



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: January 28, 2016

**Special Celebrity Rotary Speaker
Classification Talk
Speaker: Andy Keen**

Next Week's Program: February 4, 2016

To Be Announced

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Club President Katie Martin opened the meeting. **Brad Able** gave the invocation, reading some quotes from the late David Bowie, singer/musician. Then, **President Katie** asked the country club servers to come forward as she thanked them on behalf of our club for their good work each week when we are eating and meeting.

Pam Leland, our guest speaker and executive director of The Hickman, was the only visiting Rotarian. Guests included Lee Ann Sullivan, new development director at Barclay Friends, introduced by **Carol Hanson**, Allison Snavelly-Villano, who is in the membership pipeline, introduced by **Bill Ronayne**, Paul Cloush, in the membership pipeline, and Matt Schrader, introduced by **Dan Cosgrove**, and Miriam Reid, introduced by her mother, **Sue Greenberg**.

For Throwback Thursday, **President Katie** noted a regular Thursday Rotary meeting was canceled in 1958 due to a blizzard. In other announcements, **President Katie** noted that **Bob Rogers** is preparing to head out for PETS (incoming presidents) training soon, and that the annual board retreat will be April 2nd, with a reminder for members to submit items to her they would like the board to consider.

Sue Greenberg kicked off Happy Bucks by saying that when she returned recently from a trip to Israel, she had a message that her daughter had undergone an appendectomy, but is doing well. **Paula Ott** was happy that **Bill Ronayne** was able to put in new heating/AC

systems in the four properties that she and Ray own that all went out at the same time.

Carol Hanson had the pleasure of wishing **Bill Ronayne** a happy birthday. **President Katie** also thanked **Bill** for running information about our fruit sale in his DLN ads. **Steve Quigley** wished birthday greetings to **Bob Poole**, who responded that should anyone bring him a birthday cake, they need to watch out for their eyebrows. **Jack Wintermute** noted that **Ken Hickman** had a birthday in December, but **Jack** couldn't find anyone to wish **Ken** greetings. **Jack** also added that doctors did a great job of getting **Ken's** body back to normal, but not his face. Then, in all seriousness, **Jack** said he hoped to be able to wish birthday greetings to **Ken** for many more years. **Phyllis Dunn** wished birthday greetings to **Laura Alosio**, saying **Laura** is one of the sweetest and hardest working club members.

Mickey Hall reminded members we are in the second week of our four week fruit sale. So far, just six folks have put in fruit orders, she and **Christine** being two of the six.. Deadline for orders is Feb 21st, pickup date is March 5th. There are flyers available regarding our fruit sale recipient, Fame Fire Co. **Mickey** also asked us to keep **Christine** in our thoughts and prayers, because **Christine** had to say goodbye to her faithful companion, Dakota.

Bob Frame expressed thanks for all the members who have been giving him names of meeting speakers.

Shauna Yeldell won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Pam Leland, Executive Director of The Hickman spoke to us about their expansion project. Several members of our club have been involved with The Hickman through the years, **John Schwab** was the Executive Director of 28 years, **Shauna Yeldell** and **Deb Sparre** are currently on the board and **Linda Hicks** is a former board member.

Now licensed as a Personal Care Home, The Hickman was founded by Quakers in 1891. Committed to affordability, entry fees are not requested and residents in financial need can tap into their financial assistance fund.

Sharpless Hall will be coming down and the replacement architectural design that was approved is a three-story, gabled roof building that will fit into the neighborhood. The new building will include 71 residences with the first floor devoted to those needing secure dementia care. This level of care requires a higher ratio of staff to residents. Every 67 seconds someone develops Alzheimer's disease but only 45% are told of the diagnosis.

Pam shared some "fun" facts with us that were sobering, in 2015 various dementias cost \$226 billion and by 2050 will be \$1,1 trillion. Caregiving by family members was valued at \$217.7 billion in 2014.

The Hickman's plans for demolition met some opposition from those who felt the building had historical value. Rather than going to court, the group worked through collaboration and some help from **Carolyn Comitta**.

The land ownership also provided some challenges so an overlay amendment was established with the West Chester Friends School and West Chester Friends Meeting who share the "Quaker Block" with them.

Rather than displace any of their residents, The Hickman worked on an 18 month attrition plan that permitted them to move the last nine residents to the main Hickman building.

Demolition will be in the spring, construction in the summer, and completion by July 2017 is estimated.

Pam answered questions from the group about dementia, Personal Care versus Assisted Living, and the waiting list at The Hickman.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 21	Last day to sell fruit
Feb 25	P.E.T.S. training
Mar 5	Fruit pick-up
Apr 2	Board Retreat

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

NEW MEMBERS

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

Patrick Runyen - Independence Advisors LLC
Classification - Wealth Manager

Sponsor - TBD

Eric Kuhn- Pillar Real Estate Advisors,
Classification - Real Estate Agent

Sponsor - **Jeannie McGinn**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

THANK YOU

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