



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: April 30, 2015
Blue Rocks Baseball
Introduction by Jack Wintermute

Next Week's Program: May 7, 2015
TBA

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Rob Feenan opened the meeting and for the invocation, **Cathy Palmquist** noted that Wednesday was Earth Day and Friday is Arbor Day, citing activities and comments in regards to both events.

Visiting Rotarians included **Gary Hewitt** from South Korea, Dr. Thomas Bryer from Dusseldorf, and Ann Miller from Sunrise Rotary. In commemoration of Take Our Children to Work Day, **Laura Aloisio** brought her daughter Andrea. **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Suzie ?, a guest from The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, Justin Sudeka attended with **Wendy Leeper**, Lisa Dorsey from the Melton Center came with **Matt Holiday**, and Dan Lystein from the TAPS program attended with **Cristina Combee**.

Matt Holiday kicked off birthdays by extending greetings to **Laura House-Kelly**. **Wendy Leeper** extended best wishes to **Terri Ritchie**.

Patty Jefferis gave Happy Bucks for the opportunity to take care of her two grandchildren for several days, but more so for when their mother returned! **Bruce Beadle** was happy to announce he has just one ticket left for the Media Theatre fundraising event, which he is happy to sell by the end of the meeting. Pam Lealand from Sunrise Rotary was happy for the help, past and present, at The Hickman. She especially singled out **Shauna Yeldell** and **Deb Sparre** for suggesting The Hickman for this year's Rotary Work Day on Saturday.

Fran Curtin was happy to have come through gall bladder surgery with minimal hospitalization and pain. **Mac Neilon** was happy to remind members of the work day at The Hickman from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday with a chili lunch to follow, **Matt Holiday** put in a happy buck for all the talking he has done today. Lisa Dorsey was happy to tell about the upcoming

fundraiser at the Melton Center, **Bunny Welsh** was happy to announce the upcoming open house at the Chester County Family Academy next Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at their new site, and **Bob Poole** was happy to remember his return from South Korea in 1948, and the book he received from **Gary Hewitt**.

Jack Wintermute reminded members to get their tickets now for the upcoming Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks. He said the baseball team is ready to welcome us. **Jeannie McGinn** presented a check for \$352 from our 50/50 donations to Suzie from The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, which will provide a summer camp scholarship to a youngster. Members were invited to attend and see the joy the children experience at the camp. Please call before going. **Laura House-Kelly** announced the Community Philanthropic Committee is now receiving grant applications. Members should alert non-profits to apply before the April 30th deadline. **Shauna Yeldell** announced this is the last week to nominate non-Rotarians for the Honorary Rotarian Award.

Mickey Hall reported that a decision about the fruit sale will be made soon, so if members have not provided their input, she brought forms for members to respond. **President Rob Feenan** announced the presidential induction and gala will be June 25th.

Laura Aloisio won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Laura House Kelly

People's Light and Theatre
Kelly Benedict, Group Sales Associate
Marci Bramucci, Director of
Community Investment

Kelly and Marci provided a lively presentation about People's Light and Theatre complete with an on-the-spot performance of a scene from Biloxi Blues with

WC Rotary thespians: Katie Decker, Bob Frame, Justin Sochovka, and Steve Founds.

Located in Malvern, People's Light and Theatre is the largest non-profit, professional theatre in Chester County. The theatre has a long history of community impact; 2015 marks their 40th year! A large company of resident artists, along with visiting artists, perform on two stages; one seats 350 people while the other is smaller for more intimate or unique settings like theatre-in-the-round. Productions include adaptations of classics as well as new and contemporary plays. Each season includes plays geared toward younger audiences as well as more mature, sophisticated performances for adults. In pursuit of their mission, People's Light and Theatre incorporates broad educational programming for the community. Throughout the season they host pre- and post-show discussions and Q&A sessions with the actors. Through their Community Matters program, readings of new plays are presented followed by discussion with the artists, special guests, and community members. The Arts Discovery Program caters to children and teens with classes throughout the year and summer camps. The theatre offers several group discounts to encourage community involvement. School groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, and adult groups of all varieties enjoy special packages that can include discussion time with the artists.

The Director of Community Investment is a relatively new staff position at People's Light designed to deepen the theatre's relationship with community groups and individuals. Marci offered several examples of work she is doing to create mutually beneficial opportunities. One example is advocating for a Septa bus stop on the theatre's campus. Extensive community building is happening right now through their production of Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*, running from 4/29 to 5/24. Canteen Nights will be offered at every Thursday evening performance in the upper lobby. Over concessions, audience members will have an opportunity to talk with each other and the artists in a relaxed, informal setting. On May 6th Warrior Writers, a Philadelphia based veterans group, will perform a brief anthology of 4 of their works, which describe their war experiences. The Chester County Historical Society will provide a "Behind the Scenes of Biloxi Blues" event on May 14th. While preparing for the production, staff and actors reached out to several local veterans groups to hear stories of their experiences in boot camp. Art and photographs were also collected for display at the theatre during the play's run. West Chester Rotary members were encouraged to Biloxi Blues, or any of the theatre's upcoming productions,

individually or as a group to take advantage of group discounts and special programming.

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ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

The 22nd Annual
West Chester Rotary Night with the
Wilmington Blue Rocks
Thursday, May 21, 2015 5:30 to ?
Please see **Jack Wintermute** for tickets.
Make \$37 checks payable to
The Rotary Club of West Chester

SAVE THE DATE

May 11 District 7450 Conference
May 16 Clean up at Joanne Tadeo's property
May 21 WC Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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