



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
K.R. Ravindran, International President 2015-2016
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This Week's Program: July 9, 2015

To Be Announced

Next Week's Program: July 16, 2015

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MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

New **Club President Katie Martin** opened the meeting and called on **Deb Sparre** to give the invocation. **Deb** spoke of our Rotary friend **Rob Lukens** who has been fighting a serious health challenge for about two years. She asked for a moment of silent prayer in the Quaker tradition, followed by members reciting the Lord's Prayer with her.

Dennis Wallace was the lone visiting Rotarian, and **Laura Aloisio's** sister, Jessica, was the lone guest. **President Katie** expressed deep gratitude to immediate **Past President Rob Feenan** for his leadership last year, as well as special thanks to **Glen Sweet** and **Bob Frame** for their help at her recent induction. She then, presented **Glen** with a certificate honoring her as *Rotarian of the Month* for June, for her special efforts handling the silent auction at the gala.

President Katie reminded Rotarians of the Rotary information table at the back of the room near the door for information about the club or other news of interest. Only the *Votary* should be placed on individual lunch tables. **President Katie** gave an update on **Rob Lukens**, saying he is now in hospice, and our club is collecting donations in order to present a Rotary check to the Lukens to help with expenses. **President Katie** will send out information on how to contribute to the fund this afternoon, as the previously mentioned donations to our club foundation are not correct.

Jack Wintermute kicked off birthday wishes to **Bob Frame**, "who can sell anything to anyone." **Rob Feenan** gave wishes to that all-around, sergeant-at-arms, chili cook off teams' leader and Rotarian, **Bill Friedman**. **Jeannie McGinn** and Rotarians at her table wished all a happy 4th. To start the festivities off this weekend, they invite everyone to stop by this evening starting at 5:30 p.m. at ? **Linda Hicks** was happy to read about the turnaround success of The Barn at Springbrook Farm, which we have supported in the past. She was also happy to attend the

Nightscape Display at Longwood Gardens and urged all to see it. **Deb Sparre** was happy, professionally, that she did three settlements yesterday, and is buying drinks for everyone (ice tea, of course), and is also happy her daughter is back from Spain and is now looking for a job.

Don Kohler reportedly is happy to have been chosen as chair of the Octorara District Boy Scout Council, and **Cathy Palmquist** was happy to see nice features in the *Daily Local News* regarding the retirements of **Bill Winters**, Founder/CEO of the Collegium Charter School, and **Mel Josephs**, retiring from West Chester University after 40 years. **Cathy** was also happy to celebrate hers and Dick's 54th wedding anniversary. **Glen Sweet** was happy that so many Rotarians donated and bought silent auction items at the gala, raising \$4,900. **President Katie** was happy to celebrate hers and Chris' second wedding anniversary, and **Bob Frame** was happy that **Glen Sweet** has taken over the birthday chairmanship. Also, **Bob** and a friend participated in the recent CC Hospital 65-mile bicycle ride but they got off track somehow and rode 70 miles - and survived! Lastly, **Bob** was happy that we have become such close friends in this club.

President Katie announced the new RI theme is "Be a Gift to the World," and reminded us that Rotary is bigger than just our club. She urged all members to attend at least one District event in the coming year, citing the upcoming Rotary Night at the Phillies on Aug. 4th and a District family picnic in Chesterbrook on Aug. 16th. She also will be passing around make-up sheets each week, and asks that those who attend committee meetings report their meeting attendance. Meetings will count as make-ups.

Laura Aloisio's sister, Jessica, won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Jim Kammerer

Because of the impending Independence Day Celebrations, there was no scheduled speaker for our

weekly meeting. This gave our new president, Katie Martin, an opportunity to thank Bob Frame for his timeless efforts regarding the club's ongoing programs. President Katie also encouraged members to attend upcoming Rotary events such as the "Rotary night at the Phillies" on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. She advised us all to try attending at least 1 local or district club function during this busy summer season

NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Dr. Lawrence Miller retired dentist, Classification - dentist/retired . Sponsored by **Ernest Zlotolow**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

NEW RI PRESIDENT

Before he gives a speech, K.R. Ravindran doesn't like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn't even be reading this article.

Negotiating Days of Tranquility during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen. Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children? He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man," says Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are.

One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, *Be a Gift to the World*, also summarizes his personal philosophy.

SAVE THE DATE

July 8 Club Board Meeting
Aug 4 Rotary Night at the Phillies
Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

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

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Catherine Friedman** of Friends Association

MEMBER CONCERN

As many of you know, one of our fellow Rotarians, **Rob Lukens**, has endured severe health issues over the past couple of years. Unfortunately he is still experiencing some very serious complications and could use everyone's kind thoughts and prayers. Flowers were recently sent to him on behalf of the club and as soon as we learn of additional ways that we can be of assistance and any updates on his wellbeing we will let you all know.

A fund has been set up to help the Lukens family during this difficult time. Send a check to the Lukens family.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to support Rob's family to anyone whom you feel may want to make a contribution.

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