



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: October 11, 2018**  
**Speaker: Laura Aloisio**  
**Chili Cook Off**

**Next Week's Program: October 18, 2018**  
**Community Philanthropic Committee**  
**Distribution of Chili Cook Off Proceeds**

## MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting. **Dr. Bob Poole** gave the invocation sharing a lovely blessing that his British Grandmother would give. She always pronounced "grant" as "grunt" to the delight of her grandchildren.

There were no Visiting Rotarians. **Bob Frame** introduced the day's presenters from the Kennett Symphony: Michael Hall, Music Director; Monica Buffington, Executive Director and Ann Fontinelle, 1<sup>st</sup> Violin.

There were many guests. **Matt Holliday** actually moved from his usual table to introduce his colleague at the Justice Center, the Clerk of Courts, Yolanda Van de Krol. **Lynmar Brock** (transfer from the Philadelphia Club introduced his wife Claudie. **Sue Green** was joined by her daughter, Miriam Reed. Other guests included Scott Coleman and Reggie Cuddleback

Happy Bucks and announcements: **Kyle Rheiner** is happy about the upcoming West Chester University event where guests will be able to pick lettuce and garlic grown on campus for the food pantry. **Bunny Welsh** is happy that two new members of the K-9 team, Maddy and Cairo, are returning from extensive explosives training in Ohio and Michigan. Former member Jeff Brown is proud that **Cliff DeBaptiste** will be honored in the West Chester Walk of Fame on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Frederick Douglas statue on the University Campus. **Katie Martin** is ecstatic that her mother-in-law was able to fly to Los Vegas for Katie's husband's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Her mother-in-law had only flown once before in her life.

Birthdays: **Sue Casso Rogers** wished happy birthday to immediate past president **Mickey Hall**.

**President Bill** announced that **Rob Malone** will be launching a committee for members who can help with Club PR immediately after the Club meeting. He also announced that the box for Stockings for Soldiers will continue to be in the back of the room. **Cathy Palmquist** brought in the first donations. He is still looking for a replacement for Linda Hicks to chair the effort.

Reflecting on Days of Yore, **President Bill** shared that in 1962 the Beatles released their first single "Love Me Do" and the first James Bond Movie was released. In that same year Phillip Sharpless was named Honorary Rotarian of the year. In 1993, **Cathy Palmquist** was inducted into the Club and in 2002, **Mark Sammarone** was inducted.

**President Bill** reminded us of some key dates for the Chili Cook Off:

- October 12 6:00PM Pumpkin Stuffing at the Bar Association
- October 13 9:00 AM Truck Packing at **Jim Gasho's** warehouse
- October 14 – Chili Cook Off
- October 20 9:00AM Inventory at Gasho's

**Jeannie McGinn** is selling tickets for the event at 3 for \$30 as a saving for group sales. She will deliver to your office, if you give her a check immediately.

**Cathy Palmquist** drew the ticket for the 50-50 and I [**Winnie Stroup**] won the drawing but did not pull the Ace of Spades.

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner**

The Kennett Symphony - [KennettSymphony.org](http://KennettSymphony.org) - 610-444-6363

The mission of the Kennett Symphony is "to present a wide range of symphonic music at an affordable price to entertain and enrich the lives of our audience. Educate young and underserved audiences, and provide opportunities for young artists and capable musicians to perform."

Ann Buffington started us off with a fantastic violin rendition of the famous "Trip To China" - She's very talented and is 1 of 70 musicians you'll get to look forward to when attending a concert!

Monica Buffington, Executive Director, then led us into a quiz with the reward of free concert tickets - we had 5 lucky winners. During this quiz, we learned that the orchestra field contributes \$1.8 Billion to the US economy in direct payment of goods and services annually. (Sports provide \$14.3 billion and Restaurants contribute \$799 billion!)

Next, we learned that there are 1,250 orchestras in the US - the majority of them being along the I-95 corridor (Boston to DC). 2nd Most - LA/San Fran and 3rd would be the Chicago - Minneapolis area.

The total audience for orchestras in the United States is 25,000,000 annually and there are 28,000 performances annually. Support for the Kennett Symphony comes from ticket sales (35%), foundations & fundraising events (20%), educational and cultural partnerships, small businesses & corporations (10%), government agencies, and individual contributions (35%).

Michael Hall, Music Director, walked us through the upcoming concert event schedule which kicks off October 27th at Unionville High School and carries us through the holidays and all the way to next August. Concerts will be in West Chester, Longwood Gardens, and the Mendenhall. In addition, Michael is a Music Director for a symphony in Canada.

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Oct 12	Pumpkin Stuffing
Oct 13	Truck Packing
Oct 14	Chili Cook Off
Oct 20	Chili Inventory @ Gasho's Warehouse

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