



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
K.R. Ravindran, International President 2015-2016
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This Week's Program: December 17, 2015
Chester County Family Academy
Holiday Music

Next Week's Program: December 24, 2015
Christmas Eve
No Meeting

MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

President Katie Martin opened the meeting at 12:29. **Steve Quigley** offered a beautiful prayer about Pearl Harbor and those who serve our country. We had 4 visiting Rotarians: Dwight Leeper (who is transferring to our club), Efran from Penn Yen, and Angie and Carol from WEGO.

There were quite a few guests: **Jeff Brown** had 4 guests Sauders Dixon, Sally Dixon, Jane Cominsky, and Cody Jones. **Mark Sammarone** introduced Jim McGee from ServePro who is checking us out. Eric Kuhn was a guest today introduced by **Steve Quigley**. **Ernest Zlotolow** had his 2 cousins (Carol and Richard Powell) visiting today. **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Libby Parks from the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce.

President Katie's TBT (Throw Back Thursday) was a ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army (Photo of Jeannie and the guys). She also made the sad announcement that **Dr. Bob Poole's** wife passed away this week. Then she offered a big thank you to **Tom Mann** for hosting the Holiday Party on Sunday.

Ernest Zlotolow spoke about the Albino issues and the fund raising that we are doing. He gave a big Rotary thank you to Carol and Richard Powell for their large contribution to the project. They were given Paul Harris Fellowship designations.

President Katie reminded everyone that we are asking for contributions for this project. We don't have a meeting on the Thursday of Christmas Eve, so please consider contributing the money you would normally pay to attend a meeting. There is a gift wrapped box at the sign in table for these donations.

Please note the following dates:

Sat, Dec 12 - Ringing of the Bells for Salvation Army at Acme and Kmart

Thur, Dec 24 - No meeting (Christmas Eve)

Sat, Jan 9 - Habitat for Humanity (8-4) We will be painting. Please contact **Mac Neilon** if you can help.

Rotary Business: Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Jeannie McGinn** who said we should all be happy that Dallas beat the Redskins and put the Eagles in 1st place. **Sheriff Bunny Welsh** thanked everyone for their contributions to Shop with the Sheriff. **President Katie** was dressed as an elf at the event. **Dave Barkasy** was happy that his daughter competed in her very first skating competition last week and placed 2nd. **Dave Wood** was happy that his daughter was on TV yesterday explaining the new technology they have developed for astronauts.

We had two birthdays: **Joe Fratoni** wished a happy birthday to **Bill Frees**. **Glen Sweet** gave birthday wishes to **Mike Freelander** who came to us from NY recently.

Winnie Stroup gave an update on Operation Warm. She is helping **Joe Polito** who has been doing this for years and the coats have been delivered to **Jim Gasho's** warehouse. We could use some help sorting them later today.

The 50-50 was won by **Bob Rogers**.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Jim Kammerer

Fellow Rotarian **Jeff Brown** introduced us to Sally and Saunders Dixon, whose dedicated philanthropic work at Thorncroft therapeutic Equestrian Stables has touched the lives of thousands of area residents. As a volunteer and board member at Thorncroft, Jeff is intimately aware of the almost miraculous effect that therapeutic horseback riding can and does have upon a vast variety of injured or ill people.

Since 1969 the Dixons, along with their 32 compassionate staff and 100 plus volunteers, have proven the old saying that "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man". The peaceful 75 acre grounds and clean, airy and immaculately maintained buildings, including 2 riding rings, all provide the ideal setting for their participants. With 325 participating patients from places like Bryn Mawr rehab and Elwyn

Institute, the 34 horses are always busy providing rehabilitation and comfort.

Six years ago Thorncroft reached out to the Coatesville, Pa veteran's administration and with the help of Kathryn Grentzenberg, started offering a peaceful, respectful and dignified approach to veterans suffering not only loss of limbs or other physical injury, but also PTSD related problems. Thorncroft and the Dixons Have set up a "no pay for veterans" program. As a returning vet, Gary Graham went through the program and was so positively impacted by the process that he became a volunteer. He's currently full time at Thorncroft and says the experience was the best job training he ever encountered.

Although the Philadelphia Phillies have contributed to the veteran rehab program, more funds are always needed for this charitable and effective project. A 20 minute trip to Thorncroft, located at Line and Boot Roads, will put this worthwhile project into focus for anyone who makes the effort to go.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed Board for 2016-2017:

President- **Bob Rogers**

Past President - **Katie Martin**

President Elect – **Mickey Hall**

Vice President – **Bill Friedmann**

Secretary – **Sue Casso Rogers**

Treasurer – **Tim Walsh**

Sergeant at Arms – **Brad Abel**

Directors at Large - **Laura Alosio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow**

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 24 No meeting

Jan. 9 Habitat for Humanity Project

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

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CONDOLENCES

Please share your condolences with Bob Poole at the passing of his wife Anne on December 7. A service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2PM on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Barbara Bolton, Pegasus Technology; Classification - IT / Marketing
Sponsor - **Michelle Venema**

Allsion Snavelly-Villano, Fig Magazines;
Classification: Publishing / Editor
Sponsor - **Sue Casso Rogers**

David Reinfeld, Chester County Historical Society;
Classification Historical Society / V.P.
Sponsor - **Michelle Venema**

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



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