



# 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: December 15, 2016**  
**Classification Talks**  
**Speakers: Jim Magee and Laurene Graybill**

**Next Week's Program: December 22, 2016**  
**Holiday Concert**  
**Chester County Family Academy Students**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Bob** opened the meeting and **Rachel Barakat** gave the invocation celebrating friendship. We then sang God Bless America.

**Brad Abel**, our Sergeant-at-Arms told us one of his famous jokes.

We had several visiting Rotarians- John Saling, Joe Kindle, Phil McFadden, Bill Keen Jr. and Bill Keen, Sr. We had two guests Dan Wilson and Dr. Jim Lewis.

**Jeff Brown** was happy as he saw the movie Hacksaw Ridge also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor. **Bunny Welsh** was happy that 108 children were able to shop with a sheriff. **Andy Keen** was happy about selling his truck and getting tickets to a flyers game. **Cathy Palmquist** was happy about an article in the paper featuring **Bunny Welsh** and Rotary Foundations million-dollar journey. **Phyllis Dunn** was happy about the success of the Holiday Home Tour to benefit the West Chester public library. Joe Kindle is happy about 27 years in Rotary. **Catherine Friedman** is happy about the West Chester Charity Ball and **Mark Sammarone** donating a Christmas tree. **Jen Fiorillo** is happy about three kittens and volunteers needed to assist with pets.

**President Bob** announced the following seminars at the West Chester University Graduate Center- January 26<sup>th</sup>- Gundaker Foundation, February 9<sup>th</sup> - members and March 30<sup>th</sup>-youth services. **Sue Flynn** wished a happy birthday to **Bunny Welsh**. The Rotary Holiday Party will be held at **Rob Feenan's** house December 9<sup>th</sup>. Ringing of the Bells will take place December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve Founds** represented the Rotary Foundation and presented a pin to **Ken Hickman** -Paul Harris plus one.

Second-half Rotary dues are now due. Invoices were emailed to Rotarians who owe second-half dues. Please see that **Sue Casso Rogers** receives your dues by the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Laura Aloisio** won the 50/50.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Glen Sweet

After being introduced by **Bob Frame**, Dr. Lewis began on a seasonal note stating that his Wall Rx product, as seen on "Shark Tank", was the result of a Christmas tree rolling down the stairs and "harpooning" a wall in his home. When he was unable to fix the hole himself, he called a handyman who performed the traditional spackle fix for a mere \$350. That was when he decided he could invent a product to simply repair interior drywall holes. "I can do this; I am a forensic pathologist!"

Many, many holes later, with a shop in his garage, he thought he had perfected the product. He met with an attorney and secured some investors.

Dr. Lewis' wife told him he should try the "Shark Tank" audition in Philadelphia. There was a very long line even early in the morning and he was about to give up when he was persuaded to stay. The group was finally whittled down to 25 people. The group was told they would be contacted if they were to proceed in the process.

Dr. Lewis' Wall Rx was potentially selected for the show. He said there was a three month vetting process followed by three months dealing with the producers of the show over the 90 second video presentation. When it was all said and done, he was given a ticket to the show in Culver City, CA, with the indication that he might possibly get on the show (which he never watched).

In Culver City, Dr. Lewis was selected as a possible contestant. In preparation for the show, there was a

long pre-pitch discussion with the show's lawyers advising Dr. Lewis what he could not do during the filming. He said he had to stand for two minutes without moving prior to the filming. That's a long time! He also said that during the filming the music doesn't play and the "automatic" doors are manned by two people raising and lowering them. But, Dr. Lewis was offered a deal by one of the sharks!

After the program, **Jeannie McGinn** asked Dr. Lewis if the "Shark Tank" deal had materialized. Dr. Lew is said "no", very few deals become reality. Some of the products featured on the show, such as Scrub Daddy, have been on the market for several years prior to the show. It thus becomes a means of marketing the product. Dr. Lewis concluded saying that "Shark Tank" is much more about the show than getting investors for a product.

### NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee would like to propose the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Rotary calendar year. A vote on the proposed slate will take place at the clubs annual meeting on Thursday, December 30.

President- **Mickey Hall**  
President Elect- **Bill Friedmann**  
Vice President- **Matt Holliday**  
Secretary- **Sue Casso Rogers**  
Treasurer- **Tim Walsh**  
Sergeant-at-Arms- **Brad Abel**  
Immediate Past President- **Bob Rogers**

At large board members:

**Rob Malone**  
**Shauna Yeldell**  
**Glen Sweet**  
**Cristina Combee**  
**Dave Barkasy**  
**Laura Aloisio**  
**Michele Venema**  
**Ernest Zlotolow**  
**Andrew Stump**



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### EXCHANGE STUDENT

**Gabriel Bay** from Rafaela, Argentina  
Attending Henderson High School  
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### SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 Super Seminar - Gundaker Foundation  
Feb 9 Super Seminar – Membership



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

### THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

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