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# ROTARY VOTARY

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## This Week's Program: February 8, 2018

Update and Review of New Tax Laws

Speaker: Rob Feenan

## Next Week's Program: February 15, 2018

Classification Talk

Speaker: Bob Hall

Club Financial Review

Speaker: Tim Walsh & Sue Casso Rogers

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

The meeting was opened by **President Mickey Hall**, who looked out on a sea of green, where most club members wore Eagles attire, per her request, in support of the Eagles playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday. **Mark Sammarone** read a prayer about Punxsutawney Phil, who surfaced this day to predict the weather for the next six weeks. **Mark** chose this invocation in honor of his wife Tracey, who hails from Punxsutawney. **Sargent-at-arms Brad Abel**, gave three SAA jokes which failed to impress.

**President Mickey** conducted a short Eagles Trivia game, with Brian Fahey being the only winning respondent. Visiting Rotarians were John ? from Newtown Square, and Jackie Tate from Chadds Ford. **Chris Feryo's** guest was Terri Edgar, who is in the membership queue, and Tim and Don, guests of **Matt Holliday**, who are exploring membership, and would bring down the median club age, if they join. Matt also announced the Chester County Historical Society is having a National History Day contest. Seamus Lavin, a former member, was the guest of **Mark Sammarone**, and **Bob Hall** re-introduced Ken Klein, who is in the queue.

**Cathy Palmquist** wished 20+ years member, **Fran Luft**, a happy birthday. **Bill Winters** kicked off Happy Bucks by reporting he was recently in St. Kits, and **Ebbie Alfree** said he is going to Asia this summer. **Matt Holliday** was happy to salute **Bill Ronayne**, who is always willing to help, for delivering furniture to a needy family.

In announcements, **President Mickey** reminded us of the Souper Bowl being sponsored by Greater West

Chester Sunrise Rotary Club.

**Vice President Matt Holliday** talked about our annual Soup for Safe Harbor project that is coming up, with two February dates, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, for us to donate soup. He recognized **Diane Lemonides** for chairing this project. In her absence (she's currently in Patagonia!), **Steve Brown** and **Chris Feryo** have stepped in to head up the effort. Large Ziploc bags are available for the soup this year, in lieu of large plastic containers. Donors are asked to freeze the bags flat for easier storage.

**Christine Wildauer**, fruit sale chair, turned "the pitch" for this week over to co-chair **Brian Fahey**, who donned the orange costume to present "facts" about the benefits of fruit (not true, but he sounded convincing). Sales are slow, so members are urged to follow up with their contacts.

**President Mickey** reminded members of upcoming district events and club programs.

**Larry Miller** won the 50/50, but the queen eluded him.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Glen Sweet

### Classification Talk: Brian Fahey:

Brian grew up in Wilmington with his American Gothic parents. He was one of five children; the only one who looked like E.T. He went to Brandywine High School and the University of Delaware where he majored in political science and English. While at the University of Delaware he coached baseball at Wilmington Friends School. Eventually he took a job at Wilmington Friends where he remained for 29

years! During his tenure he taught grades 1, 2 3, 4, 5 7 9, 10, 11 and 12. He also coached field hockey, basketball and football.

Brian's wife, Rebecca, is from Ecuador. They have fraternal twins who are 16 years old. Anna is a sophomore at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and Luke is a sophomore at Wilmington Friends. His major hobbies are bicycling and woodworking. Brian sometimes rides his bike to work. His daughter inspired him to be adventurous and apply for the position at West Chester Friends School.

Brian was recruited for our Rotary Club by **Paul Woodruff**. He was looking for a means to meet people in West Chester since he lives in Wilmington. Brian's parting thought was: As income increases, so to test scores. Reducing poverty will create a better educated population.

#### **Reclassification Talk – Paul Woodruff:**

Paul began by saying he felt this talk was a little like giving his own eulogy since his classification was forty years ago! Paul started life in Harbor Springs, Michigan, a resort town in upper Michigan on Lake Michigan. He and his family moved to St. Louis when he was four and shortly thereafter returned to Michigan to settle in Lansing. He attended high school in Lansing and the Michigan State University where he had an academic scholarship. He received a civil engineering degree with an emphasis on environmental engineering. He married his high school sweetheart, Marcia Jane, two weeks after graduation. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister. They had six children; four boys and two girls. Their son, Danny, was killed in a car accident when he was 16 years old.

After university, Paul took a position with Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan. It was there he met Roy Weston who asked him to work for him at Weston's headquarters in Newtown Square. Paul worked there for 13 years and in 1977 founded Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and led it as chairman and CEO until 2001. He retained three of ERM's 66 companies when he retired.

Bored with retirement he developed a marina and residential complex in northern Michigan and was a partner in the development of Freedom Village in Coatesville, a continuing care retirement community. He enjoys sailing, skiing, painting with watercolors and traveling.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Feb 15 & 22 Soup for Safe Harbor  
Feb 22 Fruit Orders Due  
Mar 3 Fruit Pick Up @ Duie Pyle

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