



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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Program: August 1, 2019 A Four Way Test of Supervised Injection Sites Speaker: Kenneth Ching	Program: August 8, 2019 West Chester Rotary Chili Cook Off Updates
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MINUTES by Fran Luft

Matt Holliday opened the meeting and gave the invocation.

Bob Rogers introduced the lone visiting Rotarian Bruce Kirk. He also introduced our visitors Claudie Brock, Yolanda Vanderkrall, Arlene Adam, Doug Meis, and Bruce Kirk and his daughter Brianna.

No one had a birthday to celebrate.

Happy Bucks: were given by **Steve Brown** as the football training camps have opened and he is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan. **Catherine Friedmann** is happy that comedian will be on stage Saturday night at the Uptown Knauer Arts Center. **Chelle Venema** is happy that her brother has retired from the Navy and her niece has graduated from high school and will attend Princeton. **Mark Sammarone** is happy his car is spotless inside and out due to **Laura Aloisio's** company, Dare Automotive. **Bob Poole** is happy he has a newfound friend, Brianna. **Chris McCawley** is happy as she received an email from Bruce Beadle, he sends his greetings and is traveling worldwide. Bruce Kirk is happy as this is the first Rotary Club meeting his daughter has attended.

Mac Neilon reminded us to sign up for the club service project to help at the Benchmark Criterium from noon to 11 p.m. August 10th. **Brad Abel** announce there will be a Chili Cook off meeting at his office August 5th. **President Matt Holliday** announced that **Past President Bill Friedmann** selected two individuals as Rotarians for the month of June - **Lynn Childs** and **Glen Sweet** for their work on the Gala.

The 50/50 was won by Doug Meis, who is considering membership in our club.

President Matt closed the meeting with a quote by Mother Teresa.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

District Attorney Tom Hogan and First Assistant DA Michael Noone described to us the issues involved in School shootings. It can happen anywhere.

Looking at the statistics, we have 325 million people living in the US and an underestimated 360 million have guns. Twelve of those present at our meeting possess guns. Several of the audience had never even touched a gun, so Tom asked for a volunteer to come hold a handgun. **Ebbie Alfree** volunteered and he said, "It doesn't feel good [to hold a gun]. It's heavy." These guns are designed to kill people. Firearms last a long time, even a gun buried for 50 years can be dug up and used. When the second Amendment was drawn up, having a gun was important. None of us expects it to be repealed in our lifetime.

It's crucial not to mention the name of the shooter in a school shooting because notoriety is what the shooters are seeking. Two types of shootings occur, one is a targeted shoot wherein killing a specific person is the goal. The other shootings are Active shoots. These individuals simply want to kill a lot of people. If they have a grudge, they usually go to their own school to kill, if it's not their school, it's usually because school children are easy targets.

The active shooter is usually a male ranging from ages 15-19 and 35-44. The teenager suffers from raging hormones and the adults may have lost a job, experienced a divorce, etc., all making him feel like a loser.

School shootings are increasing by 3-5% each year. Reasons are copycats, desensitization to violence through video games, etc, social media, pressure on kids nowadays, and others reasons are still be researched.

The DA gets about 1000 tips about potential shootings each day but most are not real. Shootings can be stopped at any phase:

1 Fantasy stage. 2. Planning stage (lookup blueprints of school and how to make weapons on the Internet.) 3. Preparation stage, (drive to and walk through school.) 4. Approach stage 5. Implementation. Tom's advice to everyone is, "If you see something, do something"

Prevention is the work of the Department of Precrime Their motto is, "If we succeed, you'll never know our work. If we fail, you'll never forget our names." A responsible parent monitors social media of kids, checks their kid's phones, checks their kids' rooms, monitor their behavior, and locks up firearms.

Preparation by schools include:

- A dedicated resource officer at the school,
- Hardening the facility to make it difficult to get into the school,
- Have an assessment by the police department,
- Train everyone,
- Gather information and keep open communication between teachers and students.

The video that Tom shared showed what an officer does when he/she gets to the school, they listen for screams and shots, go and neutralize the threat. For the rest of us, we're to try to run, if that's not possible hide, if that's not possible, fight.

Let's hope we never have to deal with any school shootings.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, August 17, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign up, click. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7



THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Laura Aloisio of Dare Auto

SAVE THE DATE

Aug 10 Service project: Benchmark Criterium
Aug 17 Warehouse Project
Oct 13 Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
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