



ROTARY VOTARY

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This Week's Program: May 19, 2016

**Speaker: Dave Wood
Incident in Alaska**

**Next Week's Program: May 26, 2016
Speakers: Linda Hicks, Steve Founds, and
Phyllis Dunn
Student Recognition and
Rotary Foundation Update**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Elect Bob Rogers opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The invocation was given by **Joe Polito**. He read a passage in honor of **Dick Yoder**.

Sgt of Arms Elect Brad Abel told us a technology joke. We had one visiting Rotarian, John Saling. There were no guests at the meeting.

Happy Dollars: **Laura Aloisio** is happy that her daughter has a part in the Wizard of Oz. The Chester County Family Academy students will see the Wizard of Oz. **Don Kohler** is happy that **Brad Abel** only has one year as the Sgt. of Arms. **Catherine Friedman** is happy that her daughter has chosen a college. **Marjorie Wentz** is happy that she is going to become a grandmother. **Brad Abel** is happy about Barclay Friends' golf outing and the senior center race.

What Do You Know- May 12, 1927 Glen Mills School representative was the speaker at the Rotary meeting.

Catherine Friedman sang birthday wishes to Bob Rogers.

Up Coming Dates: 5/19- Rotary at the Blue Rocks baseball; 5/19- Rotary program – **Dave Wood** Incident in Alaska; 5/26- Rotary program- **Linda Hicks, Phyllis Dunn** and **Steve Founds**- Student Recognition and rotary foundation update; 6/2 Rotary Program- Paul Quintavala- update on Rotoplast; 6/22- Presidents Gala and Auction. There will be no meeting 6/23.

Announcements: **Linda Hicks** is collecting soda tabs for the Ronald Mc Donald House. Please save the tabs. This is the last week for honorary Rotarian nominations. **Bob Rogers** announced that committee chairs and committee members will be put on club runner. **Bill Friedmann** stated that members of the Chili Cook off committee meet monthly. There are 25 teams. Sponsors, teams and vendors are needed.

Brad Abel announced that at table will be placed in the front of the room and various committees will give commercials. Please keep the club calendar up to date.

Please contact **Glen Sweet** with your auction items for the gala.

50/50- **Andy Keen** pulled the ticket. The winner was **Bob Rogers**.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Pat Barron

Our speaker this week was our own **Andy Keen**, a relatively new member to our club. But Andy already distinguished himself by giving one of the best classification talks in recent memory, full of his unique, dry humor.

Today he was in fine form, as he showed us a video, titled "The Road to Seoul", that won him a \$500 stipend to attend the Rotary International Conference in Seoul, South Korea. Five other stipends were awarded by our District, but only two others are joining Andy for the trip. The video demonstrated Andy's years of volunteerism prior to joining Rotary. His dedication is an example for all of us.

The conference lasts for only four days, but Andy is taking the opportunity to explore Korean culture both before and afterward. He leaves May 22nd and returns on June 9th. Andy has always been enamored with Asia, but he never has had an opportunity to travel there. Naturally he is very excited to do so now. At one point in his trip Andy will stay with Buddhist monks. At another point he will visit the demilitarized zone separating North from South Korea.

Upon his return, we must encourage Andy to give another talk about his trip.

**From Rotary International
May 2, 2016**

Thousands of Rotary members, motivated by a special invitation from Pope Francis, gathered at the Vatican in Rome on Saturday to celebrate a message of compassion, inclusiveness, and service to humanity.

At midmorning, the group -- numbering some 9,000 members from 80 countries -- made its way through the congested streets of Rome, past the tight security surrounding St. Peter's Square, and settled into the area reserved for Rotary in front of St. Peter's Basilica for the Jubilee audience.

[Pope] Francis, a 79-year-old Argentine, urged the crowd of more than 100,000, which included members of the police and armed forces from around the world, "to build a culture of peace, security, and solidarity around the world."

His message of peace resonated with Rotary members, including R. Asokan from Tamil Nadu, India. "His message about peace is about accepting. Rotary, which accepts all walks of life, can carry his message to all our clubs, therefore carrying his message to all our communities," says Asokan. Though Francis is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, his words often reach a wider audience. A poll published earlier this year found him to be one of the most liked and trusted world leaders.

That's what made this event at the Vatican so appealing, says Adriana Lanting, who traveled from California, USA, to attend. "To have such a transcending figure together with a transcending organization like Rotary in the same place is something I just couldn't miss," says Lanting, a member of the Rotary Club of Long Beach. Madrid Zimmerman, another Long Beach member, isn't Catholic but says Francis has a knack for touching people's hearts regardless of where they're from. "Rotary has the same effect," she adds. "We may have different ways of expressing it, but our [Rotary] action in helping others comes from the same place.

"This event is a reminder that we only have one goal and that's to give service to those who need it. I think that's the message I want to bring back to my club," Zimmerman says.

After the Jubilee audience, Francis met with a small delegation of Rotary members led by RI President K.R. Ravindran. The Pope spoke to Ravindran about the importance of vaccinating children against polio and encouraged Rotary to continue its efforts against this disease.

"I have been honored and deeply touched to have had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis earlier today, and to have heard him tell us to continue our fight toward polio eradication," says Ravindran, who

is Hindu. "It has given me even more pride in Rotary's past, even more faith in its present, and even more optimism about its future, than ever before."

ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Frederick Keys

5:30 Cash Bar 5:45 Buffet

6:35 Play Ball \$37.00 per ticket

See Jack Wintermute for tickets



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Catherine Friedman of Friends Association

SAVE THE DATE

May 19	Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction
Jun 23	No lunch meeting
July 19	Rotary Night at the Phillies

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