



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: November 8, 2018**

**Speaker: Sue Hill from BMRH  
Diabetes and Exercise**

**Next Week's Program: November 15, 2018**

**Club Business**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**President Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting, and **Joanne Tadeo** gave the invocation. Stephanie Taylor from WEGO and John Saling were the visiting Rotarians. Guests included Pat McClendon, our guest speaker from Home of the Sparrow, **Lynmar Brock's** lovely wife, Claudie, and soon-to-be member, Nancy Pine. **Jeannie McGinn** extended birthday greetings to **Chuck Garfinkle**, and **Mac Neilon** extended greetings to **Rob Malone**.

**Paul Woodruff's** happy buck was because he spent a lovely day without checking his email for the entire day. **Bob Poole** was happy about the lovely party hosted by **Carol Hanson**, and **Catherine Friedmann** was happy about the performance at the Art Assn. show. **Gary Green** was happy to invite everyone to the "50's Come Alive DOO WOP Concert" in November at Uptown, and **Cathy Palmquist** reported seeing longtime, former Rotarian, Duke Evans, who is 87, survived a heart attack 5 years ago, is happily living at Wellington, and sends his regards.

**Jeannie McGinn**, standing in for Linda Hicks, reminded members to bring items for our Stockings for Soldiers project. Next Thursday is the last day to donate small food, games and personal items for inclusion in the stockings. Anyone wishing to help stuff stockings is invited to do so at the offices in Wilmington next Thursday.

**President Bill** kicked off announcements by telling members the holiday party, slated this year for Jan, 4<sup>th</sup>, will be held at **Sue Casso** and **Bob Rogers'** house. **President Bill** also read part of a thank you letter from the West Chester Area Senior Center for our recent CPC donation.

**Ernest Zlotolow** then gave a brief summary of an international program on which he is working on behalf of our club. It started off with two U.S. surgeons who were willing to go overseas and train doctors for free. **Ernest's** son, Dan, is one of those surgeons. We met him when CORS was working with the 16 children we helped from Rwanda, Tanzania and Central America. It turned out that Cuba, which has a very large medical center was the best option for doing the training since it has 600 to 1,000 beds. Training other doctors is important, explained Ernest. It's like the Chinese saying, "if you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day; if you teach him how to fish, he will eat for a lifetime." Even though Cuba and the United States are not friends, Cuba was the best option for the program. "We will just have to learn to deal with Cuba," said Ernest. It took six months to open the lines of communication and put the plan together. Now, other groups have stepped up to help, Ernest explained. The meetings ended with setting up two surgical missions. Brazil and Barcelona, Spain will be the first missions. Showing the children being helped, and providing information about the surgeries will be broadcast all over Cuba. The Rotary emblem will be on all the sites.

**President Bill** then gave a look back at history, noting that on this date in 1951, the Rotary bowling team lost its 33rd game in a row, and in 1995, **Dave Biffen** was inducted into the club. **President Bill** then went on to point out upcoming programs, especially noting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off on Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Jesus Coralizza** won the 50/50 but missed the queen.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

On Thursday, November 1st, 2018, Pat Sincavage of Home of the Sparrow led our lunch with a very informative glimpse into how they're changing women and children's lives in Chester County. Home of the Sparrow was founded in 1994 and is a 501 C(3). Pat noted that she's been with the "Sparrow" for over 20 years! "Even a sparrow finds a home" is where their name derived from and their goal is to end homelessness for women and children in ChesCo.

They aid by teaching women and children Financial Literacy, Child Care, prepare them for college as well as careers. In addition, they provide counseling, housing, employment and mindset changes. They're the only social service in ChesCo providing Shared Housing - and they have 33 homeowners currently sharing their homes with those in need. Many of their clients are age 55-62 (!) and many are young, many are sleeping in their cars and are also "couch surfing." There are multiple reasons for these situations, such as spouses leave wives with unpaid bills and homes in foreclosure, as well as the high cost of living in ChesCo and Social Security not being enough to support them.

Last year, Home of the Sparrow assisted 742 woman and children!

How can you help? Share their story, donate (needs on website), Volunteer, provide your home and join their newsletter.

[homeofthesparrow.org](http://homeofthesparrow.org)

## ROTARY READERS NEEDS YOU

Rotary Readers is looking for more volunteers.

Our readers thoroughly enjoy what they do. It entails a commitment of one-half hour every other week to read to a K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in one of the West Chester elementary schools. Volunteer readers sign up with a particular teacher and read to the same class all year.

Readers are responsible for picking their own books to read. Victoria Dow at West Chester Public Library is very helpful with that.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Chris McCawley** at [cmccawley@wcupa.edu](mailto:cmccawley@wcupa.edu) who will work to assign you to a teacher.

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Nov 7, 13, 14 "Membership Matters" District 7450  
Nov 10 Rotary Foundation training



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