



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: June 29, 2017

Next Week's Program: July 6, 2017

Passing of the Gavel from President Bob Rogers to President-elect Mickey Hall

To Be Announced

**MINUTES/SPEAKERS REVIEW
 by Cathy Palmquist**

Last Thursday evening, the Rotary Club of West Chester participated in an event that was being replicated in over 35,000 Rotary Clubs around the world – the induction of new club presidents and boards of directors. And, as was probably true in other clubs, West Chester's event took on a happy mix of business, good fellowship and fundraising. Nearly 60 guests, Rotarians and their spouses/significant others, enjoyed cool beverages and appetizers on the outdoors deck at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, as they greeted friends and perused the interesting silent auction offerings. Interestingly, as though a dress code had been sent out, many ladies showed up in black and white outfits - **Diane Lemonides, Winnie Stroup, Christina Combee, Catherine Friedman, Linda Hicks, Joanne Tadeo, Glen Sweet, Faith Woodward, and Judi Bell. Sue Casso Rogers, Judy Curtin and Debi Friedmann** defied the black and white "theme," wearing bright orangey red summer frocks. Not to be outdone by the women, **Dwight Leeper, Tim Walsh** and Rob Sparre all sported snappy looking bowties. Dwight's was an official Rotary bowtie!

After placing their bids on desired items, everyone moved indoors for a flavorful buffet dinner, followed by the pledge to the flag lead by **Sue Casso Rogers**, Mistress of Ceremonies. A thoughtful invocation about opportunities and challenges was given by **Bob Hall**, husband of our incoming president **Mickey Hall**. He closed by imploring us "to give our best always." Sue then introduced important members/guests,

including Legislative District Representative and former mayor **Carolyn Comitta**, County Prothonotary **Matt Holliday**, newly inducted District 7450 Governor Dawn deFuria and her husband, PDG Russ deFuria, **PDG Bob Poole**, who was awarded a special service award at the recent DG induction, **PDG Charles Streitwieser** and his wife Leslie, and **PDG of District 7510 Dwight Leeper**. She also asked all past club presidents and district governors to stand, of which there were several. Sue extended sincere thanks to **Glen Sweet** for again putting together the interesting auction, and to **Christine Wildauer**, who provided the lovely yellow and blue floral arrangements on each table.

Noting that our club has a number of members with unique talents, Sue introduced our entertainers for the evening, our own **Catherine Friedman** and her accompanists, Rob Sparre on keyboards and Cooke Harvey, bassist, who entertained us with toe-tapping jazz numbers. Catherine dedicated "My Funny Valentine" to outgoing **President Bob Rogers** and "Unforgettable" to both Bob and incoming **President Mickey**. Catherine, a trained opera singer, seemingly transitions easily from opera to popular to jazz numbers.

Sue then introduced our gifted auctioneer, **Bob Frame**, who annually elicits significant funds for the live action items. This year's items featured a special fly fishing trip on a private lake, donated by **Dave Wood** and his wife, the popular dinner with the Rogers (they ended up donating two!), a sail on the Chesapeake with the Halls on their boat, and a poolside barbeque with **Bill and Debi Friedmann**.

After all the fun, District 7450 Governor deFuria conducted the installation of board directors and our new president, Mickey Hall. In addition, all past club presidents were called forward to engage in the "passing of the gavel" ceremony, initiated last year by **Dwight Leeper**, which is becoming an annual favorite. DG Dawn gave a thoughtful challenge to the board and new president, thanked the past presidents she has worked with from ours and other clubs, and urged members to fully support their new president and board.

After some "hems and haws" Bob pinned Mickey with the president's pin, and Mickey pinned Bob with the past president's pin, and presented him with a commemorative gavel plaque. After a short acceptance speech, Mickey presented **Bob and Sue Rogers** with a basket of goodies for their year of service to the club.

DUES

You should have received the annual Rotary Club dues bill of \$230.00, payable in full or in 2 installments of \$115.00 payable in June and December. Payment is due on or before July 1.

Very important - Due to a change in the way we are billed by Rotary International and District 7450, anyone not planning to continue their Rotary membership must notify me by June 23 in order to avoid a financial obligation for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Our club will be billed for anyone appearing on our roster as of July 1.

Any questions – contact **Sue Casso Rogers**

SAVE THE DATE

July 1 Dues are due
July 26 Rotary Night at the Phillies

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

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President, Bob Rogers; President-Elect, Mickey Hall. Vice-President, Bill Friedmann; Past President, Katie Martin; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeant-at-Arms, Brad Abel; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow.

David Haradon, District Governor

Bronwyn Martin, Assistant Governor

Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450

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



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