



# ROTARY VOTARY

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MINUTES by Fran Luft

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Charles Streitwieser

President **Matt Holliday** opened the meeting. **Steve Quigley** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included Deb Friedmann from the Passport Club and John Saling from West Chester Sunrise Club.

There were numerous guests at our meeting today: Doug Meis, Yolanda Van de Krol, Nathan Keisler, Robin Pearigon, Tom Koney and Mark Nelson. **Fran Curtin** introduced his guest Pete and **Mark Sammarone** introduced his guest Jack.

Happy Dollars: **Katie Martin** is happy about the Daily Local News Reader's Choice contest. Please vote for who you think is best in the stated categories. **Don Kohler** is happy his three children are back in school. **Bill Friedmann** and wife are happy to be married 23 years. **Pat Barron** is happy to be married 50 years. **Phyllis Dunn** is happy her friend Tom attended the meeting today as a guest. **Lynn Childs** is happy her daughter is engaged. **Sue Casso Rogers** is happy she will be recovering from hip surgery scheduled for next week. **Dwight Leeper** announced that his wedding anniversary is tomorrow. **Andrew Stump** announced he has been married for 32 years. I am sorry I missed why **Danielle Mortimer** is happy.

Announcements: **Steve Quigley** announced the next gold outing will be held September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Downingtown Country Club. **President Matt** announced that within the next two months are Rotary Club will have 125 members. **Debbie Friedmann** from the Passport Club announced there will be a Mini Golf Tournament at Tee It Up Golf Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

50/50: **Dave Wood** won the drawing but did not select the Queen of Spades. The meeting ended with a quote from Ben Franklin.

Rotarian **Pat Barron**, presented his topic as "Issues Related to Tariffs".

Given today's news headlines about US-China tariffs, this talk was very timely. To begin, tariffs are a tax on imports or exports between sovereign states. In other words, they are "a tactic that taxes foreign products to achieve a policy goal".

Pat reviewed the landscape of economic history that has led to the popularity of tariffs. It all began with John Maynard Keynes' view that the goal of government policy should be to achieve a positive balance of payments where our country exports more than it imports; resulting in more jobs for our domestic economy and protection of our 'infant industries'.

Sounds good, right? The dark side of tariffs, however, reveals that "all tariff costs are borne by the country that imposes them". In effect, tariffs raise prices, raise the cost of living, thwart innovation and generally cause a recession at best and a trade war at worst.

So why does our government use tariffs? Because they meet a government policy goal better than any other tool of economics at its disposal. Tariffs were popularized in the post WWII period in our country because they were seen as a way to rapidly rebuild our economy and increase domestic employment. The same objectives are true today.

Pat showed us how policies like these don't always help the consumer, though. John Maynard Keynes famously admonished about the use of tariffs in 1919: "...men have devised ways to impoverish themselves and one another; and prefer collective animosities to individual happiness". In other words, tariffs can impose trade barriers which cause economic inefficiencies with negative implications for jobs and products' prices formerly enhanced by free trade.

Our governments' answer to this seems to be that we must look at the effect of tariffs *on our entire economy* (in the long term, not the short term) to see why we need them to 'win the trade war' imposed on "government" in recent times.



### FROM BRAD ABEL

Next Monday, Sept 9, we'll have our September Chili Cook Off Meeting. The meeting starts at 5:30 and we'll have it at 206 West Miner St. That's my, Brad's, office and all are welcome. During the meeting, we'll discuss and focus on teams, vendors and logistics.

All are welcome to attend.

At our October 3rd club meeting, we're going to review all aspects of the cookoff and have the committee chairs talk to job responsibilities. We'll have sign-up sheets for volunteers for all the committees.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need anything or have any questions. My number is 215-292-3595.

### SAVE THE DATE

Sept 9	Chili Cook Off Meeting
Sept 14	Service Project -Hamels Foundation
Sept 20	Rotary Golf Outing -Downingtown
Sept 21	Warehouse Project
Oct 13	Chili Cook Off

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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### ROTARY GOLF OUTING

We have reserved six starting times at Downingtown Country Club for a Rotary Outing on Friday, September 20, starting at 2:34 PM. We plan to play 18 holes and then have refreshments and dinner at the club. The cost for the golf will be \$45.00 each, including carts. Drinks and dinner will be from the menu.

Please let Steve Quigley, [quigsteve@aol.com](mailto:quigsteve@aol.com), know if you would like to play. We need to confirm the number of players by SEP 16, so please respond as soon as possible.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Faith Woodward** of Barclay Friends

### COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, September 21, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign up, click. [www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7)



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