



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: September 10, 2015

Speakers: Dick Pomerantz, Journalist, Author
"YOU KNOW YOU REALLY HAVE A MAGIC DOG!"

Next Week's Program: September 17, 2015

To Be Announced

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Elect Bob Rogers opened the meeting. After the singing of "America", **Marjorie Wentz** gave the invocation on our use of time.

Visiting Rotarians included John Saling (Sunrise) and Honorary Rotarian **Alan Clark**.

Guests: **Wendy Leeper** introduced staff members for the Bar Association: Emily, Ann, Stephanie, and Ann. **Dan Cosgrove** introduced Pastor Paul Clough from Christ Community Church who is in the cue for membership.

President Elect Bob reminded us that if we are planning to travel, to get a club flag from the President to exchange with a club you visit.

Catherine Friedman wished a happy birthday to **Patti Roos**, Matt Holliday to Mike Skinner, and **Mac Neilon** to **Rich Murray**.

Happy bucks were given by **Jeff Brown** (his wife is on the tipstaff and was at the Justice Center when **Sherriff Bunny's** deputies stopped the intruder who was wielding a knife), **Marjorie Wentz** (her son went off to college, she now has three tuitions and her tennis team won, proceeding now to the sectionals). **Sue Casso Rogers** (She has recovered well from her surgery and doing everything but playing golf! Her nephew J.D. Triolo won a singing contest held by the Media Singers). **Catherine Freidman** (Friends Association needs a sofa if anyone can donate one). **Matt Holliday** (the West Chester Library is looking for a Development Director). **Cathy Palmquist** (In three weeks of travel, she visited seven countries on the Baltic Sea. She met 9 Rotarians and received 2 flags from Australia. One club's dues were \$6750/year!). **Bob Poole** (had his 70th high school class reunion). **Carol Hanson** (Outward bound will be coordinating the repelling of the 31-story building in Philadelphia that **Diane Lemonides** and Carol's

husband, Dennis Wallace will be participating in. Please sponsor them in this fundraiser).

Jack Wintermute informed us that **Ken Hickman** has an aneurism and had open-heart surgery at the University of Maryland Hospital. He is doing well and cards can be sent to him at The University of Maryland Medical Center, 22 S. Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Steve Quigley announced the Golf Outing with Kennett is still on September 29 at 1:30 PM. We need 20 people so please contact Steve or **Dave Barkasy**.

Elizabeth Guman and **Laura House Kelly** are the Chili Cook Off volunteer coordinators. Please sign up on line. We need everyone's help for this major event.

Jeannie McGinn is selling three Chili Cook Off wrist bands for \$25. Three churches are selling the bands as well as the Exton Chamber of Commerce at the Exton Mall, Fulton Bank, Arthur Hall Insurance, and La Difference.

The 50-50 proceeds will be collected from the Rob Luken's Education Foundation. **John Schwab** pulled the winning ticket but not the queen of spades.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Laura House Kelly

Our 9/3 meeting included three classification talks:

Eric Rosle

Eric was born in West Chester and graduated in 2000 from James Madison College with a degree in Sociology. His first job was with the University of Birmingham in Alabama working on a study about mobility trends of older people. Deciding rural

Alabama wasn't for him, he moved to Philly and worked for an IT company. Shortly thereafter he joined Liberty Mutual. Two years ago he joined Arthur Halls insurance in West Chester. He especially likes the personal touch Arthur Halls provides their clients. In 2013 he married his wife, Kate, who teaches 7th grade English at Kennett. He has three children: 9-year-old Helena, 1 ½ year old Ryan, and 6 month old Sarah. Mark Samrone encouraged Eric to join rotary and he has liked how positive everyone is. He is enjoying finding ways to be more active in his community and to serve as a role model to his children. Welcome Eric!

Justin Sochovka

Justin is from Clarks Summit, PA – the town at the end of the turnpike. If you know the McDonald's right before you get on Route 81 – his house is right behind it! Justin grew up in the sales business. At a young age he and his grandparents sold rice pudding out of the back of a trailer. His years as a travelling rice pudding salesman led him straight to QVC – his dream job. While attending West Chester University he frequented QVC as an audience member. Apparently, there is free food during their cooking shows. Who knew?? He posted an audition video on YouTube. A call back and successful audition made him the youngest ever on-air guest at the age of 23. He now sells every kind of electronics equipment you can imagine – usually in the middle of the night. He joined rotary at the insistent begging of Matt Holliday and he is thrilled to be finding ways to help his community. And in case you missed this classification, Justin gave a tutorial so we all know how to pronounce his name: Sa-choke-ah. Don't forget! Welcome Justin!

Jeff Brown

Jeff was born in Bryn Mawr in 1942 and just celebrated his 51st wedding anniversary. He and his wife have two sons, one of whom works with him. Jeff has a degree in economics and worked in the gas industry. During the time of the racial riots, Jeff worked in Brooklyn, going door to door to convince homeowners to switch from oil to gas heat. He has lots of stories he'd love to share about that experience! Eventually he and his wife decided to return to West Chester to raise their sons. He began working in insurance first for a friend's company and then with Valley Forge insurance. In 1982 he formed his own company, which later merged to create KMRD Partners. Jeff has been an active community member, serving on multiple boards and participating in several community projects. He joined rotary in

1978 becoming a third generation Rotarian. His son is now a 4th generation Rotarian. He is excited to now be part of the West Chester club so he can help make West Chester the best it can be. Welcome Jeff!

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 12	Rotary Night at PPL Park
Sept 17	Dine Out at Iron Hill
Sept 20	Chili Cook Off booth at Restaurant Festival
Sept 29	Golf Match with Kennett Longwood
Oct 11	Chili Cook Off
Nov 13	SASY Awards
Nov 14	District Conference

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