



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
John F. Germ, International President 2016-2017

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This Week's Program: June 8, 2017

Speaker: Kathleen Begley
Rotary Leadership Program

Next Week's Program: June 15, 2017

Speaker: Steve Miersch
Classification Talk

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Bob opened the meeting and **Faith Woodward** gave the invocation. While we sang "God Bless America" the visiting kittens meowed along!

After the project for the SPCA was over (see **Mark Berenato's** review), **Bill Winters** told a joke about a pet goldfish (you had to be there).

Visiting Rotarian **Reese Reynolds** hails from the WEGO club.

Guest Joel (Jill?) Stoltzfus was introduced by **Rob Malone**.

Happy bucks were offered by **Bill Winters** (granddaughter graduated from high school and she is also in the state championship in tennis), **Andrew Stump** (daughter Holly graduated from U of D but now needs a job), **Brandon Smith** (Operation Warm will be hosting a Happy Hour at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta), **Deb Sparre** (she is now Grandma Dee Dee since Ava Elizabeth was born), **Cynthia Stroup** (working at Wawa, helping with Healing Waters, and going to Atlanta to sing in the chorus just as she did at the convention at Gettysburg), **Paul Woodruff** (granddaughter graduated from U of D and he got a parking ticket, but the dermatologist said the spot behind his ear is clear), **Cyndie Bianchini** (going to Walt Disney World with granddaughter).

Birthday greetings were presented by **Sue Casso Rogers** to **Michelle Venema**, by **Michelle Venema** to **Joanne Tadeo**, and by **Carol Hanson** to **Faith Woodward**.

President Bob read a thank you note from Healing Waters for our donations and he reminded us that

Brad Abel won the Pork Pull Contest.

Upcoming events include;

June 15 SNAP Pizza will offer 50% of what you spend to Polio Plus. BYOB and your coupon 5-9 PM.

June 22 Presidential Induction \$50/each

June 26 Rotary Night at the Phillies

Jack Wintermute reported that if you still have your ticket from last Thursday's Blue Rocks game, you can get admitted to another game. July 25 the cowboy monkeys will return for a full performance.

Rotarian of the Month was awarded by **President Bob** to **John Schwab** (Leadership Retreat) for March, **Mac Neilon** (Rotary at Work Day) for April, and **Bill Winters** (hosting our Pork Pull Competition) for May.

The 50-50 was won by **Cynthia Stroup** (holding a cat). CCFA will be the recipient of the final collection.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Mark Berenato

Kristen Szwast, Volunteer Coordinator from Brandywine Valley SPCA visited us on June 1, 2017. Kristen brought with her kittens from the BVSPCA. These cute kittens are hoping to be adopted like the other 10,000 adoptions that the BVSPCA has done.

The BVSPCA has a 93% live release success rate for animal adoption. The BVSPCA has over 750 volunteers that contributed over 40,000 hours last year. The volunteers help in many ways including many community engagements, small events and community events.

The largest event is the Mega Adoption Days that are on June 17 and 18th. Kristen and her staff also seek

donations of towels, toys, cat litter and nursing supplies.

Many of the Rotary members present made cat toys from donated tee shirts. It was a very hands on program for our membership.

BVSPCA is located at 1212 Phoenixville Pike, West Chester, Pa. 19380 and also can be found online at bvspca.org.



INVOCATION REMINDER

The invocation will be given by
Chris Franz 6/8 Deb Sparre 6/15



AUCTION ALERT

Live and silent auction items are definitely needed. If you can't think of a donation, consult the sign up sheet on each table at Thursday's meeting. A dinner in your home would be a wonderful live auction item! How about a pizza party to accompany a water ice party? Any questions please see Glen Sweet.

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Presidential Gala is Thursday, June 22, in the evening at WCGCC. Several volunteers are needed to help with organization, set up and check out. This *does not* involve soliciting businesses for items for the auction. Interested persons please contact Glen Sweet at gsweet510@verizon.net

DUES

You should have received the annual Rotary Club dues bill of \$230.00, payable in full or in 2 installments of \$115.00 payable in June and December. Payment is due on or before July 1.

Very important - Due to a change in the way we are billed by Rotary International and District 7450, anyone not planning to continue their Rotary membership must notify me by June 23 in order to avoid a financial obligation for the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Our club will be billed for anyone appearing on our roster as of July 1.

Any questions – contact **Sue Casso Rogers**

CALENDAR CONNECTIONS

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Ashton Kutcher, co-founder of Thorn, actor, tech investor, and philanthropist will join the End of Modern Slavery panel discussion at this year's **Rotary International Convention**. The discussion will take place during the second general session on Monday, 12 June.

Thorn partners with nonprofits and academic institutions to gather new insights into the role technology plays in child sex trafficking, the creation and proliferation of child pornography, and the normalization of child sexual exploitation. Thorn then goes beyond insight to action to develop the tools, systems, and approaches to help address these issues.

Other panelists include moderator Bob Hope, Atlanta Convention Promotion Committee adviser; U.S. Senator Bob Corker; and Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission.

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