



ROTARY ROTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: May 23, 2019
Fiorenza's Food for Friends
Speaker: Derek Fiorenza

Next Week's Program: May 30, 2019
TBA

MINUTES by Pat Baron

President Bill Friedman called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. at the West Chester Country Club and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mark Sammarone** delivered the invocation with a call to recent graduates to pursue lives of honorable service.

- Old friend John Saling was our only visiting Rotarian, but we did have some guests, which included Arlene Adams (in the pipeline for club membership) and Amy Lavin (wife of club member **Seamus Lavin**).
- Birthday honors were bestowed by **Gary Hess** on **Bob Rogers** and by **Matt Holliday** on **Michelle Venema**.
- We had lots of happy Rotarians. **Chris McCawley** retired from the West Chester University library staff after only forty-eight years. **Dr. Bob Poole** was happy to have a new great granddaughter and another on the way. **Steve Quigley** was happy to give a plug for the Barclay Friends annual golf outing on June 10th. **Winnie Stroup** was happy with the musical talents of **Faith Woodward** and the caring services of **Chris Feryo** at Founds-Feryo Funeral Home. **Patty Roos** was happy, but I missed why (I'm sure it was something great, because she got a loud round of applause. Sorry, Patty.) And **Cathy Palmquist** was happy to have attended three Rotary meetings while on her lengthy vacation.
- **President Bill** "looked back" fifty-nine years ago to the introduction to our club of **Dr. Bob Poole** by **Dr. Horace Darlington**. Wow!
- **Glen Sweet** announced that the club has received many items for its live and silent auctions

to be held at this year's new president invocation gathering on June 13th. **Sue Casso Rogers** gave more information about this event, which is greatly anticipated by all, of course, but mostly by outgoing **President Bill**. The event will take place at the Chester County Bar Association from 6 to 8 p.m. It is a BYOB with heavy hors d'oeuvres provided.

- **Sue Casso Rogers** announced that Alex's Lemonade Stand needs help in the month of June. I'm sure that **President Bill** or **Secretary Sue** can point you to the right person if you wish to help this worthy cause.
- Everyone who loves pulled pork (and who doesn't!!!) should make sure to attend the club's "Pulled Pork Throwdown" at noon on June 20th. The normal fifteen-dollar luncheon fee will be collected. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Jim Gasho** won nine dollars in the 50/50, but he failed to pull the winning card for the pot 'o gold
- **President Bill** closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Baron

We enjoyed two excellent classification talks by **Gary Green** and **Seamus Lavin**.

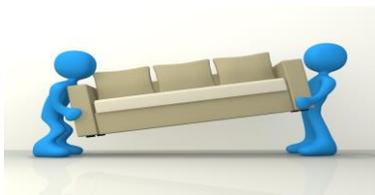
Gary Green was born in Worchester, MA and spent his life in the YMCA system, even learning to swim in the buff as a lad, as was standard back then (Hey, I learned to swim the same way at the Y in my home town, and to this day my wife has to remind me to wear a swimsuit in public. Something about scaring the horses.) Gary attended Springfield College and was the school's disc jockey. He met his wife in Waltham, MA while serving in one of his many jobs in

the Y system. The Greens have four children and four grandchildren. Of course, we all know Gary from his Y service here in West Chester, where he steered the organization to tremendous growth, moving the main building from downtown West Chester to Airport Road. The Y kept the downtown location and eventually made it a satellite facility. Gary retired from the Y in 2010 and has become involved in the Uptown Theater, where he has met many new friends. Now, Gary is a relatively mild-mannered gentleman, but there are hidden depths. He is a car fanatic, racing vintage cars, drag racing, and building and restoring classic cars, such as the '57 Chevy. Who knew?

A graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore and Rutgers Law in Camden, **Seamus Lavin** has his own law practice in West Chester, a town that he loves. This is the second time that Seamus has joined our club. His mentor **Joe Polito** introduced him to our club in 2003, but Seamus was forced to resign after accepting a job that preventing him from attending on a regular basis. Since returning to work in West Chester and getting his own practice off the ground, Seamus has come back to us, and aren't we glad. I seldom have listened to a more heartfelt appreciation for our wonderful community, where Seamus and his wife will rear their three children and ensure that they learn good life values. By the way, Amy recently received her doctorate in education from Temple University. Welcome, Seamus!

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, May 18, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! Click on the link below to sign up. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7



SAVE THE DATE

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| May 18 | Community Warehouse Day |
| June 13 | Presidential Gala |
| June 20 | Pulled Pork Competition |
| July 15 | Rotary @ the Blue Rocks |
| Oct 13 | Chili Cook Off |

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PRESIDENTIAL GALA

This gala event will be held Thursday June 13, 6 - 8 PM at the lower level of the Chester County Bar Association, 15 West Gay Street. BYOB. We will be joining with the new Passport Club as they celebrate their first year and also change officers.

Please give auction item donations to **Glen Sweet** and RSVP to **Sue Casso Rogers** by June 6.

CALLING ALL PULLED PORK ENTHUSIASTS!

The Rotary Club of West Chester will hold its 3rd Annual Pulled Pork Throwdown on June 20th at Deb Sparre's house (1104 Debra Way, West Chester). Come on out at noon for club fellowship and to sample some great BBQ. We ask that you make a minimum donation of \$15. 100% of the proceeds will benefit **Alex's Lemonade Stand**.

Last year's champion, **Melissa "Missy-Q" Baxter** looks to defend her title- but watch out for 2017 champion **Brad "The Big Pig" Abel** who is eager to regain the crown. **President Bill "Dr. Squealgood" Friedmann** has them in his sights.

We still have room for a couple of contestants- if you fancy yourself a Master of the Meat please see President Bill for all the details

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