



# ROTARY VOTARY

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**This Week's Program: June 9, 2016  
To Be Announced**

**Next Week's Program: June 16, 2016  
To Be Announced**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**Club President Katie Martin** opened the meeting. For the invocation, **Jim Gasho** read a poem about staying young forever. A very positive, uplifting piece!

The lone visiting Rotarian was Reese Reynolds from the Longwood club. Among the guests was **Marjorie Wentz** son, Justin, Tyler Fisher, a fitness instructor interested in Rotary membership, who was attending with **Brad Abel**, Gabby Siemen, a new college graduate, who is very smart and looking for a job, a guest of **Don Kohler**, and **Mickey Hall's** two guests, husband Bob Hall, and nephew Chad, who has just returned from Germany and is looking for employment.

Looking at Throwback Thursday, **President Katie** announced a happy hour today at the Split Rail Tavern beginning about 5:15 p.m. Attendees can order by the drink or pay \$20 for all you can drink. **President Katie** also reminded members of Rotary Night at the Phillies on July 19<sup>th</sup>, and **Bob Roger's** induction on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – "it will be an evening to remember," she said.

**Pat Barron** kicked off Happy Bucks, and **Chris Franz**, new invocations chair, announced he was passing around a sheet for members to sign up for invocations for the next 3 months. **Catherine Friedman** was happy about the Rotary Readers program she participates in, telling how one of the children in her class gave her a thank you note that read "you moved my heart." **Cathy Palmquist** was happy to have been in Annapolis for her nephew's graduation with distinction from the Naval Academy, and her grandson's high school graduation in another week.

**Cathy** then wished **Faith Woodward** birthday greetings, by detailing some of the many community and Rotary activities in which Faith is involved. **Jen Fiorillo** then wished **Dan Zajac** a happy birthday.

**Sue Casso Rogers** gave another reminder of Bob's induction on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and urged members to get their checks to her no later than June 13<sup>th</sup>. **Faith Woodward** passed around a sheet for members with businesses to sign up to print and provide copies of the Votary for distribution at meetings.

Then, **President Katie** turned the meeting over to **Bob Rogers**, because she needed to leave early. **Bob** called on **Bruce Beadle** who introduced the Rotoplast speaker, noting that he was so moved by the last presentation on Rotoplast that he went on a mission trip to help the Rotoplast team this year.

**Rob Malone** won the 50/50, but missed the queen, with just 14 cards remaining.

## SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Pat Barron

**Bruce Beadle** introduced our guest speaker, Paul Quintavella of the Rotary Club of Broomall. Paul's talk, supported by an excellent PowerPoint presentation, was disturbing, heart-breaking, and ultimately uplifting. In a quiet manner Paul gave us a candid picture of Rotary's Rotoplast project. Rotoplast sends teams of doctors and support staff, including many Rotarians, to repair cleft lips and cleft palates in Third World countries. Bruce was with Paul on a recent trip to northern India and took some of the pictures included in Paul's presentation.

Cleft lips and cleft palates are birth defects caused by lack of proper diet, mainly zinc, and environmental pollution. Living conditions are very harsh in India. Just one example is that dried cow dung is the main source of fuel for many and is burned in the open air for cooking. Cleft lip and cleft palate children and their parents are ostracized in Indian society. The reality is that infanticide often is the solution.

A typical Rotoplast trip costs \$100,000. Around one hundred children will be treated; therefore, the cost per child is around one thousand dollars. The teams are on site for eleven days--ten days of surgery with a

one day break in the middle.

Rotoplast teams change lives...and often save lives. Paul showed many before and after pictures. This was the uplifting end to his presentation. Bruce presented Paul with a check on behalf of our club. Paul's next trip is to Venezuela in September. If you are interested in joining, he urged members to contact him through Bruce.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEOUL

Korea played host to Rotary's largest event of the year, its annual convention. More than 42,000 Rotary members from over 100 countries came together last month to celebrate service, exchange ideas, and relax among friends at unforgettable concerts and social events. The convention ran from 28 May to 1 June.

Attendees [like our very own **Andy Keen**] heard from renowned experts in areas of peace, global health, and human rights.

### World Water Summit

Immediately before the convention, the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group hosted its annual World Water Summit on 27 May, focusing on sustainable strategies for bringing water, sanitation, and hygiene to all communities around the world. The event featured speeches from experts in the field, including Gary White of Water.org and Sanjay Wijesekera, Chief of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for UNICEF.

### 3K Walk for Peace

Attendees, wearing the traditional garb of their home countries, walked in solidarity for a more peaceful world in the 3K Walk for Peace on 28 May. The event was complemented by the Rotary Way exhibit, featuring photographs of 111 years of Rotary service.

## SAVE THE DATE

Jun 8	Board Meeting
Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction
Jun 23	No lunch meeting
July 19	Rotary Night at the Phillies

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



## GIFT CARD DONORS FOR PRESIDENT'S GALA AUCTION

Please deliver any gift cards you are donating no later than FRIDAY, JUNE 17, so they can be appropriately packaged for the auction. Deliver to Glen Sweet at a meeting or drop at her residence, 510 North Walnut Street, West Chester. Thank you for your participation.

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