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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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<p><b>This Week's Program: September 28, 2017</b>  <b>Kennett Symphony Presentation</b>  <b>Speakers; Monica Buffington, Paul Merluzzi, and</b>  <b>Conductor Michael Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week's Program: October 5, 2017</b>  <b>VOSH-Eye Glasses Program</b>  <b>Speakers: Nancy DeLucia, Judy Bergbauer.</b>  <b>and Ernst Zlotolow</b></p>
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### MINUTES by Pat Barron

**President Mickey Hall** called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Matt Holliday** gave the invocation and reminded us that Rotary is a way to make the world a better place. He quoted Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." The group gave a reverential rendition of America the Beautiful.

- We had two visiting Rotarians, including former Rotary Club of Philadelphia Club president and former Rotary International Vice President Lynmar Brock and his beautiful wife Claudie. Reese Reynolds joined us from the Longwood club. We had several guests, a couple of whom were "checking us out" for possible membership. Scout Patrick successfully escorted his dad **Don Kohler** to the meeting.
- **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Abel** was asked by **President Mickey** for words of wisdom. Brad explained the difference between the words "completed" and "finished". He said that when a man finds the right woman, he is completed. When he finds the wrong woman, he is finished...*and when the right woman catches him with the wrong woman, he is completely finished.*
- There were two birthdays to celebrate. **Katie Martin** celebrated **Brad Abel's** birthday, and **Glen Sweet** celebrated **Brendan Smith's** birthday.
- Happy Bucks:
  - ✓ **Michelle Venema** announced September 30: The Home of the Sparrow will have a special event.

✓ November 7: The Home of the Sparrow will host a fashion show. Our own **Laura Alosio** will model! Woo Hoo!

- We had several announcements
  - ✓ October 8: **Bill Friedman** is still accepting volunteers for the Chili Cookoff. **Justin Sochovka** demonstrated how to link the Chili Cookoff to a Face Book page, which would increase the event's exposure enormously.
  - ✓ October 12: The club will hold a joint evening meeting with the other West Chester Rotary clubs. The event will be held at our normal location at the West Chester Country Club, and the cost will be the same fifteen dollars as the charge for our noon meal.
  - ✓ June 23 - 28, 2018: Rotary's International Convention in Toronto.
- **President Mickey** gave the Rotarian of the Month Award to **Mac Neilon**.
- Lynmar Brock won the 50/50 drawing, worth eighteen dollars. But he failed to win the big pot.

### SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

David Houtz presented a District 7450 update. He works with Alan Simbo who is the Assistant District and has been to our Club several times. He shared that several clubs have plans in place to help Hurricane victims. For example the Abington Club is sending Power Boxes; our club is sending cash and another club is sending 2 trucks with supplies.

The District is promoting key club dates including our Chili Cook Off on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>; the all District Project Fair on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Our club has a booth featuring **Ernest**

**Zlotolow** 's work for children needing prosthetics. On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Districts 7450 and 7460 will host a dinner on Women in Rotary. There will be several awards. David mentioned that the current Gundaker budget is \$55,000.

**Don Kohler** introduced **Neil Gutekunst** for his classification talk. Don noted that they are both attorneys – but couldn't be more different. Neil was an attorney in the Marines and is very much a marine.

Neil started by advising all members of the club to never speak to a police officer except to say, "I want a lawyer." There are over 10,000 federal laws that we can break plus state statutes. At one time he practiced criminal law (Did you steal; Better call Neil.) He currently focuses on estate and probate law and manages properties.

He is close to his family including his mother who he had a drink with at Windows on the World on 9/9...just before 9/11. A picture included his wife, brother, sister in law and nieces and nephews.

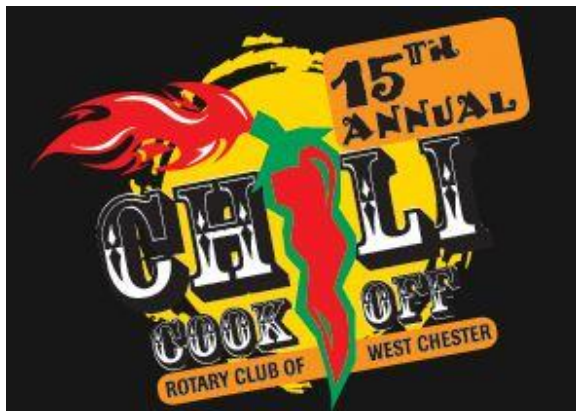
Neil's experience in the Marines as a JAG criminal defense attorney was well represented. He had video of shots fired in artillery school and shots of very large fish caught while camping with other marines.

In his leisure time now, he likes to camp and he makes bacon, beer and bread. He shared a picture of a slab of a huge walnut tree salvaged from a neighbor's yard and the awesome table he made from it.

Welcome to the club, Neil. You bring a long list of skills and talents.

### THANK YOU

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## 2020-21 DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

District 7450 is fortunate to have a deep and dedicated talent pool to draw from for the important role of District Governor.

.A candidate for District Governor must be a member in good standing of a functioning Club in Rotary District 7450, have been a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for a total of seven years at the time he or she assumes the position of District Governor, must have served a full term as Club President during or before 2016-2017; and demonstrate the willingness, commitment and ability (physically and otherwise) to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of District Governor as provided in the Rotary International Bylaws, section 16.090, found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/bylaws-rotary-international>.

Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Joan Batory at [joan@joanbatory.com](mailto:joan@joanbatory.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

Oct 8 Chili Cook Off  
Oct 12 Evening Meeting -Sunrise and WEGO  
Oct 14 District Fair  
Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled  
Dec 15 Holiday Party

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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