



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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**This Week's Program: May 9, 2019
Surprise!**

**Next Week's Program: May 16, 2019
Classification Talks
Speakers: Seamus Lavin and Gary Green**

MINUTES by Gary Hess

President Bill rang the meeting to order and **Larry Miller** provided a poem for the invocation. He also mentioned that he felt guilty about 'squandering' a full day at Longwood Gardens recently, even though he's been retired for four years! **Dennis Wallace** from the Sunrise club made a cameo as visiting Rotarian of the week. We had a couple of guests as well. **Phyllis Dunn** introduced Susan Kohler, while **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Arlene Adams. Arlene has already submitted her application. **Bob Frame** introduced our speakers Brigitte ReDavid and Jon Barden, a fellow Penn Stater. Go State! We had a few birthday well wishes. **Carol Hanson** wished **Larry Miller** (here he is again) a happy birthday, while **Sue Casso Rogers** turned around and wished **Carol Hanson** a happy birthday, mentioning something about Yuengling beer. Maybe it's Carol's middle name...Yuengling? Unorthodox, but possible. I just hope she doesn't *drink* that stuff. Yuck!

Happy bucks flowed like Yuengling at a high school kegger. **Faith Woodward** had a bittersweet dollar, having played piano at a service for **Winnie Stroup's** sister. Visiting Rotarian **Dennis Wallace** flopped down some major spinach (\$20), mostly happy that **Sue Casso Rogers** reminded him that it was his wife's birthday, that being **Carol 'Yuengling' Hanson**. He was also happy about his upcoming rappel down a 432-foot building on May 17th. I would do it, despite my debilitating vertigo and crushing fear of heights, but conveniently I'm off to Stockholm that day. **Carol 'Yuengling' Hanson** attended the groundbreaking for the new Barclay Friends, like a "phoenix from the ashes." **Katie Decker** was just happy to be here today, recounting that a large limb fell on the exact spot where she and a group of **Rotarians at Work** had just taken a group photo. Odd that none of the others in the photo were happy

about surviving. We need to reach out to these people and give them hugs or SOMETHING. Some Yuengling? **Don Kohler** was happy about his knee surgery. Now he can get up steps, which is convenient, because that's where the bathroom is in his house. No more peeing on the lawn! Let's see if we can get happy bucks from his neighbors! **Christine Wildauer** got her money's worth out of her dollar. She spent 2 weeks in Italy hobnobbing with the jet set and drinking expensive wine. **Christine Scott** has a new Penn State grad in her household. Go State!

We had a few announcements. **Prez Bill** said that they opened up the team's portal for the Chili Cook Off, and we already had 4 teams sign up. I bet one team was those guys in the grass skirts and coconut brassieres. They have a lotta nerve. I'm sure they go through a couple bottles of Nair getting ready. Who wants chest hair in their chili? Not me. **Glen Sweet** told us to sign up for the Presidential Gala on June 13. This will be a joint gig with the new Passport club. We're going to show those newbies how we drink Yuenglings, right Carol? **Prez Bill** gave us a passel of dates, one important one being the annual pulled pork challenge on June 20. This will be in lieu of the regular Thursday meeting. Check your Votary for other upcoming events!

Joanne Tadeo has assumed the role of club committee coordinator. In her spare time, she will endeavor to keep the list of 32 committees current, along with the chair and members. Thank you Joanne! In the rest of her spare time, she is sometimes found wandering around Longwood Gardens in a guilt-free way, work being but a dim memory of the past.

Finally, **Jesus Corraliza** won the 50/50. Jack Wintermute announced that over the next six months, part of the pot will be shared with "Fiorenza's Food For Friends," sponsored by **Joe Frattoni**. Insert pot joke here.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Bob Frame introduced Brigette ReDavid, screen writer, and Jon Barden, director and film maker who are working on a film about Molly Pitcher entitled "Molly".

They showed a brief "Sizzle reel" that depicted what the film would look like. Since it was difficult to see in our lunch room, it can be viewed at www.themollyfilm.com/the-legend.

Filmed in Glen Mills with re-enactors, the film focuses on a strong female role in the Revolutionary War. The film is being made on a low budget. Brigette was able to procure a cannon from Maryland and British actors from the Main Line.

The film did very well at the 2016 Austin Film Festival and Brigette and Jon were told that there is a potential for an Academy award if all goes as planned. Events will be hosted to raise awareness of the film and to fundraise. The goal is to raise enough money (\$65,000) to hire an "A list" actress for the role of Molly. They are interested in Emmy Rossum for the part.

As the first woman to fight for the army and shoot artillery, Molly Pitcher disguised herself as a man. Her real identity was revealed yet she continued to fight the in the war.

The movie has universal appeal for those who have been told they can't do something (Molly was told as a woman she couldn't participate in the war) and then they prove that they can.

They will film in Philadelphia, Delaware and Chester Counties since it is too expensive to film elsewhere. Most of the film is based on fact beginning with Molly's being raised in Monmouth, NJ. Brigette was told that "no matter what you do, historians will be angry". (My historian husband knew all about Molly and the Battle of Monmouth.)

Brigette and Jon asked for ideas for events, crowd funding, reenactors, and extras. (As the Beatles sang, "They're gonna put me in the movies; they're gonna make a big star out of me.") Right now the script is one hundred four pages and that will run about 104 minutes long. The final film will be under 2 hours, so don't miss it!

SAVE THE DATE

May 13	Rotary @ the Blue Rocks
May 18	Community Warehouse Day
June 13	Presidential Gala
June 20	Pulled Pork Competition
Oct 13	Chili Cook Off

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

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COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, May 18, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! Click on the link below to sign up. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7



PRESIDENTIAL GALA

This gala event will be held Thursday June 13, 6 - 8 PM at the lower level of the Chester County Bar Association, 15 West Gay Street. BYOB Please give auction item donations to **Glen Sweet**. RSVP to **Sue Casso Rogers** by June 6.

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