



# 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: March 2, 2017**  
**Discussion of the Survey from the**  
**Board Retreat**  
**Led by John Schwab**

**Next Week's Program: March 9, 2017**  
**American Helicopter Museum**  
**Speaker: Bob Beggs**

## MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

**President-elect Mickey Hall** opened the meeting at 12:26. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by **Cathy Palmquist**. February is black history month so Cathy quoted the following famous people: Mia Angelo, Andrew Young, Oprah Winfrey, Martin Luther King Jr, Barrack Obama, Desmond Tutu and Bayard Rustin. We sang God Bless America with **Catherine Friedman's** lead. Sergeant at Arms, **Brad Abel**, told yet another bad joke.

We had quite a few guests: **Tim Walsh** introduced Brandon Smith from Operation Warm, **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Kristin Mitchell and Jenn Smith. **Mickey Hall** introduced her husband, Bob Hall who is in the pipeline for membership and Charlie Strickland who searched us out on the web. Anne Baker was introduced by **Dan Wilson**. Steve Brown was visiting the club from State College.

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Jeannie McGinn** who announced that **Mickey Hall** is going to PETS training tomorrow to do her training for her upcoming position as Rotary President. **John Schwab** was happy to have participated in a polar bear plunge and survived. **Matt Holiday** was pleased to share the pilot "elderly man exchange" ... **Jack Wintermute** was sitting at the young table today. **Patty Jefferis** and WhirlAway Travel are hosting a lunch and learn on Monday, Feb 27 at Restaurant 51 and Home of the Sparrow will be the recipient of the funds raised. **Rachel Barakat** announced that

she has accepted a full time position in Philly and will not be able to continue coming to our club.

**Larry Miller** made an announcement about the trip that he and **Ernest Zlotolow** made to Shriners Hospital yesterday to visit some amputees that we are assisting. **Christine Wildauer** gave the update on the fruit sale. We have raised a little over \$6500 at this point. She has ordered some extra fruit and it comes in on Friday the 10th.

Some important upcoming dates: Feb 23 is the last day for Soup for the Homeless and March 1 is the Rotary District 7450 membership growth seminar being held at West Chester University.

Birthdays: **Jeannie McGinn** wished a happy birthday to her good friend **Marjorie Wentz**. **Chele Venema** wished a very happy birthday to our club's Treasurer, **Tim Walsh**. **Steve Founds** wished a happy birthday to **Chris Franz**.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Patty Roos

As the Resident Theatre Company website states: Don't want to make the trek to New York to see great theatre? You don't have to anymore! Resident Theatre Company (R.T.C.) is bringing New York Theatre to Chester County!

Our speaker was Kristin McLaughlin Mitchell, Founding Artistic Director for the Resident Theatre Company (R.T.C), a professional theatre company located in the Uptown! Entertainment Alliance building in downtown West Chester. Also with her was Jenn Moyer-Smith the

marketing director for R.T.C.

Kristin performed on Broadway in New York City for over 20 years and came to this area when she married her husband. She has performed in national tours and local tours. Kristin along with others felt West Chester would be the perfect spot to bring the arts to the area. Their dream was to mix professional actors with professional local talent.

R.T.C. will have three main stage shows this year and will build to five over the next few years. In 2015, the company launched Broadway in the Borough. Broadway in the Borough performs every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. After the show, everyone stays and meets the artist, shares some wine and conversation along with taking "selfies". They do this in order to build community spirit.

Another part of building community spirit is the fact that the actors will be living in the borough while rehearsing and performing in the shows. Their first performance is Monty Python's Spamalot. Performances will be from March 31st-April 16<sup>th</sup>. Over 800 actors applied for 14 parts.

Several hosts from QVC are coming to perform with four of the Spamalot actors for a RTC fundraiser March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Along with the shows and Broadway in the Borough, R.T.C also has a children's program that currently has 16 teens. Artist Rising Stars go out to senior centers, hospitals and any place where people are not able to get out. For more information or to donate go to [www.RTCwc.org](http://www.RTCwc.org)

### SAVE THE DATE

Mar 10 RYLA Awards  
Mar 11 Pick up Fruit

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

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Matt Holliday** - Chester County Prothonotary

### EXCHANGE STUDENT

**Gabriel Bay** from Rafaela, Argentina  
Attending Henderson High School  
Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun  
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