



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: February 23, 2017

The Resident Theatre Company of West Chester

Next Week's Program: March 2, 2017

**Discussion of the Survey from the
 Board Retreat
 Led by John Schwab**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Bob Rogers opened the meeting. After the club recited the Pledge of Allegiance **Bob Poole** gave an inspirational invocation. We then sang God Bless America.

Sergeant of Arms Brad Abel told us a joke in the what Do You Know portion of the meeting.

There was one visiting Rotarian Steve Brown, who belongs to a club in State College. We had several guests at our meeting today Bob Hall, Diana Liberi, Elena Dorsey, (RYLA recipient); Mark Berenato, Pat Henson, Cynthia Stroup and Ann Baker.

Christine Wildauer announced that the fruit sales were currently at \$13,000. We usually have \$30,000 in sales. Sunday, February 19th is the last day for sales.

The Rotary Chili Cook off Happy Hour will be at the Boxcar Brewery Thursday, February 16th around 5:30 p.m.

Diane Lemonides is collecting soup for Safe Harbor 2 more weeks.

Up- coming events: February 19th final day for fruit sale orders, February 23rd Soup drive for Safe Harbor and March 1st District 7450 Membership growth seminar.

Mickey Hall announced that tomorrow, February 17th is Acts of Kindness Day. Happiness is helping others. Mickey is president elect of our Rotary club. She explained what project she would like our club to undertake during her year as President. Rotarians would share a project to collect gently use furniture to donate to those in need. We would need three components: storage space, volunteers and furniture. We would invite other clubs to assist including Interact, schools, WCU, Boy and Girls scouts etc. Families receiving the furniture would need a referral from an agency. She has the support of **President Bob Rogers, incoming President-elect Bill Friedmann, incoming Vice-president-elect Matt Holliday and Dwight Leeper.** Mickey

asked if this is a project our club would support, the answer was yes.

Birthdays: **Chelle Vemena** wished **Carl Werner** a very happy birthday. **Bill Ronayne** extended birthday greetings to **Mark Sammarone.** **Bill Friedmann** wished **Mac Neilon** a happy birthday. **Matt Holliday** extended birthday greeting to **Pat Runyon** and **Catherine Friedman** wished **Diane Lemonides** a happy birthday.

Linda Hicks announced that former Rotarian **John Batley** passed away early in February. **Bob Poole** said a few words about John. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

The 50/50 was on by Jim Gasho.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Glen Sweet

Christine Scott – Classification Talk

Christine few up in Broomall, Pa. ("It's an attitude, not a place".) She graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in 1981 noting there were 900 in her graduating class. Following graduation she enrolled in Drexel University where she earned a degree in accounting and finance. She said she had many interesting internships while attending Drexel including General Motors, McNeil Pharmaceuticals (now Johnson & Johnson) where she earned her CPA. She also worked for Bell Atlantic.

Christine has three children. Their youngest is Craig who attends West Chester East and plays football. They have two daughters at Penn State, Katie who is a senior, and Carolyn who is a sophomore. Her husband, Steve, recently started his own contracting firm.

The Scott family likes to vacation in Sea Isle City and Maine. Christine has been going to Maine (Belgrade Lakes) since she was five years old.

Christine has worked for McDermotts which became ACAC. Her positions include sales and also instructor in Yoga and Barre. She says as a result she is "very flexible". She also worked in the

Neonatal Infant Care Unit (NICU) at Bryn Mawr Hospital. For ten years she headed up the NICU Golf Outing.

Community activities include East High School PTO for SAT prep programs and soliciting funds and donations at East High for items requested by teachers and staff members. At ACAC she has been active in the Delaware Valley Children's Charities in which people sign up to provide holiday gifts for individual disadvantaged children. Gifts are brought to ACAC and then they are distributed to the children by the Charity.

Christine now works for Merrill Lynch/Bank of America as financial advisor. She enjoys working at Merrill Lynch because she believes she is helping people.

In response to the question "Why Rotary?" Christine said she was initially looking for networking opportunities. It shifted to community as she attended the luncheon meetings.

FROM DISTRICT 7450- DG DAVE HARADON

On February 14, I received an email from a fellow Rotary District Governor named Steven Jenkins of [Rotary District 1150](#) located in Southern Wales, United Kingdom (England). He asked if our Rotary District 7450, located around the Philadelphia area, could help support a family that was coming from his Wales Rotary District to Philadelphia ...this Sunday, February 19!

"**Sure, we're Rotary! We're EXTRAORDINARY! What can we do to help (gulp)?**", I said, having no idea what this was all about. It turns out that a 10-year-old girl named Megan has [Scoliosis](#), a birth defect caused by an incomplete closing of the backbone and membranes around the spinal cord. Meet Mega as shown via her X-ray picture (shared with her mother's permission).

Megan needs an operation called "[Vertebral Body Tethering](#)" (VBT), which is **NOT** available in the United Kingdom. VBT is a better way of treating [scoliosis](#) for young patients with moderate to large curves and adolescent growth left. This innovative, less invasive, surgical procedure can modulate bone growth of the spine during rapid growth spurt periods when adolescent spinal curvatures typically progress so much! Shriners' Hospital in Philadelphia uniquely performs this surgery.

Megan's family arrived for pre-testing and possibly to have the actual operation, although this remains to be determined. Megan's first appointment is at Shriners Hospital was Tuesday, February 21st at 10:30 am.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 23 Soup Drive for Safe Harbor
Mar 10 RYLA Awards
Mar 11 Pick up Fruit

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



THANK YOU

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Katie Martin of DNB First

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
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