



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: October 6, 2016

Preparing for the Chili Cook Off
Chili Czar: Ron Ginns

Next Week's Program: October 13, 2016

Speaker: District Governor: Dave Haradon
District 7450 Update

MINUTES by Pat Barron

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jeff Brown** gave the invocation, a Moravian prayer that his mother taught him. It was VERY short. Perhaps we should give Jeff this assignment on a permanent basis. Bob then led us in singing God Bless America.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad** was asked by **President Bob**, "What do you know?" Brad said he didn't know much except that he watched a documentary on shipbuilding last week. The show was riveting. (It's not getting any better, is it, folks?)
- We were honored by visiting Rotarian Dennis Wallace.
- We had several guests. Not to diminish the importance of the other guests, but **Sue Greenberg's** son was visiting from Israel and Steve Miersch will be inducted into the club on October 13th.
- **President Bob** shared photos of **Ernest Zlotolow**, **Cristina Combee**, and **Andy Keen** greeting the children who will be receiving new prosthetics through CARS.
- **President Bob** reminded us of important dates:
 - ✓ October 9-Chili Cook Off
 - ✓ November 22--Ex-sergeant-at-arms awards by Katie and Mac
- So many folks were happy that it was hard to keep up, but these are the most memorable:
 - ✓ **Katie Martin** was happy that the borough hung a giant sign over High Street advertising the Chili Cook Off.
 - ✓ **Steve Found's** really wasn't very happy, but we'll let him get away with it this

one time. He asked for donations to the pet food box next week.

- ✓ **Ken Hickman** had his last physical therapy session after 106 of them!
- ✓ **John Olszewski** enjoyed himself immensely at the Toronto Film Festival.
- ✓ **Sue Casso Rogers** went to Stone Harbor and brought back fudge for new member Andy "?".
- ✓ **Andy Keen** is happy that he has been meeting fellow Rotarians at Rotary events.
- We had birthday celebrations this week! **Mac Neilon** wished **Jen Fiorillo** happy birthday. **Bob Frame** wished **Chuck Swope** happy birthday.
- We had several announcements:
 - ✓ **Mac Neilon** wants everyone to put the last Saturday in April on the calendar for "Rotary at Work Day". We are looking for a project, such as a park beautification. We typically get 20 to 25 Rotarians to help for about four or five hours.
 - ✓ **Bill Friedmann** has Chili Cook Off yard signs.
 - ✓ **Katie Martin** needs help on October 7 and 8 packaging pumpkin baskets for voting Friday, Oct 7 and bags of supplies for each team Saturday, Oct 8 for the Chili Cook Off.
- **Jack Wintermute** won this week's 50-50, worth \$29, but unlike a couple weeks ago, he did not win the pot o' gold. He'll probably wait until it gets much bigger.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

Rick Stevenson, a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, spoke about his experience going to the Rio Olympics. Rick has now attended 7 Olympic Games

and has 7 pin collections on display in his "Man Cave" however he came to speak about his most recent experience.

Rick explained that the way to acquire tickets to the Olympic events is through a company called CoSport. Cosport begins selling the tickets one year in advance of the events. It is basically a lottery. Rick and his wife got handball tickets through the lottery for approximately \$30 each. Then one month prior to the event, the unclaimed or unused tickets go up for sale. They were able to get tickets for the finals of the ladies gymnastics this year which cost approximately \$300 each. Rick was in the stadium with the Magnificent 7 won, so it was really thrilling to be there for this gymnastics final. Unfortunately, the swimming tickets were too hard to get. While in Rio, Rick and his wife were able to see quite a few events including golf, trampoline, table tennis, synchronized swimming, water polo, and badminton. Rick shared an interesting statistic that the most popular racket sport in the world is Badminton.

One fun thing that happened while they were there is they got to do a "shout-out" on the Today show. A bunch of PA residents were there so the group did a shout out to PA and Rick did a "shout-out" to West Chester.

Rick shared some photos he took of the Christ Redeemer statue and the Olympic Village. They saw lots of adults and children wearing US professional team sports garb.

Rick took a few questions after his presentation. One question was about all the empty seats there were. Rick believes it was due to the sponsorships. In exchange for those dollars, sponsors are given tickets and he believes many of those tickets go unused. He was asked about safety. Rick and his wife were always very conscious to stay in the tourist areas and did not feel any real threats. Rick did say that compared to the other 6 Olympic Games he attended, Rio seemed much less prepared than the other countries.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Mark Sammarone of Arthur Hall Insurance

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 9 Chili Cook Off
Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "awards"
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School
Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun
416 Chrislena Lane, WC, PA 19380
(610) 344-0205

NEW MEMBERS

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

Christine Scott, Merrill Lynch Associates;
Classification – Financial Advisor

Sponsor: **Bill Ronayne**

Steve Miersch, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union
Classification - Banking, Branch Management

Sponsor: **Laura Aloisio**.

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

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