



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: July 2, 2015
The New Rotary Year
Speaker: President Katie

Next Week's Program: July 9, 2015
To Be Announced

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Elizabeth Guman

Rotarians and spouses/significant others gathered at the historic Oakbourne Mansion for an evening of delicious food and hearty fellowship to celebrate the induction of incoming **President Katie Martin**, and to thank outgoing **President Rob Feenan**. Guests entered through the magnificent foyer with its rich mahogany wood trim, wide arched doorways and into rooms with interesting fireplaces. Incoming **President Katie** had added her own touch to the elegant mansion rooms, where an array of appetizers and the bar were located, by placing framed photos of current and past Rotarians, on every shelf and mantle. The photos provided fond memories and chuckles from longtime Rotarians, as well as questions and interesting comments from newer members who viewed the large assemblage.

Glen Sweet arranged the bounteous baskets, golf clubs and other specialty items that made up the silent auction all around the perimeter of the rooms for guests to view and bid on as they nibbled, imbibed and socialized.

Following a tasty buffet of Chicken Marsala, salmon, grilled vegetables, sumptuous salad, and mini desserts, Mistress of Ceremonies **Sue Casso Rogers** called guests to order and extended thanks to some of those who helped set up the special event. **Jeannie McGinn** then gave a thoughtful invocation, welcoming **President Katie** and extending a grateful thanks to outgoing **President Rob**.

With details concluded, **Bob Frame**, our energetic, in-house auctioneer, immediately jumped into the live auction, with spirited back and forth bids on a week at a chateau in France and a cook-along-with-**Bob (Rogers)**.

President Rob Feenan started off the evening with a few remarks as our outgoing president. He offered incoming **President Katie** some advice: #1 Do what you want; #2 You can't please everyone; #3 Get people to have a good time. **President Rob** then turned over the program to **Jack Wintermute**, recognizing Jack for his 50 years of service in Rotary. Jack offered a few remarks to set the historical context for Katie's induction. Our club's first president was Alger Whitcraft in 1921-22. Our oldest living president is **Irvie Hoffman**, living in Texas and is currently 95 years old. Jack served as our 63rd president. **Sue Casso Rogers** served as our 76th president and one of our first female presidents. Katie will be our club's 95th president and the 6th female president.

Jack highlighted a few interesting facts about Katie to help us get to know our new president better including that Katie plays the tuba and she is married to a great guy named Chris. Jack then had Rob pin the "president's pin" that has been passed down through the ranks onto Katie. Katie then gave Rob our traditional "past-president" pin complete with a diamond.

Officers for the 2015-2016 Rotary year were inducted:

President, **Katie Martin**; President-Elect, **Bob Rogers**; Vice-President, **Mickey Hall**; Past President, **Rob Feenan**; Secretary, **Sue Casso Rogers**; Treasurer, **Tim Walsh**; Sergeant-at-Arms, **Bill Friedmann**; Directors-at-Large: **Dave Barkasy**, **Judi Bell**, **Cristina Combee**, **Linda Hicks**, **Matt Holliday**, **Jim Smith**, **Debra Sparre**, **Marjorie Wentz**, **Denise Wine**.

President Katie began with some thank yous: to **Glen Sweet** for running the auction; to **Sue Casso**

Rogers for organizing the program; to **Jack Wintermute** for doing the induction and for his 50 years of service to Rotary; to **Catherine Friedman's** daughters for their help in setting up for the evening.

"I am so excited to be your president!" **President Katie's** enthusiasm was certainly contagious. She reminded us that our purpose as Rotarians is to serve and that the international theme is "Be a gift to the world". Katie shared a favorite quote that she attributed to Walt Disney, "Making the impossible possible is fun." "Together we can do this," she said. Katie emphasized her commitment to lead our club this year so together we can make the impossible possible.

Katie finished her remarks with a thank you to DNB First (two of her colleagues were in attendance). She appreciated their support for her work in Rotary and their commitment to community service. She also recognized her husband, Chris and thanked him for his support in all her philanthropic activities.

President Katie then closed the meeting. "Be a gift to the world."

Much thanks to **Christine Wildauer** for the beautiful flowers from Lorgus Flower shop that we all took home to continue enjoying.

NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Dr. Lawrence Miller retired dentist, Classification - dentist / retired . Sponsored by **Ernest Zlotolow**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

SAVE THE DATE

July 1 Membership Dues are Due
Aug 4 Rotary Night at the Phillies
Oct 11 Chili Cook Off

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

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

MEMBER CONCERN

As many of you know, one of our fellow Rotarians, **Rob Lukens**, has endured severe health issues over the past couple of years. Unfortunately he is still experiencing some very serious complications and could use everyone's kind thoughts and prayers. Flowers were recently sent to him on behalf of the club and as soon as we learn of additional ways that we can be of assistance and any updates on his wellbeing we will let you all know.

A fund has been set up to help the Lukens family during this difficult time. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible contribution to support this cause can write a check to The West Chester Rotary Foundation and give it to our Treasurer, **Tim Walsh**. We will then issue a check from the Foundation to the Lukens family.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to support Rob's family to anyone whom you feel may want to make a contribution.

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