



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: August 6, 2015
Speaker: Matt Chambers
Cross-Fit Proven, Exton

Next Week's Program: August 13, 2015
Speaker: Congressman Ryan Costello
Congressional Legislative Update

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Katie Martin called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The invocation was delivered by **Linda Hicks** who read *A Creed to Live By* which pointed out ways to live our lives day by day.

Visiting Rotarians at the meeting were John Saling and Carol Baker. Our guests included **Bill Friedmann's** wife, Debi, Jane Heller, Larry Miller and Stephanie Claypool.

Today **President Katie's** Throw Back Thursday included a photo from 1971, when our club observed its 50th year anniversary. The photo showed six charter members.

President Katie reminded us of several important Rotary dates in the coming months. August 4th is Rotary Night at the Phillies. August 16th is the District Picnic at Wilson Park Farm in Wayne, starting at 6:30 p.m. September 20th is the West Chester Restaurant Festival. Katie needs volunteers from our club to help administer this event. October 11 is our annual Chili Cook Off in West Chester.

Happy Dollars: **Glen Reyburn** is happy about a new bank position. **Catherine Friedman** is happy about the golf tournament September 14th to benefit Friends Association and the laundry facility for a shelter family. **Phyllis Dunn** is happy to meet Stephanie Claypool from the Church Farm School reason - volunteer opportunities at West Chester Public Library. **Chelle Vemena** is happy because of a visit from her brother. **Mickey Hall** is happy that she spent time with her daughter in Oregon. **Bob Frame** got pulled over for speeding but is happy that the police officer works in a real estate office. **Carol Hanson** is happy she attended 100 Women Who Care.

President Katie announced that Rotary received a thank you letter from the Shelter Box people for the monetary donation which they received from our club.

Jeannie McGinn wished a happy birthday to **Glen Reyburn**.

50/50 **Joe Fratoni** is the winner today but failed to win the big pot, which now approaches nine hundred dollars. The number of cards remaining is in the single digit category so by lots of tickets.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

Bob Frame introduced Reverend Ned Sherrill II, Head of School and gave a brief overview. The Church Farm School founded in 1918, currently has 190 students, 90% board and 25% are international. Ned gave a shout out to **Glen Reyburn** and **Christina Combee** who are great supporters. Ned joined Rotary in Guam and currently supports an Interact Club on campus. John Gillespie and the Central Chester Club present citizenship awards to two students a month.

The school was founded by Charles Westley Shreiner, an ordained Episcopal minister to serve boys of a single mother. Reverend Schreiner himself was raised by a single mother. He was able to purchase a homestead and several small farms. Originally the boys worked the farm and received an education in exchange. In the 1950's the school gained national prominence in write ups in the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest. Charles Shreiner's son and grandson also served as headmasters. Ned is the first non family member Head of School. Today the school offers a group of boys the opportunity for

a college preparatory education who otherwise would not have the financial or social capability. In addition to single parent homes, the school also reaches out to boys whose parents are incarcerated. There are currently 190 students of whom 45% are African American, 23-25% are Caucasian, the remainder Hispanic and Asian. Most students come from Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. The school graduated 35 students in 2015 and is currently phasing out the middle school. 100% of this year's graduates have been accepted into 4 year colleges and universities; one received a Gates Millennium Scholarship and one a QuestBridge Scholarship.

The school provides Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Athletics and a STEAM focus. They added Ethics and Arts to the concept of Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics. The choir will be performing at Carnegie Hall in April 2018. There is a strong emphasis on giving to the community and the students volunteer for animal rescue roles, trail maintenance etc in the surrounding communities. Core Values include: Integrity, Responsibility, Respect and Brotherhood.

The school is funded by proceeds from a land bank and investments and over \$2 million of philanthropy a year. Ned highlighted that the Church Farm School receives contributions from businesses are then eligible for 75-90% tax credits thru the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC.) OSTC credits are also available to support a child from a failed school. The annual Golf Classic is September 25th. Families pay approximately \$4,000 to help with costs of \$57,000 per student.

Ned describes the Church Farm School as a jewel and asks our help in letting its value be known. He would welcome visits. **Glen Reyburn** thanked Ned for his comments

CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of, **Rob Lukens**. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. Plans for a memorial service have not yet been announced.

SAVE THE DATE

- Aug 4 Rotary Night at the Phillies
- Aug 16 District 7450 picnic at the Wilson Farm, Wayne, PA 11AM
- Aug 19 Rotary Happy Hour at Mile High Steak House, Glen Mills, PA 4:30 PM
- Sept 20 Chili Cook Off booth at Restaurant Festival
- Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

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