



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: February 7, 2019
Speaker: Tom Gervasio
Bio-One of Chester County

Next Week's Program: February 14, 2019 ♥
Speaker: Jim Christ
Paoli Battlefield Preservation

MINUTES by Charles Streitwieser

Mark and Ellen Morun received our Honorary Rotarian Award for 2018 for their support as host parents of 27 exchange students over the past 15 years! They currently host Gaspar Vigneaux Poirot from Santiago, Chile.

Derek Chandler, prospective member was a visitor sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**.

Debby Ferry, a fellow real estate professional, visited as a guest of **Deb Sparre**.

Bill Ronayne announced that on May 17th, there will be another chance to rappel 30 stories of the Commerce II building in Philadelphia to raise funds for Outward Bound.

Rob Malone announced details of the minutes of our club program to talk about PR. His PR committee is seeking more members who will focus on developing new social media platforms, future club events and a new 'elevator speech'.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

We had the opportunity to hear from Gaspar Vigneaux Poirot, our exchange student from Chile who's staying with Mark and Ellen Morun. Gaspar spoke highly of Chile as well as of the USA as he's learned a ton and grown a lot as a person through the Youth Exchange Program. He showed us the flag of Chile which consists of two equal horizontal bands of white and red -

White representing their snowy mountains (The Andes!), and red for their blood shed fighting for freedom. The Blue represents their blue sky.

Chile is the "most extensive and narrowest" country and they're most famous for the Andes mountain range, their dry deserts and their 500 volcanoes! In addition, the 1960 Valdivia Earthquake is the most powerful ever recorded - it lasted approximately 10 minutes! The population in Chile is about twice that of Pennsylvania and their capital is Santiago. They also have the tallest building in Latin America.

Gaspar has a twin sister as well as another sister and brother. They have 6 dogs and 2 cats! He enjoys Skiing, boy scouts and volleyball. He's appeared in 2 TV shows! One was a drama in 2011 and a comedy in 2014. He's been to the UN General Assembly with his K-12 Montessori school - which had roughly 500 total students. He now attends Henderson HS and lives with the Morun's. His brother lived with a family in Los Angeles via Rotary and his sister lived with a family in Wisconsin. They've gained tremendous insight about themselves and other cultures. At the end of the presentation, Mark & Ellen Morun were given the Honorary Rotarian Award as Gaspar is the 27th Exchange Student they've housed! Incredible! Thanks for you all you do!

CONDOLENCES

The members of the Rotary Club of West Chester express condolences to our member, **Laura Aloisio**, on the loss of her father. Laura and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

SELL FRUIT



SAVE THE DATE

- Feb 16 Community Warehouse Day 9 to 2 PM. Volunteer through Jeannie
- Feb 17 Website closed for fruit sales
- Feb 18 Last day for fruit purchase
- Mar 2 Fruit pick up Check out the Rotary

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

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