



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: September 1, 2016
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Speaker: Jack Harrison

Next Week's Program: September 8, 2016

To Be Announced

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Bob Rogers opened the meeting, lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and called on **Shauna Yeldell** to give the invocation. With school starting, Shauna gave a tribute to teachers, followed by a prayer, and we sang God Bless America. **Tamara Minnick** participated with **President Bob** in the weekly "what do you know?" segment, at the request of **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Able**, and had members laughing as she told her joke backwards. Visiting Rotarians were our speakers, Bonnie Korengel from Longwood Rotary and Dennis Wallace from Sunrise Rotary. **Bill Ronayne** introduced his guest, Christine Scott, who is interested in helping with the Chili Cook-off, **Marjorie Wentz** introduced Mark and Ellen Morun, who will again host our exchange student (the 12th student they've hosted!), and **Carol Hanson** introduced our new exchange student, Gabriel Bay from Argentina.

Phyllis Dunn kicked off Happy Bucks by announcing that 20% of purchases today from Gemelli's in the borough will benefit the West Chester Public Library, **Jeannie McGinn** happily reported that she and **Justin Sochovka** have been engaging WCU students to sell chili cook-off wristbands to students at football games and other campus events, and **Mark Sammarone** was happy for all the help from Rotarians at the recent Criterion Bike Race. **Cathy Palmquist** was happy that **Chuck Garfinkle** fixed her painful back; **Laura Aloisio** fixed her van, and thanked Dorene and **Bill Winters** for hosting the Rotary picnic on Sunday. She added that **President Bob** is not only our esteemed leader, he did an outstanding job on the grill, assisted by wife, **Sue Casso Rogers**, and **Rob Malone**. **Ken Hickman** was very happy to be with us, noting it was just one year ago that he nearly died. **Katie Martin** was happy to talk about the club banners for the cook off, and urged members to financially support banners of their favorite Rotary activities. **Marjorie Wentz** thanked members for welcoming her college son, Justin, this summer. **Sue Flynn** was happy to announce the 1st

Annual Summer Soiree, which will benefit the Chester Co. Family Academy, Chester Co. Food Bank, and St. Agnes Day Room. Lastly, **Jeff Brown** was happy that **Bill Winters** has 4 retirement pensions, and thus, was able to host a great picnic at his beautiful home.

President Bob presented his Looking Back session, noting that before our club started the Chili Cook Off, our major fundraiser was an annual club auction that raised about \$15,000 per year for 10 years. He then played the Beatle's birthday song, after which **Bill Ronayne** wished **Allison Snavelly-Villano** birthday greetings, and **Rachel Barakat** extended greetings to **Patty Roos**.

President Bob reminded members of upcoming dates, such as the Chili Cook Off, the Ex-Sgt at Arms awards, and the Chili Cook-off Sponsor Party on Sept 14th at Infinity of West Chester. The committee report for this week was given by **Bill Friedmann** for **Rich Murray**, who is in charge of securing vendors at the cook off. Chili is not the only thing offered at the cook off, so members are urged to invite other vendors to participate. This year, the committee is targeting artisans and artists.

Ernie Zlotolow reported the VOSH program has just sent its 17th shipment of eyeglasses, fitting over 1,000 people with glasses in Haiti.

With just 3 cards remaining, **Bruce Beadle** won the 50/50, but missed the queen. Just 2 cards to go!!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

Carol Hanson introduced her husband Dennis Wallace of the Sunrise Club to share his perspective on the District's Million \$ Journey. Describing his transformation from an involved Rotarian to a committed Rotarian, Dennis is passionately focused on adding significantly to The Rotary Foundation. He quoted: "I want to live an interesting life surrounded by good people and I want to leave the world a better place." **Dennis** added "I want to make a difference." On a sailing trip in the Caribbean, **Dennis** and **Carol**

stopped at a small island where they had a great meal and noted that the island was covered in trash. Two years later they saw little trash. Most houses now had stone cisterns to collect rainfall. A 4 X 6 sign proclaimed that the cisterns were a Rotary Project. Dennis felt a major life change as he realized that once the basic need was met for water, the people of the island could focus on their environment. Lives on the island changed for generations to come.

Dennis returned home and played a leadership role in funding Ultrasound Equipment for Antiqua. The cost was \$70,000. RI contributed \$22,000. It took from 10 months to raise the full amount. Without the RI grant it would have taken much longer. The team estimates that thousands of lives a year are impacted by this equipment.

Rotarians receive a Paul Harris award for donating \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. Dennis recently joined the Paul Harris Society where Rotarians donate \$1000 a year to the Foundation. He's added to his commitment by writing a bequest for \$10,000 in his will and a percentage of the sale of his business when he passes. By specifying "share" in these commitments 50% of the earnings of the fund will come back to projects in our district. The Rotary Foundation will fund projects in perpetuity and fulfills Dennis, goal "to make a difference."

Dennis introduced Bonnie Korengel, former District Governor and friend. Among the many Rotary Foundation projects, she focused on the Peace Center that graduates 90 Peace Fellows a year and asked: "What if that number could be 900 a year?" What would peace look like with them working in government, family agencies, police departments? What would the world look like if every 16-year-old in the world had the opportunity to be an exchange student?

A granddaughter's story described a culture that believes everyone dies three times: once when their physical body stops; again when their spirit is released and they find their resting place; and finally when no one remembers them. Contemplating her own legacy once her grandchildren and maybe great grandchildren aren't here to remember her, Bonnie thought seriously about her own legacy. She realized that \$10,000 committed to the Rotary Foundation at her death might cut a nursing home stay short by 5 weeks or wouldn't be noticed when divided by three to go to her children. The foundation on the other hand would continue to do good forever with that money and half of the proceeds would come back to her own district.

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Foundation. It was created by Arch Klumph at the 1917 Atlanta Convention as the vehicle to support Rotary's work of doing good in the world. The initial

funding was \$26.50. Bonnie asks that we all consider a special gift in this centennial year. If you can give \$100, consider \$126.50. If \$1000, donate \$1026.50. Dennis and Bonnie inspired us all to consider our legacy in the world and the value that The Rotary Foundation is THE vehicle to make a difference.

Bruce Beadle thanked our speakers with Club beer glasses and Dennis presented Bruce with a Certificate of appreciation for his becoming a member of the Paul Harris Society and a legacy donor thru his will. Later in the day Bruce emailed a very helpful message to the club on how to proceed.

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Argentina.
Host family: Mark and Ellen Morun

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Oct 9 Chili Cook Off
Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "awards"
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