



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: April 13, 2017

**Neighborhood Health
 Hospice Services**

**Next Week's Program: April 20, 2017
 Induction Ceremony: Christine Hodgson,
 Brian Fahey
 Classification Talks: Dan Wilson,
 Phil McFadden**

MINUTES by Pat Barron

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Sue Casso Rogers** gave the invocation, asking for divine guidance in our many daily duties. On a sad note she informed us that former club president **John Batley** had passed away. Club songbird **Catherine Friedman** led us in singing God Bless America.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms Brad Abel** was asked by **President Bob** "What do you know?" Brad gave us an English lesson (continue reading only if you are 21 or older). He asked, why should a hooker not stand outside a prison? The answer...never end a sentence with a proposition. (For recording this I'm sure I will be haunted by the ghost of my high school English teacher, Miss Munsterman. No, I am not making up that name!)
- We were honored by two visiting Rotarians from the Longwood Club, Reese Reynolds and Steve Baker.
- We had several guests. Some are in the queue to join our club; one is ready for membership; and one is considering us along with some other clubs. (I hope Brad's joke didn't scare him off.)
- Many folks were happy. The most memorable was a report that Operation Warm distributed 298,006 coats this past winter.
- **Laura Alosio** wished a Happy Birthday to **Sue Flynn**.

We had several announcements:

- ✓ On April 11 there will be a Chili Cook Off Happy Hour, starting roughly at 5 p.m., at Kildare's, 18 West Gay Street. Come one, come all!
- ✓ On April 19 the Media Theater will present West Side Story to benefit Rotoplast.

- ✓ On April 29 Rotarians-at-Work will join other clubs at Northbrook Canoe Company to pick up winter trash from the Brandywine Creek. Work starts at 8 a.m. with a BBQ afterwards.
- ✓ The District Conference will be held in Gettysburg from May 5 to 7.
- ✓ **Jack Wintermute** invited all to the Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball stadium on Thursday, May 25th. The between innings entertainment will be the ever popular Cowboy Monkey Rodeo.
- ✓ Former Mayor-for-a-day from 1960 **Jeff Brown** announced that the honor will be reprised. New Mayor-for-a-day Ryan Walter will take his oath on April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Borough Hall.
- **President Bob** announced that our May 11th meeting will be held at **Bill Winters** house, 629 N. Church Street. (Thanks, Bill!) Same time and same cost, but the proceeds will help support our disabled veterans via the Healing Waters initiative. There will be a serious pulled pork competition, so come hungry!!! This will be an outdoor event with a rain date of May 18th.
- There was no winner for the 50/50 Pot o' Gold.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Chris Feryo

Rotarian Jim McGee introduced our club to Matt Seymour, Project Healing Waters Liaison from the VAMC, Coatesville. Matt is a veteran having served from 1968-72 in Ethiopia and the NSA.

A sense of community is very important to Veterans. PHW uses fly fishing and it's components as rehabilitation aids for veterans who are disabled. This helps them get back to "where they were" before serving. Many of the veterans suffer from PTSD and the healing journey for disabled veterans is often lonely and frustrating and can result in a loss of hope. Their suicide rate is three times the national average.

There are more than 3500 fly fishing enthusiasts involved at 206 military hospitals in all 50 states serving more than 10, 000 veterans trying to make a difference. Since helping veterans on their healing journey is not a onetime event, the volunteers serve as coach, mentor, companion and friend. Volunteers are the key to success for PHW and provide veterans with a sense of achievement and growing confidence.

The program helps the veterans get out of bed, come out of their shell of withdrawal, learn a great low-stress sport at their own pace and improve balance and gain physical strength. It provides them a sense of Mindfulness.

Some of the successes of Project Healing Waters in Coatesville include: 2015 and 2016 PA Participant of the Year, 2015 1st place National Fly Tying Champion and 2016 PA Volunteer of the Year. The program includes 25 veterans from the Coatesville VA participating in 82 events and boasts 525 volunteer hours already in the first quarter of this year.

Area programs are served by regional assistant coordinator Dave Riggio. The Coatesville in patient program serves veterans with PTSD and TBI and meet weekly. The contact for the program is Ken Van Glider. The West Bradford program serves a wider variety of veterans and meets every other week. Their contact is Jay Brenneman. A new program is starting in Royersford.

For more information on Project Healing Waters contact:

Matt Seymour at: mseymour1128@earthlink.net or visit: www.projecthealingwaters.org.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Christine Hodgson: Owner MSL Professional Cleaning Services, Classification - Services/ Cleaning Sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**

Brian Fahey: Head of School at West Chester Friends School; Classification - Education/ Administration Sponsored by **Paul Woodruff**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Chris Franz** at Advent Lutheran Church

INVOCATION REMINDER

Invocation will be given by;
Laura Aloisio 4/13 and Cathy Palmquist 4/20

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School
Host Parents: Marcell and Destardi Moye-Sherman
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SAVE THE DATE

April 11 Happy Hour at Kildares'
April 19 Rotoplast Fundraiser at Media Theater
April 29 Rotary at Work Day
April 30 CPC Grant deadline
May 5-7 Multi-District Conference at Gettysburg
May 25 Rotary at the Blue Rocks

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