



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: September 6, 2018
Speaker: Anne Bradley Leopold
Emmaus House

Next Week's Program: September 13, 2018
Speaker: Chris Tabakian
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MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting. There were lots of happy club members. **Mickey Hall** is happy to learn that she will be a grandmother. **Howard Sundwall**, who has joined the board of the Uptown Theater focusing on the Speaker Series, is happy to announce that Michael DiBerardinis will present on *Leadership in America* on Tuesday Sept 18. **Faith Woodward** is happy to announce that the Barclay Friends Garden Tour and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday Sept 8th and early ticket purchasers will be able to participate in a surprise that gardeners will love. **Charles Streitwieser** won 2 tickets at the Club Auction. Also a winner at the Club Auction, **Phyllis Dunn** enjoyed dinner at the Rogers prepared by chef extraordinaire **Bob Rogers** and his accomplished "Sue" chef. **Sue Casso Rogers** was happy to attend a wonderful barbeque at **Bill and Debbie Friedman's**.

Steve Bayles is very happy that his 14 year-old daughter collected \$11,000 for Alex' Lemonade bringing her lifetime collection to \$215,000. Every non-profit director in the room can't wait to offer her a job when she finishes school. Golfer that he is, **Steve Quigley** is very happy that the two divots recently removed from his head are not cancerous.

President Bill shared history with us. In 1896, Chop Suey was invented and in 1979 the 1st baseball game was telecast. He reminded us of Bill Zwann's recent talk about the West Chester University's football team. In 1979 WCU announced a new Athletic Director, Dick Yoder. For newer club members. Dick was a 35-year member of our club, former mayor of West Chester and had a long term career at WCU. In 1949 our Club held a beard growing contest to support the West Chester 150th anniversary. "Kiss a Bearded Rotarian or Shave a Rotarian." In 2004 **Cristina Combee** joined the Club and in 2017 **Gary**

Hewitt joined/rejoined the Club.

President Bill also announced that the Club had donated \$1000 to purchase school supplies at cost thru **Mac Neilon** for West Chester are school children who otherwise would have none. He reminded us that although West Chester is an affluent community, up to 30% our school children can't afford the basics.

A reminder we shouldn't need: October 14 will be Chili Cook Off day. It's an all Club member event. The Club also needs members to hold down the Club table at West Chester's Restaurant Festival on September 16. Contact **President Bill** if you didn't get a chance to sign up.

Sad news: **Jeannie McGinn's** father passed away. Services will be held Saturday In California.

As a result of the weekly drawings, \$408 was donated to Special Olympics. Camp Abilities was chosen as the new recipient of proceeds. \$37 was taken in on Thursday with \$13 going to the daily winner. **Bob Rogers** had the winning ticket AND he drew the Queen of Spades. He won \$73 from the pot and \$13 for the day. He donated it all tour speaker: Canine Partners.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Terri Edgar

Janet Cooper, Board Member, shared a little with the group about Canine Partners for Life (CPL), a non-profit organization started in 1986 to provide service dogs and home companions to those with mobility challenges.

Janet has served as a volunteer for CPL since 2010, and has been on the board for 4 years. CPL has a 45 acre property in Colledgeville where they train dogs once they turn 15 months, and who excel on all of their evaluations at 4, 8, and 12 months. CPL has a

puppy breeding program, and place dogs in homes and in prisons to get training starting at 8 weeks until 15 months.

CPL is always in need of volunteers to help with their weekend puppy program, cuddle room, to bathe dogs, and take dogs for walks. It costs approximately \$38,000 to raise, trial and sustain a service dog, but recipients who qualify for a service dog only pay a small fee, and CPL does not turn anyone away due to their inability to pay the fees.

While service dogs can be trained to assist humans with tasks and alert for cardiac emergencies, only some dogs have the ability to alert for seizures. Janet recommended those who are interested to watch the documentary, "Adele and Everything After," to learn more about the life of a service animal and the human she helped. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about volunteering, please visit the CPL website at <https://k94life.org/>

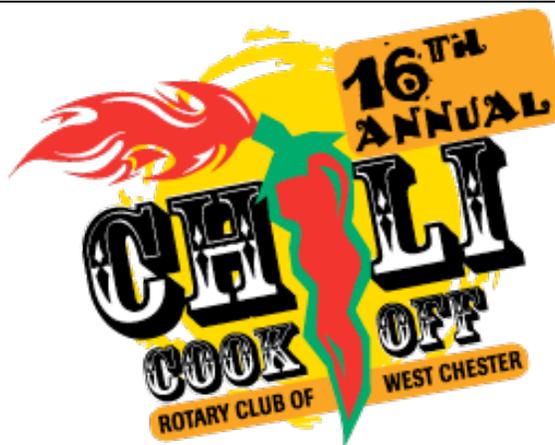
Terri Edgar's Classification Talk on 8/16:

Terri Edgar joined the West Chester Rotary in March 2018. Terri is the oldest of five children, three of whom are adopted. She grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, and moved to West Chester, PA in 2014, after working at the West Chester YMCA for two years. Prior to working at the West Chester YMCA, she spent 25 years working for the YMCA in Delaware. She is currently the executive director of the West Chester YMCA, which is both her work and her passion.

Terri shared a little bit about what goes on at the Y every day, including programs for cancer survivors, those with Parkinson's, MS, reading programs to help battle the summer learning loss, camp for over 200 children each day during the summer, Diabetes prevention programs, swimming lessons, and so much more.

Terri shared with us that she joined Rotary because the mission of the Y is closely connected to Rotary. In addition, her youngest sister, who was adopted almost 40 years ago from India, had polio when she was a toddler in India, and she still suffers some of the effects of the disease. Terri has seen first hand how brutal polio is, and is proud to be a part of an organization that has been and continues to be committed to eradicating polio worldwide.

Terri lives in West Chester with her wife, Tara and her daughter, Reese and their three dogs, Ruby, Prue and Gato.



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 14 Chili Cook Off
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