



# 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: August 11, 2016

**Speaker: Kathy Hrenko**  
**Project C.U.R.E.**

## Next Week's Program: August 18, 2016

**Speakers: Barbara Bolton and Eric Kuhn**  
**Classification Talks**

### MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

The meeting was opened at 12:20 by **President Bob Rogers**. We did the Pledge of Allegiance and **Bob Frame** offered the invocation which he called "Internet Wisdom".

Following the invocation, we all sang God Bless America. President Bob shared that it is National Chocolate Chip Cookie day, national IPA day and National Coast Guard Day. Our Sergeant of Arms, **Brad Abel**, told his weekly joke.

We had one visiting Rotarian, John Sailing from the Sunrise Club. We had quite a few visitors. **Marjorie Wentz** introduced her son, Justin, and first time visitor, Melissa Hawes who owns Miles Financial and lives in West Chester. **Shauna Yeldell** brought her son, Matthew, a rising high school senior. **Allison Snavely's** guest was Elle Steinmon, the communications specialist at the West Chester BID. **Laura Aloisio's** boyfriend, Dana Daugherty, accompanied her to the meeting today. **Debra Sparre** introduced 2 guests: Elizabeth Lorentz, successor of Rob Lukens at the CC Historical Society and Malcom Johnstone from the Business Improvement District.

Happy bucks were kicked off by **Judge Paula Ott** who was happy to see **Sue Casso Rogers** here and that her hip surgery went much better than the last one.

John Saling was happy to have a little class at their table today...**Carol Hanson** chose to sit there.

President Bob's TBT was about attendance percentages. In the old days the attendance was in the 81% range and today we tend to average in the 60% range.

**Diane Lemonides** wished a happy birthday to **Rachel Barakat**, her cycling buddy. **Shauna Yeldell**

offered up birthday wishes to **Glen Reyburn**, who is always smartly dressed. **Rob Malone** wished a happy birthday to **Matt Holliday** who is now 31 and serves on almost every board in the area.

Upcoming dates:

Aug 21 - Family Picnic at **Bill Winters'** place from 3-7 pm

Oct 9 - West Chester Chili Cook Off

Nov 22 - Ex-sergeant of Arms Awards

**Katie Martin** made an announcement that shirts are available for sale for the Chili Cook Off. **Ron Ginns** shared a statistic about the Chili Cook Off. He talked about the number of man hours needed to pull off this project... it's about 800-1,000 man hours needed. He recognized the executive team and their area of responsibility:

**Katie Martin** – Marketing, **Laura Aloisio** – sponsors, **Bill Friedmann** – Teams, **Rich Murray** – Vendors, **Mac Neilon** – Logistics, **Sue Casso Rogers** – Administration.

All other committee people were asked to stand and be recognized.

Our Rotary Club service project for August is the Twilight Criterium on Aug 20. They need many volunteers and sign-up sheets are on the table. Please help if you are able. Every volunteer gets a T-shirt and a meal.

Next **President Bob** did his own version of a **Glen Jensen** roasting, clearly payback for the roasting at the Presidential induction!

### SPEAKERS REVIEW by Glen Sweet

**Deb Sparre** introduced Malcolm Johnstone, Executive Director of the West Chester B.I.D. (Business Improvement District). Malcolm began to describe the many wonderful developments and

activities that are occurring in West Chester.

He began with the Chester County Historical Society's (CCHS) Adrian Martinez exhibit that will open in November 2016. The exhibit depicts the world of Humphrey Marshall in the period from 1750 to 1800 using original paintings and historical objects. Marshall Square Park in West Chester was named for Humphrey Marshall who was a Chester County botanist.

Continuing south on High Street one sees the former National Guard Armory which is destined to be a theatre and performing arts center under the guidance of the Uptown Entertainment Alliance (UEA). The Armory opened in 1916 and UEA is planning a December 31 gala opening to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Two hotel developments are in process. The F & M Building at Market and High Streets is to become a forty room boutique hotel. Demolition has started and it is anticipated it is approximately two years until opening. A 120 room Marriott hotel is proposed for Walnut and Gay Streets on the site of the former Rite Aid. Details are currently being worked out with West Chester Borough Council with a time line of two to three years for completion.

New multi-family developments in the Borough include 80 units on East Market Street and 60 units of East Chestnut Street both of which are 100 percent occupied. Chestnut Square, at Matlack and Gay Streets, will have 220 units when it is completed. It is approximately 60 percent rented.

Across the street the West Chester Post Office may be up for sale in which could provide an opportunity for a local food coop.

The former Chester County Court House Annex at 10 North High Street sports four massive stone relief panels depicting various points in history. The BID is hoping to have a plaque placed this year to honor the sculptor, Harry Rosin.

Clydesdales will be in West Chester on Friday, September 2. Historic Preservation awards presented by the West Chester Downtown Foundation will be held on October 20. The Foundation is currently seeking sponsors for the event.

With all this development, the B.I.D. is predicting a total population of 20,000 in the near future for the 1.8 square mile Borough of West Chester.

## THANK YOU

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**Bob Frame** of Coldwell Banker Preferred

## SAVE THE DATE

Aug 21 Rotary Club Family Picnic  
Oct 9 Chili Cook Off  
Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "awards"

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

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)



## ROTARY CLUB FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday August 21, 3 - 7 p.m.  
at the home of Bill and Dorene Winters,  
629 North Church Street

Hamburgers, hot dog and sausages will be provided. Please bring a side dish, snack or dessert to share. Side dishes should NOT require the use of an oven. Also, please bring your own drinks - if you are bringing beer, white wine or anything that requires cooling, bring a small cooler to keep your beverage chilled. Games for all ages will be provided and the Winters have a lovely swimming pool so bring your suits and towels. Rob Malone will be passing around a sign-up sheet at club meetings.

## THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Bob Rogers; President-Elect, Mickey Hall.  
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