a horse farm, and other similar tasks.

Please become a part of the Emmaus Home Family by contacting Larry at 494-490-5623.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Jonathan Hankin: Executive Director, Christ Community Church; Classification - Church Executive Director. Sponsored by **Brad Abel**

Gary Green: Retired CEO, YMCA of the Greater Brandywine; Classification - Retired CEO YMCA. Sponsored by **Paul Woodruff**

Bill Mullen: Owner, Bill Mullen Electric; Classification - Electrical Contractor. Sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 14 Chili Cook Off

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