



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: December 6, 2018
Speaker: Peter Ash
Under the Same Sun

Next Week's Program: December 13, 2018
Annual Meeting

MINUTES by Chris Feryo

President **Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting and the club joined in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Chris Franz gave the invocation on the theme of being thankful.

John Saling was the only visiting Rotarian.

Our guests included: Nick Branson with **Chuck Swope**, Mrs. Lynmar Brock with **Lynmar Brock**, Duke Evans, Derek Chandler with **Bill Ronayne**, Dennis Roberts with **Cristina Combee**.

Happiness filled the room as **Patty Jefferis** sends well wishes from Terry McGrath, **Deb Sparre** got Eagles tickets, **Sue Flynn** reminded us about shop with the Sherriff and the CCFA children's program in December, **Ernest Zlotolow** has tickets for the Kennett Symphony available, Duke Evans brought greetings from Irv Hoffman.

Days of Yore: Our 1951 Speaker was Hilda Koch a Holocaust Survivor.

Announcements: **Katie Martin** reminded us that the Salvation Army ringing of the bells is Dec. 8, **Sue Casso-Rogers** reminded us of the Holiday Party on Jan. 4 at her home on N. Matlack – please sign up for a main dish if you can.

Mickey Hall introduced the slate of officers and **President Bill** reminded us that the annual meeting will be Dec. 13.

Proposed slate of officers is as follows:

President: **Matt Holliday**

President-Elect: **Michelle Venema**

Vice President: **Steve Brown**

Secretary: **Sue Casso-Rogers**

Treasurer: **Jack Ellis**

Sergeant-at-arms: **Catherine Friedman**

Immediate Past President. **Bill Friedmann**

Directors at Large

Bill Winters, Diana Liberi, Rob Malone, Glen

Sweet, Laura Aloisio, Ernest Zlotolow, Brad Abel, Rich Murray, Carol Hanson

50/50 – **Sue Flynn** won the raffle, and the current recipient of the proceeds is Camp Abilities.

Important Dates:

12/6 – presentation by Peter Ash from Under the Same Sun

12/8 – Ringing of the Bells

12/13 – Annual Meeting

12/20 CCFA presentation

1/04 Holiday Party

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos

Andy Keen, a fellow Rotarian, was our guest speaker. Andy is currently serving in the Peace Corps. He joined in January, 2017 and has three months left on his service. Andy is in Guyana, South America which borders Suriname, Venezuela and Brazil. He started out by stating that talking to Americans takes some getting used to because over there he only communicates with another American maybe once every several months. His original group started out with 40 Peace Corps members from all over our country and other countries but now there is only around 20 left. His role there is to teach English. The school he is in has 77 students. He feels his experience has changed several children's lives so he is happy with the progress he has made. Challenges he faces over there are clean water to drink (to prepare a glass of drinking water takes a 6 minute process), food sanitation (due to the water issue, you have to know the person who is cooking it), safety (he is always inside by 4:30 pm) and to know that he has to respect their culture and not try to change things (there is a lot of domestic violence and women are treated very poorly).

Andy tributes his stay there to his faith in God. He feels God wanted him to find how to be happy with the simple part of life. He went over to see if people in Third World countries are happy and he feels they are. He wouldn't change this experience but when the three months are up, it will be bittersweet to leave. The people are so authentic because they have nothing so they find pleasure in the simplest things. These are the things Andy has learned through his experience in Guyana:

- 1) Be sensitive to others
- 2) Respect other people's rules/culture
- 3) Communication – give that person 100% of your attention
- 4) The importance of relationships
- 5) You can have the most fun doing "little stuff"
- 6) Learn to relax – have patience
- 7) Enjoy "the moment"

Andy feels so privileged to live in America. He said with this experience with the Peace Corps he learned a lot about himself and the culture versus helping people. He hopes they enjoyed their time with him. The environment is a little exhausting, so he will be happy to get home. Listening to Andy gave me a whole new appreciation of how great America is. As Dorothy says in the Wizard of Oz...."There is no place like home".

DUES

To those members who pay their dues in installments: The second installment is due by December 20th. Kindly pay your dues on line, bring a check (payable to The Rotary Club of West Chester) to the next meeting or mail a check to the club secretary: Sue Casso Rogers, 320 North Matlack Street, West Chester 19380. Any changes in your membership must be reported to Sue by December 20.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 8	Ring the bells for Salvation Army
Dec 13	Voting on By Laws
Jan 4	Holiday Party at Sue Casso and Bob Rogers' house

BY LAWS

On Nov 27 an email was sent to all club members containing new bylaws for your review. We will be voting on the new bylaws on December 13. Kindly review the document and plan to attend this important meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Nancy Pine, Attorney / Partner- Pine & Pine Law Firm; Classification - Attorney
Sponsor - **Sue Casso Rogers**

Nick Branton, Sales and Leasing Professional - Swope Lees Commercial Real Estate; Classification - Commercial Real Estate
Sponsor - **Chuck Swope**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Bill Ronayne of Brandywine Valley Htg + AC

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Bill Friedmann; President Elect, Matt Holliday; Vice President, Michelle Venema; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Sgts at Arms, Catherine Friedman & Deb Sparre; Immediate Past President, Mickey Hall; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Brad Abel, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Steve Brown, Bill Winters, Diana Liberi, Glen Sweet, Ernest Zlotolow

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Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450
Lynmar Brock, Past Director of Rotary International, P.D.G. '77-78 District 7450

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