



ROTARY VOTARY

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<p>This Week's Program: October 22, 2015 Speakers: Tim Walsh and Sue Casso Rogers Our Club's Money – How Does the Budget Work?</p>	<p>Next Week's Program: October 29, 2015 To Be Announced</p>
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MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Club President Katie Martin opened the meeting and called on **Steve Founds** to give the invocation. **Steve** shared three short meditations/thoughts for us to ponder.

In addition to representatives of charities being awarded grants, our only visitor was Honorary Rotarian, **Carla Messikomer**. For Throwback Thursday, **President Katie** showed a photo of the surprised Tracy Sammarone, whose daughter, Chelsea, showed up unbeknownst to her mother. Chelsea came all the way from college in Pittsburgh, to help at the Chili Cook Off!

President Katie announced that in addition to **Diane Lemonides**, **Carolyn Comitta** will also be rappelling to aid the Outward Bound program. A Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held Oct. 31st. See **President Katie** for details. She also asked for nominations for the Sargent of Arms Annual awards event. She called up Pastor **Chris Franz** to present him the award he was given at the last event. She also said **Rob Feenan** was given the most likely to regift award, even though he was not in attendance.

Happy Bucks were given by **Tom Mann**, who noted this is the 41st anniversary of the original Ronald McDonald house in Philadelphia, **Ron Ginns** gave \$5 in celebration of the Chili Cook Off, and that he has finally gotten feeling back in his feet after that daylong event! **Laura Aloisio** gave a Happy Buck in honor of **Catherine Friedman's** beautiful voice that kicked off the cook off.

Judi Bell wished **Denise Wine** a happy birthday, noting they had just spent a week together in Costa Rico with their spouses. Then, **Denise** turned around and "regifted" her Rotary

pen to **Judi** in honor of **Judi's** birthday! **Kevin Quinn** wound up the birthday greetings with good wishes to **Paul Woodruff**, "a strong leader."

Chris McCawley kicked off announcements by saying the Rotary Readers volunteers are doing well, but she still needs two people; one person to share reading duties at Chester County Family Academy, and one to read in the morning kindergarten at East Bradford. **Brad Abel** urged members to bring small food and other items to go into the Stockings for Soldiers. **Linda Hicks** has already turned in over 100 stockings, but now we need to collect items for them. **Paul Woodruff**, at the urging of his wife, announced a bus trip to New York to see Amazing Grace. It's a great bargain, he said.

President Katie announced the Rotary Holiday Party will be held at **Tom and Lisa Mann's** lovely home. Also, there will be a repacking party to store chili cook off items at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at **Jim Gasho's** warehouse.

Joanne Taddeo and **Sauna Yeldell** then introduced and distributed checks, totaling \$32,000 to the following representatives from the 11 charities selected to receive Rotary club grants this year, including Linda Coleman, Arc of Chester County; Nancy Zion, Chester County Children's Inc.; **Sue Flynn**, Chester County Family Academy; Denise Mahal, Community Volunteers in Medicine; Daily Wideman-Scott, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County; **Catherine Friedman**, Friends Association; **Glen Sweet**, Housing Partnership of Chester County; Joyce Lacy, Interfaith Housing Assistance Corp.; Alain Oliver, Maternal & Child Health

Consortium; **Phyllis Dunn**, West Chester Food Cupboard; and Victoria Dow, West Chester Public library. **Joanne** then asked all members of the Community Philanthropic Committee to stand and be recognized.

Bruce Beadle won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to the Luken's fund, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

Judy Bell presented a "mini club assembly" on what technology is available to the Club and how to use it. Of course the Power Point presentation would not cooperate but it eventually did. Judi has chaired the Technology Committee for 5 years and hopes that she won't become a lifer in this role. **Michael Freeland** has just joined the committee and will load a lot of archival documents onto the web site.

Judi shared a video that kept asking "Did you know?" All of the technology facts drove home how rapidly technology is changing our lives. For example: India has more kids in honors programs than the US has kids. When college students study technology all of what they learn in their first year will be obsolete by the time they enter their fourth year. Technologist measure time in BG and AG years. Before Google and After Google. Judi described the facts in the video as the stuff that keeps developers up at night.

Judi explained that our club web site is powered by Club Runner. The front end is the web site and the back end contains all of our membership information. Club Runner also provides the software for The Weekly Buzz at a very nominal cost of \$700 a year. Judi paused to thank Cathy Palmquist who noticed the one time that the weekly buzz didn't appear and emailed Judi. We all thank you Judi even though we don't keep as close track as Cathy.

Clubrunner also powers the app on your smart phone. Once you download the app you will be able to access membership information, pictures, email etc. Sue Casso Rogers updates new member information immediately. To access the app, go to your app store on your phone. In my case it was Play Store. Key in clubrunner and the option for My Rotary Club will appear. Your user name and password are the same as for the web site accessed thru your

computer. Originally all usernames were set up as your email account – if you forgot your password, click on the Reset Password or Forgot Password and it will email you the link to the email account in the system. If you cannot get this to work, you can email **Judi Bell** at judib@people.20.com and she can reset you.

The Rotary International app will also appear on your phone. Judi recommends signing up for it as there is lots of valuable Rotary information there. You do have to sign up separately from the local club app but there will not be a problem if you choose to use the same user name and password.

Katie reminded us that Facebook is another great asset for the club.

Thank you Judi for making the information available to us and teaching us how to use it.

THANK YOU

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SAVE THE DATE

Oct 23	District Fundraiser for Outward Bound
Oct 31	Foundation seminar
Nov 7	Rotary Leadership training in KOP
Nov 13	SASY Awards
Nov 14	District Conference

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