



ROTARY:
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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: November 9, 2017

Speaker: Bryan Brockson
Locust Lane Craft Brewery

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Mickey opened the meeting. After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Laura Aloisio**, filling in for **Jim Gasho** whose dog had just died, gave a touching innovation about pets. We switched our song to "You're a Grand Old Flag".

Sergeant-at-Arms Brad gave his words of wisdom about an ex-wife. Being an ex-wife myself I can't seem to remember what those words of wisdom were!

No Visiting Rotarians

Bob Frame introduced his wife Diane and her mother visiting from Jacksonville.. **Debbie Friedmann** was visiting as was **Jeff Chamberlain** as a visitor of **Brandon Smith**. **Jack Wintermute** introduced Rejean Adrien, his former Exchange student, visiting from Belgium. She is the President-Elect for her KIWANIS club there.

Happy bucks were presented by **Carol Hanson** (new member social hosted by **Phyllis Dunn** was a success and thanks to her committee), **Patty Jefferis** (Operation Warm at Talbots's was great thanks to **Laura Aloisio**, **Brandon Smith**, **Sue Flynn**, **Mac Neilson**, and **Joe Panero**), **Sue Casso Rogers** (she and Bob stopped at Charlottesville on their return from SC and bumped into **Mike Dunn!**), **Bunny Welsh** (*Shop with the Sheriff* will be Dec 2. 110 kids will go to Walmart. Please sponsor a child for \$50 and it will be matched), **Winnie Stroup** (friend George just moved into Barclay Friends), **Rob Malone** (thanks for in club service project,) **Matt Holliday** (this Saturday, Nov 4 Chester County Color 5 K for stopping Opioid Addiction. Donate or participate) **Larry Miller** (*Immaculata* Symphony concert series brochures were shared. Larry plays the

Next Week's Program: November 16, 2017

Classification Talks

cello for this group! Who knew?) **Pat Runyen** (FBI crimes presentation about EQUIFAX Nov 9 at the Crown Plaza through Independence Advisors)

Bill Ronayne wished **Chuck Garfinkle** a happy birthday (can't write what he said in this pristine newsletter), **Pat Runyen** wished **Kyle Rheimer** a happy birthday.

See **Save the Date** for upcoming events.

Announcements:

Bob Rogers - Anyone interested in becoming a board member should let him know in the next week. We need 2 new board members. The Nominees will be posted in the Votary and the vote on Dec 6 will need 1/3 membership present.

Catherine Friedman- sign-up for the Community Furniture Collection was sent around. This will take place at Lincoln Ave in Downingtown. Many jobs are available including inventory, collection pick up. Bed bug remediation equipment can treat all belongings at 150 degrees for 4 hours and will be funded by the Health Department and community funding.

Jeff Brown -Please bring in old US flags so the Boy Scouts can remove the stars to include in the Stockings for Soldiers. Only embroidered stars can be used.

With a standing ovation, **President Mickey** presented **Bill Friedmann** the Rotarian of the Month award for his work on the Chili Cook Off. She then presented the whole committee another Rotarian of the Month award. Next year's Chili Queen **Laura Aloisio** was presented with a crown (from Burger King) 80 volunteers helped make the Chili Cook Off a success this year.

The 505-50 was won by **Bill Winter** but he didn't draw the Queen of spades.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Henson

The Chester County District Attorney, Tom Hogan, gave a presentation on The Opioid Epidemic, Prescription Drugs & Heroin.

Tom Hogan is the Chester County District Attorney. Elected in 2011, Mr. Hogan is the chief law enforcement officer in Chester County. He is responsible for coordinating the investigation and prosecution of all crimes in Chester County and keeping over 500,000 Chester County residents safe. Many facts were presented regarding how the crisis came about, what it is all about, and how to overcome it. In fact, 500,000 people in the US have died of overdoses in the last 15 years. This is more than the amount of casualties the US sustained in WWII. It is the number one cause of death in the US. Pennsylvania ranks 8th nationally in drug related deaths. Both illegal/drug dealers and abuse of prescription drugs are to blame. Some sources say that 70% of the US population is on prescription drugs at any given time citing the overuse of antibiotics, antidepressants and opioids, in that order. Historical trends of the upswing in drug use were cited. Availability is widespread and heroin is very inexpensive. A 2016 study showed that in a five county region, overdoses occurred from 900 being the highest in Philadelphia, to 97 being the lowest in Chester County.

Tom also explained several measures being used to fight the problem of drug abuse and overdose. One is the use of Narcan which is the opiate antidote administered in suspected cases of overdoses. Another is the Good Samaritan Law that generally provides basic legal protection for those who assist a person who is injured or in danger. It seems this law would not only protect medical professionals, but perhaps co-users of drugs who are in the company of the person who might be overdosing. A "warm-handoff program" has begun in some local hospitals where people addicted to heroin will be connected with treatment options, often via the encouragement of a recovered addict. There is also a "hard-handoff" program that is being considered which will give families the option of committing another family member who has overdosed to a treatment center.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Faith Woodward of Barclay Friends

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 18 Furniture Project pickup and delivery
Nov 21 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Awards
Nov 30 District Governor Dawn DeFuria's visit
Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled
Dec 15 Holiday Party

Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

The Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Rotary Toronto Convention June 23-27, 2018

1. The breathtaking Lake Ontario skyline
2. Diversity - 1/2 of the residents were born in other countries
3. A trip to see Niagara Falls before or after the Convention
4. Great food—all kinds including Sushi Pizza
5. The Arts—Toronto is called "The Broadway of Canada"
6. Ease of getting around—Toronto is a walking city
7. Fun Events planned by the Host Organizing Committee (HOC)
8. Hear RI President Ian Riseley and other Rotary leaders
9. Toronto is the "IT City"
10. And most importantly, you'll find
Inspiration Around Every Corner

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