



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Gary C.K. Huang, International President 2014-2015
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This Week's Program: June 11, 2015

**Speaker: Honorable Jeffery R. Sommer
Legal Update**

Next Week's Program: June 18, 2015

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MINUTES by Mickey Hall

President Rob Feenan called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The invocation was presented by **Joe Polito**. He shared the Paratroopers Prayer which was found on the body of a Lieutenant killed in action July of 1942 during a raid behind enemy line.

Visiting Rotarians: Jeff Brown, Concordville, John Saling, Sunrise, Jim Horn, Longwood.

Guests: **Katie Martin's** guest, Brittany Flynn, **Helen Flanders** guest Terry Edgar, **Mark Sammarone's** guest, Bruce Kettelle, **Wendy Leeper's** guest Justin Sochovka, **President Rob Feenan's** guest Brian Greenstein **Matt Holliday's** guest Justin Cochet, and **Bill Friedmann's** guest Mark Yoder were all introduced.

Birthday Announcements: **Mark Sammarone** shared birthday wishes to **Wendy Leeper**, **Carol Hanson** shared birthday wishes to **Faith Woodward**.

Announcements:

President Rob Feenan announced that **Rob Malone** was the Rotarian of the Month of June.

Carol Hanson presented Lieutenant Jesus Coraleza from the Salvation Army with the raffle winnings in the amount of \$286.00. He thanked our club for these monies.

Katie Martin announced that the Annual Presidential and Board of Directors Induction Celebration and Silent Auction will be held on June 25th.

Rotary Night at the Phillies game on August 4th
Induction of New Members:

Sue Rogers presented the induction of new members Eric Rosle, sponsored by **Mark Sammarone**,

Jeff Brown sponsored by **Mayor Carolyn Comitta**, Justin Sochovka sponsored by **Wendy Leeper**.

Happy Bucks:

Sue Greenberg congratulated **Rob Malone** on a wonderful ARC talent show and her daughter was a top female talent. **Jeannie McGinn** visited the Sierra Sunrise Rotary Club in California and was very happy to be a member of the West Chester Rotary Club. **Wendy Leeper** is happy that her husband Dwight will become a part of the West Chester Rotary in the near future. **Dr. Robert Poole**, is happy about the 2nd graders Rotary Readers program, visiting Rotarian John Saling shared happiness for the 3 Mayors that were present, **Former Mayor Clifford DeBaptiste**, **Former Mayor Dick Yoder** and **Mayor Carolyn Comitta**. **Rob Malone** thanked everyone that attended the Iron Hill fundraiser. **Catherine Friedman** shared her happiness with the graduation of her daughter from High School. Former **Mayor Clifford DeBaptiste** wished himself a happy birthday. **Mayor Carolyn Comitta** wished **Mayor Clifford DeBaptiste** a happy birthday and congratulated the Senior Center and Chester County Family Academy on their shared effort working together.

The 50/50 winner was **Don Kohler**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Laura House Kelly

Dr. Greenstein, professor of accounting at University of Delaware, joined us to give a general summary review of the Affordable Care Act. He acknowledged that the ACA is politically charged and indicated his intention was to give a brief overview of where the act came from the how it has been challenged.

The original theory behind the ACA comes from a shared responsibility assessment: if an individual doesn't have health insurance and goes to an emergency room for care (ERs are mandated to provide care regardless of ability to pay or insurance status), the ER is not reimbursed for that care and the government provides a subsidy. In theory, the assessment determined that people who don't have health insurance should be responsible for reimbursing for that care.

Under this theory, the ACA was passed in 2010 and went into law in 2013. The primary mandate says that individuals must have health insurance or they will have to pay a penalty. In addition, the employer mandate (which has not gone into effect yet) says an employer of 50 or more full-time employees must provide their employees insurance.

In 2012 the ACA penalty fee was challenged. The Supreme Court ruled that the penalty fee is actually a penalty tax and is therefore constitutional.

There is now another challenge being heard – King vs. Burwell. A decision should be made sometime this summer. The issue being challenged concerns subsidies provided to low-income individuals. The ACA intended for each state to set up an exchange where individuals could sign up for insurance and determine if they were eligible for tax credits, or subsidies, based on income. However, only 26 states set up the exchanges. If an exchange is not available, individuals must use a government exchange. The challenge comes from specific language in the ACA when, if perceived a particular way, indicates that if you don't have an exchange established by the state, individuals are not eligible for the tax credit. There are 34 states that do not have exchanges. If the case is won, individuals in those states will not receive a tax credit for their health insurance. Dr. Greenfield indicated that if this were to happen, the system

would eventually implode. By his estimate, there is a 30-50% chance the challenge will be upheld.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Chris Franz of Advent Lutheran Church

PRESIDENT'S GALA AND INDUCTION OF OFFICERS

Remember to bring your scratch off lottery tickets to our Thursday meeting. A lottery ticket tree will be one of the auction items. Also, please complete the auction item donation form that will be on the luncheon tables and return it to Glen Sweet. Your participation is what makes the auction a success!

SAVE THE DATE

June 10 Board meeting –All Invited
June 25 Induction of New Officers and
Presidential Gala

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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