



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: November 17, 2016
Speakers: David Reinfeld and Eric Smith
Classification Talks

Next Week's Program: November 24, 2016
Happy Thanksgiving
(No Meeting)

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Bob called the meeting to order.

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, **Elizabeth Guman** offered the invocation. We then sang God Bless America.

Guests: Cindy Binchini, guest of **Joe Panero** and Dan Wilson, guest of the club.

Visiting Rotarians: John Saling, Sunrise; Reese Reynolds, Longwood; Charles Streitwieser, Longwood

Happy Bucks: **Patty Jefferis** shared a happy/sad thought. She had just finished the book on Rob Lukens. She said it was a timely book for her as it's the one year anniversary of her husband's passing. She highly recommended it as a good read to us all. **Elizabeth Guman** was happy to follow up on a recent happy buck announcement and told us that her son sold all 20 of his grass-fed cows and thanked **Mickey Hall** and **Dan Cosgrove** for their orders that helped him reach his goal. **Sue Greenberg** gave 5 happy bucks that the election was over and that we now had the opportunity to heal our divisions.

District News: **President Bob** announced the upcoming District Seminars. Membership – December 15; Gundaker Foundation – January 26; Youth Services – March 30.

Birthdays: **Dan Cosgrove** wished **Chuck Garfinkle** a happy birthday; **Faith Woodward** wished **Elizabeth Guman** a happy birthday; **Catherine Friedman** sang a happy birthday to **Sue Greenberg**.

President Bob shared some important upcoming dates: November 22 – Ex-Sergeant of Arms Awards; December 1 – Shop for a Cause at Talbots; December 7 – Million Dollar Dinner with Rotary International President; December 9 – Club Holiday Party at **Rob Feenan's** home.

Rotary Foundation Month Announcements: **Steve Founds** shared examples of how our Rotary Foundation dollars are spent. He announced that **Bruce Beadle** is offering matching Rotary

Foundation points that apply toward a Paul Harris Fellow status to members who are new to donating (up to 5,000 points). **Phyllis Dunn** told us that our club currently has 62 Paul Harris Fellows! Last year we had 95 members give to the Rotary Foundations and we want even more this year with a goal of \$10,000. She explained the Rotary Direct program (automatic withdrawal or credit card transaction) and announced that **Paul Woodruff** will give 100 points to the first 10 people that sign up for Rotary Direct this year. Tim xx then explained the purpose and function of our West Chester Rotary Club Foundation. It is a 501c3 that holds donations for our club's charitable initiatives. One of the main goals of the foundation is to build an endowment that can provide ongoing funding for our youth scholarships.

Announcements: 1) **Sue Casso Rogers** shared details on the December 1 Talbots Shop for a Cause. Shop between 3-8pm and mention Rotary and 10% of your purchase will go to the West Chester Rotary Foundation. There will be a raffle for a \$100 gift card. Look for details in an upcoming email from Sue. 2) **Ernest Zlotolow** announced that we just sent a shipment of glasses and now over 5,000 glasses have been sent on that project. 3) Linda Hicks told us next week is the last week for Stockings for Soldiers (they are delivering next Thursday night). They need tuna cans, razor blades, slim jims. 4) **Faith Woodward** needs volunteers to print the Votary. 5) **Carol Hanson** gave us details on the Million Dollar Dinner with Rotary's International President. It is December 7 at the Springfield Country Club. See Carol for your invitation or information on how to sign up. 6) **Patty Jefferis** asked for volunteers to help with Operation Warm Coats next Wednesday or Thursday as she and **Winnie Stroup** will be packing 150 coats for children in the West Chester Area School District.

50/50: **Bill Winters** won the 50/50 and drew the 3 of Hearts.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By

Bob Frame introduced Bruce Mowday who wrote for the Daily Local News until 1997. He then started his own company and has authored 16 books about history sports business and true crime including previous work about West Chester, and a history of Herra .

Bruce described his total disinterest when Arcadia Books approached him to create a book about West Chester. He thought it had all been done. Some titles by him (e.g. Post Cards) and some by others. Arcadia wouldn't give up easily and finally convinced him to create a book about the modern West Chester. To some at Arcadia anything later than 1950 was modern. To Bruce it meant this century. His goal was to give the reader the experience of what it's like to live, work and play in West Chester today.

Melissa Mowday, adjunct professor at Widener and St. Joseph's University, agreed to collaborate with her Dad on the book. They discovered that Ray Doyle who today does a lot of work at the Senior Center had thousands of photos. After 3 days with him they had indexed CD's of West Chester University Athletics, borough architecture and interesting scenes. Becky Braun from the County archives provided photos of the new Justice Center and the original courthouse. Katrina Garthe newly graduated from Shippensburg and Bruce took additional photos. Doug Harper provided the historical perspective.

At this moment during his talk, I noticed that the room was absolutely silent. No getting that extra cup of coffee. No shifting in the chairs. We were riveted on Bruce's words. He brought the process of creating his book to life. And he clearly loves our West Chester. And then he thanked us for being part of the best of West Chester – the people

There was only one question: Could we get the book? Those of us lucky to be in the room were able to get a signed copy of *Images of Modern America West Chester*. Others can order it on Amazon and it is available in the Historical Society bookstore.

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "Awards"
Dec 1 Fundraiser at Talbots
Dec 7 Million Dollar Journey
Dec 9 Holiday Open House @ Rob Feenan's

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

FUNDRAISER

On December 1st our club will be partnering with Talbots store in Downingtown for a "Have Fun and Make a Difference" event. For anyone shopping between 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Talbots will donate 10% of the proceeds to our own West Chester Rotary Club Foundation.

Just by stopping in the store during the event, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$100.00 Talbots gift card.

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee is currently soliciting nominations to fill 3 board positions for the 2017/2018 Rotary calendar year. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone in the club to serve on the board, for a maximum of 4 years, please notify Katie Martin in person or by email (misskmd@hotmail.com). The nominee should be someone who is an active participant in the club, serving on at least 2 committees and should have a good understanding of our club's mission. Nominations will be accepted until December 1st.

THANK YOU

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