



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: August 20, 2015**  
**Speaker: District Governor Chad Rosenberg**  
**Inductions**

**Next Week's Program: August 27, 2015**  
**Paul Harris Fellows Recognition**  
**International Committee Presentation**

## MINUTES by Matt Holliday

**President Katie** opened the meeting and **Chuck Swope** gave the invocation, which may have been the shortest invocation in the club's history.

We had no Visiting Rotarians. Guests included Abbey Miller who was brought by **Terri Ritchie** and a German Exchange Student who was introduced by **Chris Franz**.

**President Katie** let the club know that the Board of Directors had met the day before. She specifically mentioned that the board voted to have the next cycle of the 50/50 money go to a fund for our recently departed friend and fellow Rotarian **Rob Luken's** children's educational fund instead of one of the 501c3s that is already on the list. Additionally, she did a throwback Thursday photo of **Jeannie McGinn** who gave her classification talk 10 years ago today. **Jean Oakes** won the 50/50 that day as well.

**President Katie** called up **Matt Holliday** to the front of the room where she issued him a special Sergeant-At-Arms Award for his 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She also reminded folks about several important dates including a Rotary Happy Hour on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1450 District Rotary Night at PPL Park on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary Chili Cook Off Table at the Chester County Restaurant Festival on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and the West Chester Rotary Chili Cookoff on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Sue Casso Rogers** was happy that her hip is healing and she can be at Rotary meetings again. **Tim Walsh** was happy that the fire at the YMCA wasn't more serious. **Paul Woodruff** was happy that he is going to his 60<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion next week. **Bill Friedmann** was happy that **CJ Romanoski** was back from vacation, and so he would be able to set up the room every week for Rotary again which is a huge help to Bill.

**Mickey Hall** announced that she is looking for ideas for service projects. **President Katie** announced that the club will be having a dine out to donate night at Iron Hill again for the Rotary Foundation on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul Woodruff** won the 50/50, but not the pot as he didn't get the Queen of Spades. There are only six cards left now.

## SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Rachel Barakat

Republican Congressman Ryan Costello, representing the 6<sup>th</sup> district, was our speaker on August 13. Congressman Costello provided a brief legislative update, as well as discussing some of the challenges he has faced as a freshman member of Congress. A little about his personal life: after law school he started as a clerk for Judge Ott who taught him to be fair and open-minded, a characteristic he feels he brings to his job today. He then moved to County Commissioner, before running for Congress. He is married with a baby boy and enjoys golfing. His staff comprises people who had worked for Congressman Jim Gerlach, his predecessor, and others with legislative experience. One of his goals is to solve problems for his constituents and he feels his staff works diligently towards this. He doesn't expect everyone to agree on all of his decisions. He hopes that people will be open-minded and willing to listen to all perspectives of each legislative matter.

Congressman Costello provided a brief legislative overview for the upcoming term. He discussed the pros and cons of the Iran nuclear arms deal and stated he would wait to make his voting decision until the very end, once he has heard all of the arguments from President Obama. There is a transportation bill up for vote, which he feels will allow us to provide long-term funding for major transportation projects in the district. A trade bill is also being negotiated currently in Congress. This involves 12 countries and affects their ability to successfully trade goods

internationally. After receiving a question, he discussed his recent vote of GMO labeling and defended his position against the bill. His explanation of the bill was that the decision was whether to allow individual states to enact their own labeling requirements, rather than have a federal label requirement. He felt that federal labeling is the only way to allow companies who have interstate commerce the ability to successfully conduct business. He stated that the bill in its current format, in his opinion, would affect food security in certain states, unfairly prohibiting companies from selling their goods where they did not meet the labeling requirements.

### NEW MEMBERS

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

**Jane Hellen**, Realtor - Keller Williams, Managing Partner; Classification: Realtor / Partner

Sponsor: **Jeannie McGinn**

**Bruce Kettelle**, Retired - Sales / Marketing; Classification Marketing / Retired

Sponsor: **Mark Sammarone**

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

### SAVE THE DATE

- Aug 19 Rotary Happy Hour at Mile High Steak House, Glen Mills, PA 4:30 PM
- Sept 12 Rotary Night at PPL Park
- Sept 20 Chili Cook Off booth at Restaurant Festival
- Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

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

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Jim Kammerer** of Best Built Construction

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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### DISTRICT GRANTS CHAIR ATTENDS EQUADORIAN 4400 CONFERENCE EXPLORES GLOBAL GRANTS WITH DISTRICT 7450

District 7450 Grants chair Vasanth Prabhu, a member of the Rotary Club of Central Chester County, was invited to attend the District 4400 Conference in Quito, Ecuador in May to present the Rotary International "Service above Self" award to PDG and current District 4400 Rotary Foundation chair Juan Prinz. Prinz has been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and is quite active in Rotary activities. The "Service Above Self" award is the highest award a Rotarian can get for the humanitarian service work inside and outside the Rotary areas.

Each of the Rotary Districts in the world is requested to nominate one candidate for this coveted award and 150 candidates are then selected by the RI Board of Trustees. Prabhu reports "Our District and Clubs have participated in and completed successfully more than 14 Matching Grant and Global Grant Humanitarian Service projects in Ecuador. The main focus of these projects is healthcare, education and pure drinking water. But for the great help, encouragement and active participation by Prinz, we would not have completed these projects." In the photo, you see Juan Prinz with his SAS plaque with Vasanth Prabhu of our District.

Pranhu also reported, "During my visit, I met other Rotarians along with Prinz to explore the possibilities of new Global Grants projects for 2015-16.

The proposals are being finalized and any District 7450 Clubs who may want to do an International project in 2015-16, please contact Vasanth Prabhu at 610-917-1097 or email him at [yprabhu39@aol.com](mailto:yprabhu39@aol.com)

### THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

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