



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 John F. Germ, International President 2016-2017

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This Week's Program: January 12, 2017
To Be Announced
Meeting at WC Area Senior Center
530 E Union St, West Chester, PA

Next Week's Program: January 19, 2017
Speaker: Pay Runyen
Classification Talk
At the country Club

MINUTES by Pat Barron

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the sparsely attended group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Faith Woodward** gave the invocation, a prayer written by a Rotarian that calls for peace arising from ourselves first, then through our Rotary club, finally throughout the world. **President Bob** then led us in singing God Bless America.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad** was asked by **President Bob**, "What do you know?" Brad said he didn't know much except that his imaginary (we hope) friend is in jail. I'm sure we'll hear more about Brad's imaginary friend in the future.
- We were honored by visiting Rotarian John Saling, who leaves shortly to winter in "the South".
- We had several guests. **Pat Barron** introduced the other grandpa to his grandchildren, Dr. Nik Bednarski of Camarillo, California. **Elizabeth Guman** introduced Rachel Coley of Strategic Arts and Consulting. **Mickey Hall** introduced Lindy Powers of Headshots, a photographic studio. **Matt Holliday** introduced Kyle Reiner, who is in the Rotary pipeline.
- Many folks were happy. The most memorable were:
 - ✓ **Katie Martin** was happy and thankful for the support she and her family received from fellow Rotarians following the passing of her father.
 - ✓ **Dr. Poole** advised us that each week we Rotarians actually offer two prayers. The second is contained in the patriotic song, God Bless America, by Irving Berlin. Berlin's prayer is a seldom read preamble to the well-known song, which **Dr. Poole** read us. Very moving.
- We had no birthday celebrations this week, but **President Bob** played the "Today is your birthday!" song, nevertheless. He likes it, and it is embedded in his PowerPoint presentation anyway.

- We had several announcements:
 - ✓ The West Chester Country Club will be closed next week and the following week; therefore, our club will meet at the West Chester Senior Center on January 5th and 12th.
 - ✓ Our foreign exchange student Gabriel needs a host family for next semester. The host family must reside in the Henderson High School district. If you or anyone you know would be interested in being a part of this rewarding experience, please contact Marjorie at marjorie_wentz@yahoo.com
 - ✓ **Katie Martin** informed us that we could not vote on confirming the list of Rotary officers for the 2017/18 year, because we did not have a quorum. (I told you that the meeting was sparsely attended!) Therefore, the vote was postponed until next week.
 - ✓ **Cathy Palmquist**, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, needs our cooperation. In order to get maximum exposure for all the good works that we do, please do not contact the press directly about your Rotary volunteer efforts, but go through Cathy and her committee. They are more likely to obtain coverage by supplying pictures and text to the appropriate people.
- **Laura Alosio** won this week's 50-50, worth \$11, but she did not win the pot o' gold.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Elizabeth Guman

Denise Wine introduced our speaker for the day, Michelle Legaspi Sanchez, the Executive Director of the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls (CCFWG). Denise and **Judi Bell** serve on the board of the CCFWG.

Michelle began with an overview of the organization. The mission of the CCFWG is to lead and unite the community through philanthropy and advocacy to ensure that women and girls have the resources and opportunities to thrive. They do

programming in three areas. First, they have provided over \$2 million in funding to local nonprofits since their inception in 1996 with a community-based grants advisory group. Second, they lead a Girls Advisory Board that makes decisions for a pool of funds, giving them the opportunity to learn about philanthropy and have their voices heard in a very tangible way. Third, they take catalyzing action which includes convening and producing research reports. CCFWG's third Blue Print Report was published in 2015. It was the third in the series, with the first report coming out in 2005 and a second update in 2010. The goal of the report is to provide a current state view of the issues surrounding women and girls in our community. The report is based on three types of research: focus groups, surveys of their nonprofit partners and secondary data of publicly available reports. The results are reported in 7 areas: Employment and Earnings, Work and Family, Poverty and Opportunity, Reproductive Rights, Health and Well-being, Violence and Safety, and Political Participation.

Michele then shared a few highlights of the report with us. Two of five single mothers in Chester County live below the poverty line. Child care costs exceed 40% of the median annual income for single mothers. And 33% of 3-4 year-olds have no access to high quality pre-K. She shared some information about women in politics and we learned that women are underrepresented on councils and boards in Southeastern Pennsylvania, holding only 25% of the elected seats.

There has been progress over the past 10 years including a 2% rise in the number of women with health insurance, a 3% rise in the number of women-owned businesses, and an 8% rise in the number of women earning a bachelor's degree.

The questions focused mostly on Michelle's information on the wage gap. In Chester County women earn 73% of what men earn. One way CCFWG is working to address this complex issue is by supporting girls to consider the STEM fields of study (science, technology, engineering and math) which often have higher paying jobs. They also support programs that help women improve their negotiation skills, another factor among many, that has been found to contribute to the wage gap.

There is more information from this report that helps us understand important issues in our community. Please go to www.ccwomenandgirls.org to the Research tab under Our Work.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Tim Walsh of YMCA of Greater Brandywine

FROM DISTRICT 7450

It is with great sadness that I share with you the passing of John "Jack" Grant, Past District 7450 Governor in 2008-2009 on December 31, 2016 at the age of 88 years old.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Neil Gutekunst: Attorney- Main Line Defense,
Classification: Attorney Sponsor - **Don Kohler**

Dan Wilson: President - Touching Hearts at Home,
classification: Home Health Care

Sponsor - **Joe Fratoni**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School

Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun (610) 344-0205
416 Chrislena Lane, WC, PA 19380

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 Super Seminar - Gundaker Foundation

Feb 9 Super Seminar – Membership

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

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