



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: February 18, 2016
Speaker: Loretta Cohen
4th Annual Cinco de Mayo
Benefit Bike Ride & Walk on May 1st

Next Week's Program: February 25, 2016
Program To Be Announced

MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

The meeting was opened by **President Katie Martin** at 12:29pm and the invocation was given by **Chris McCawley** who read a lovely poem "My Wish for you..."

We had two visiting Rotarians today: Reese Reynolds from the Longwood club and Deena Jones from Glen Mills/Thornbury. There were three guests today: Eric Smith was a guest of **Matt Holliday** and Jim McGee and Nick Branton were both guests of **Chuck Swope**.

Katie's Throw Back Thursday focused on the Fruit Sale recipient, Fame Fire Company and all they do for our community. If every Rotarian can either sell 10 cases of fruit or donates \$80, we will meet our goal of donating \$10,000 to Fame.

Important dates coming up are:

Feb 21 - Fruit sale ends; Feb 25 PETS Training; March 3 Soup of the homeless; Mar 5 Fruit Sale pickup, April 2 WC Rotary Board Retreat

Katie explained an exciting development in our ability to send a Rotarian to the International Convention in Seoul Korea which takes place May 27-June 1. Between the District and our club, we are able to support a Rotarian between the ages of 19-40 with \$2000. If interested, please contact **President Katie**.

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Linda Hicks** who was happy to be on a cruise with her husband last week. She shared that there was a belly flop contest and she was shock to see **Tom Mann** competing. He actually placed 2nd in the contest... small world. **Faith Woodward's** daughter just announced her engagement to a wonderful guy. **Cristina Combee** was happy to host her mother's 100th birthday celebration. **Mark Sammarone** gave a happy buck to announce a Corporate Champions breakfast on March 17th at Fame Fire Company. **Steve Quigley** announced that **Dick Yoder** and **Bill Gotwals** are both at Barclay Friends now. **Rob Malone** announced that WCU has 2 events coming up... unlimited Pinball on Feb 21 and a murder

mystery in April with an 80's prom theme.

Joe Fratoni was wished a happy birthday by **Jim Kammerer** and **Matt Holliday** wished a happy birthday to **Tim Walsh**.

There were two announcements: **Bruce Beadle** has a block of tickets for 1776 at the Media Theatre on April 13 (opening night). See him for tickets if interested. **Bill Ronayne** shared that he went to the Longwood meeting this morning to ask for support of the Fruit Sale. In exchange for their support he agreed to announce their Polar Plunge on Sat, Feb 20th. Please consider joining him.

Sue Casso Rogers inducted five new members: **David Reinfeld** sponsored by **Michelle Venema**, **Allison Snavely-Villano** sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**, **Barbara Bolton**, sponsored by **Michelle Venema**, **Eric Kuhn** sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**, and **Paul Clough** sponsored by **Dan Cosgrove**.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Laura House-Kelly

Classification Talk by Andy Keen

Andy grew up in Coatesville and is pleased to be the youngest West Chester Rotarian at 23 (although he turns 24 on Sunday 2/14). He attended Church Farm School and describes it as one of his most memorable life experiences - it was here that he developed a passion for community service. After graduating, he attended Elon University in North Carolina, majoring in Political Science and Public Administration and participated in Habitat for Humanity. He also did a study abroad program in Copenhagen; another influential experience that led him to rotary. While his success at learning the language was pathetic (his host family suggested he just give up trying!), he learned much of Denmark's social values and practices that he continues to admire.

Despite his father's urging to attend law school (a much too serious endeavor, according to Andy), he instead is following in his mother's footsteps as a real estate broker. Andy is a buyer's broker and has found a key to success: "D" You just have to talk a lot -people love it if you just keep talking! "

When he's not talking and showing houses, Andy enjoys spending significant time outdoors cycling, rock climbing, hiking, practicing archery and shooting. His two siblings and his parents enjoy cycling together and recently biked from Philadelphia to Atlantic City for the MS ride. He also practices yoga regularly, loves to cook, and recently began keeping chickens. His chickens are just a first step towards his dream of creating permaculture.

Andy also LOVES cars. He owns a truck and a 1976 corvette. He is a self-described car geek and invites anyone to geek out with him. Welcome Andy, and happy birthday!

Classification Talk by **Larry Miller**

Larry joins us after retiring in April from a 40-year career in dentistry. He grew up in Audubon, in southern New Jersey, and describes his childhood as the idyllic 50s experience. There were no malls, no school busses –he and his sister walked to school everyday and kept themselves busy with piano lessons –Larry played for his church choir, scouting, sports –Larry was on the tennis team, and marching band.

They were also quite the entrepreneurs: they built a recycling business together and earned money in the neighborhood by cutting lawns. When he was older, he got a job as a deli clerk at the local A&P. Shortly after being threatened not to join the union, Larry proudly joined the Meat Cutters Union. Music has played a significant role in Larry's life. In addition to the piano, Larry learned to play the Glockenspiel. When he went to college at Franklin and Marshall, he took his passion for music with him. He majored in Biology and German and continued to seek ways to keep music in his life: he was the accompanist for the school choir and started an a cappella group. That a cappella group remains vibrant today.

After graduating from Franklin and Marshall, Larry attended dental school in New Jersey and then moved to Paoli. His wife is part of the Delaware Symphony and they have 3 children: 2 daughters, a realtor in Boston and a designer for a civil engineering firm, and a son who is a student at Temple. Welcome Larry!

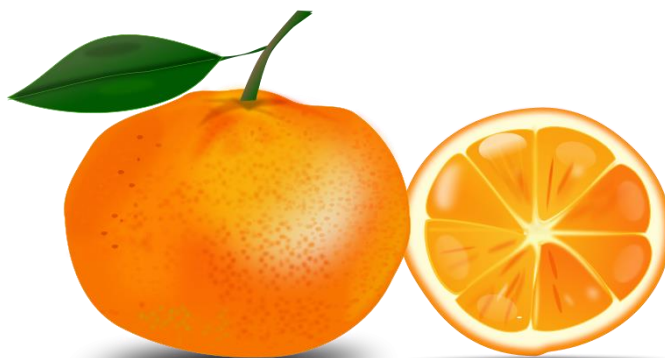
SAVE THE DATE

Feb 21	Last day to sell fruit
Mar 3	Soup for Safe Harbor
Mar 5	Fruit pick-up
Apr 2	Board Retreat
Apr 5	District 7450 at the Sixers
Apr 13	Rotoplast at the Media Theater

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

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Mark Sammarone** of Arthur Hall Insurance



This year's fruit sale will benefit **Fame Fire Company**.

You can also purchase fruit and donate the fruit to the West Chester Food Cupboard or West Chester Senior Center - indicate when you select Seller

You can purchase your fresh and delicious fruit on line or by check/cashyourself. **Click Here to order**

The fruit is scheduled for pick up on Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m at A. Duie Pyle, Lincoln & Garfield Ave, West Chester
Deadline for orders online is February 21.

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