



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: July 27, 2017

West Chester Police Update
Speaker: Police Chief Scott Bohn

Next Week's Program: August 3, 2017

To Be Announced

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Matt Holliday, club vice-president, opened the meeting in the absence of our president and president-elect. **Bob Frame** gave a short but thoughtful invocation, and Sergeant-at-Arms **Brad Abel** told a medical joke.

Visiting Rotarians were Jane Anthony, member of the online club, and Jim Horn from the Longwood Club. **Ebbie Alfrey** was a returning guest of **Deb Sparre**, **Honorary Rotarian Alice Thomas** introduced her daughter and a friend, **Kathy Heinman** introduced herself (a returning guest who is planning to join our club!), and **Bob Lundquist**, was the guest of **Brad** and **Andrew Stump**, who also happens to be Andrew's brother-in-law.

Faith Woodward kicked off Happy Bucks by announcing her daughter is being married soon in a Quaker ceremony, **Jane Hellen's** daughter was recently married, and her son just graduated from college. **Katie Martin** was happy to announce that billboard space has been donated for the chili cook-off. She also asked members to mark their calendars for the next ex-sergeant-at-arms event, planned for November 21st, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. She said a new format is being planned, so be prepared to get a call from one of the planners. **Cynthia Stroup** was happy to have had an opportunity to visit her birth mother, whom she has not seen since she was six years old. **Paul Woodruff** and his wife just returned from a three week trip to Europe with two granddaughters and his brother. Paul said the temperature was 90 degrees when they were in France. **Alice Thomas** was happy her granddaughter landed safely in Africa.

Cathy Palmquist had the pleasure of extending birthday greetings to one of our newest and our youngest Rotarian, **Cynthia Stroup**. **Phyllis Dunn** wished greetings to **Patty Jefferis**, a "zip and glow" lady, listing Patty's many attributes. **Matt Holliday** announced that Phillies game tickets were

given to Shriner's Hospital, and that the bylaws vote is slated for July 27th and members should be in attendance that day or vote online via **Sue Casso Rogers** or **Mickey Hall**. He mentioned that board meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at the WC Senior Center and all members are welcome to attend. He mentioned the sad news of the recent passing of the Rotary International president-elect, and encouraged members to sign up to help several committees who are looking for committee members.

Steve Quigley won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

John Schwab spoke about the Governance Committee and our Rotary strategic plan. The committee has been in existence since 2015 to help the board stay on track with governance. The committee is made up of **John Schwab**, **Elizabeth Guman**, the current president, past president, president elect, and vice president. The committee's purpose is to help the board with processes, not to do their work or make decisions. They also do board evaluations after each board meeting. This committee started a "discussion paper" process for anything that is brought before the board. They are involved in the strategic planning meeting, held once a year. The Governance Committee works to insure smooth transition from one president and board to the next.

Our Rotary Strategic Plan has three main themes:

- We are Rotary
- Making a Difference
- Telling the Rotary story

Each theme has:

- Vision Statement
- Strategies
- Objectives

Activities (with a timeframe and person assigned to each)

We had two classification talks. First up was **Steve Brown** who put a dinosaur up on the podium to let us know he will not be giving a traditional PowerPoint presentation. Instead he gave a "virtual powerpoint". We had to use our imagination to visualize the photos he was describing. Steve is a retired hospital administrator after 41 years in the business. He attended Thiel College in PA where he was planning to become a physical therapist. He grew up in Mechanicsburg where he met his wife. Eventually he went to a graduate program at Penn State for hospital administration and started his career in Hershey near the time of 3-mile island meltdown. Fairfax County, VA is where he spent majority of his career. He then went to Kirkland, WA to take a CEO position. But once his first grandchild was born, they wanted to move back to PA. He and his wife spent 7 years in the Penn State area. His family consists of his wife Mary of 42 years, his older son Zack who is married with kids, and his youngest son Adam, also married with kids. Steve has been involved with Rotary since 1986 in Fairfax, VA area. He was a club president there.

Our second classification speaker was **Cynthia Lillian Stroup**. She was born in Scranton PA and has 5 brothers and 1 sister. When she was little she lived with her grandmother and grandfather. Her mother couldn't care for her so she lived in 9 different foster homes. She got her education at CCIU at 19 and then the Vanguard school. Cynthia loves to sing, dance, act, fish, bowl, and participate in Special Olympics. She has 4 cats. Cynthia is very good with technology and currently works at Wawa. She met **Winnie Stroup** when she was 14 years old and she knew immediately she wanted to spend her life with Winnie. Winnie adopted her in 2011 and they have a wonderful, loving relationship. Cynthia got started with Rotary when she helped **Joe Polito** with Project Warm and she volunteered at the Chili Cook Offs. Last month Cynthia had the opportunity to visit her birth mother who she had not seen for 14 years. She left her mother at age 6 and enjoyed a wonderful reunion with her.

SAVE THE DATE

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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BYLAWS

There will be a vote on the new, proposed by laws on July 27. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please email Sue Casso at shcasso@cs.com with your yea or nay vote on the by laws. The proposed by laws were emailed to you on July 7 - if you need another copy, please let Sue know.

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