



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: December 29, 2016
Speaker: Michelle Legaspi Sanchez
Chester County Non Profit Blueprint Report

Next Week's Program: January 5, 2017
Meeting at WC Area Senior Center
530 E Union St, West Chester, PA

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President Bob opened the meeting. **Catherine Friedman** gave the invocation meditating on the dash (-) in the space between every one's date of birth and date of death. She especially wanted to honor **Katie Martin's** Dad who just passed. **Elf Katie** wasn't able to join us for this special CCFA day and we all missed her.

There were many visitors including 2 tables of guests of **Sue Flynn**. Her guests included board members of the CCFA. **Rob Ginns** welcomed his office manager and a business colleague. Lindy Powers, photographer, happened to pick this special day to see what Rotary is all about. Turns out, she had photographed **Shauna Yedell**. **Carol Hanson** welcomed our exchange student, Gabriel Bay and his host Dad, Mark Morun. She presented Gabriel with a \$250 Christmas gift collected from club members.

President Bob announced that as usual the West Chester Country Club will be closed the first two weeks in January. We will meet on January 5th and January 12th at the Senior Center at 530 East Union Street. He and **Brad Abel** collaborated on one of **Brad's** profound calendar jokes.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Faith Woodward

Once again, we were presented by a wonderful holiday program by the children from the Chester County Family Academy (CCFA). Director **Sue Flynn** introduced the program. As we waited for the children to enter, Dave Aloisio's video of *Shop with the Sheriff* flashed on the screen. What great photos of happy kids and deputies!

Twelve violinists strumming started off the children's performance with "Old MacDonald",

"Ukrainian Bell Carol", "Feliz Navidad", and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

They were joined by the rest of our visiting students singing "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph", "Deck the Halls", "Alvin's Christmas Song" and two songs written by the students, teachers Mrs. Reiss, and Geri Smith, "If You Believe in Yourself" and "Everybody Matters". The later was in appreciation of the CPC grant they received from our club.

Their rendition of "Amazing Grace" was dedicated to **Katie Martin's** dad, Frederick William Decker, Jr. This is one of Katie's favorite programs all year and **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad** videoed the entire show including the last number, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Students passed out Christmas cards to Rotarians. **Bunny Welsh** recounted the joy of 110 kids during *Shop the Sheriff*. Some speak English as a second language and some have a parent who is incarcerated. All the CCFA board members present, including **Joe Panaro**, stood up to accept the warranted applause.

UPDATE ON DISTRICT 7450

GOVERNOR'S NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Deadline extended until January 2, 2017

We have had several inquiries from individuals pertaining to possible candidates submitting their names for nomination as District Governor. As the submission process can take some time and considering we are all busy during the Holiday Season, with the concurrence of current Governor Dave Haradon, we shall extend the deadline for nomination submissions from December 21st until Monday, January 2, 2017. Please contact **Charles Streitwieser** Streitwieser@verizon.net 610-547-0393

NEW MEMBERS

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

Christian Merritt- BB & T, Classification: Financial Management Sponsored by **Wendy Leeper**

Lynn Childs - Self employed Personal Shopper, Classification: Sales, Sponsored by **Patty Jefferis**

Phil McFadden- Owner - Home Instead Senior Care
Transferring from Greater West Chester Sunrise Club

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

RETURNING MEMBER

After a short membership with the Longwood Club, **Charles Streitwieser**, PDG and former member, has decided to return to the Rotary Club of West Chester and we are happy to have him back.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Don Kohler** of Kohler Law Offices

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee would like to propose the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 Rotary calendar year. A vote on the proposed slate will take place at the clubs annual meeting on Thursday, December 30.

President- **Mickey Hall**; President Elect- **Bill Friedmann**; Vice President- **Matt Holliday**; Secretary- **Sue Casso Rogers**; Treasurer- **Tim Walsh**; Sergeant-at-Arms- **Brad Abel**; Immediate Past President- **Bob Rogers**

At large board members: **Rob Malone, Shauna Yeldell, Glen Sweet, Cristina Combee, Dave Barkasy, Laura Aloisio, Michele Venema, Ernest Zlotolow, Andrew Stump**

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

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 26 Super Seminar - Gundaker Foundation
Feb 9 Super Seminar – Membership
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Bob Rogers; President-Elect, Mickey Hall. Vice-President, Bill Friedmann; Past President, Katie Martin; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeant-at-Arms, Brad Abel; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow.

David Haradon, District Governor
Bronwyn Martin, Assistant Governor
Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450
Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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