



ROTARY:  
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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: April 12, 2018**  
**Honduras Surgical Mission**  
**Speaker: Dr. George Trajtenberg**

**Next Week's Program: April 19, 2018**  
**Classification Talk**  
**Speaker: Ebbie Alfree**  
**Rotary Foundation Report**  
**Speakers: Steve Founds & Phyllis Dunn**

## MINUTES by Matt Holliday

**President Mickey Hall** opened the meeting and **Brian Fahey** gave the invocation.

We had a few guests. **Mark Sammarone** introduced Mark Yoder who is the President of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce. Pastor **Christopher Franz** introduced a young man who is helping him at the church.

**Paul Woodruff** gave a happy buck because his wife is doing okay after one of her arteries was discovered to be blocked and a procedure was done to fix it. **Faith Woodward** gave a happy buck to celebrate residents of Barclay Friends moving back in after the horrible fire this past November.

**Matt Holliday** gave the Vice President Report which highlighted Rotarian at Work Day. In addition to thanking **Mac Neilon** who puts together a meaningful service project to benefit the people of West Chester every year, Matt reminded the club that every club in the world does service on April 28<sup>th</sup> to benefit their community.

**Mickey Hall** reminded everyone that Rotarians at Work Day is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup> and we will be planting 150 trees that day. Please bring your own work gloves if you can.

**Sue Casso Rogers** announced that the Rotary Comedy Night to benefit the dictionary project is coming up on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Matt Holliday** reminded everyone that the CPC Grant deadline was April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## SPEAKER REVIEW by Pat Henson

The Rotary meeting was held at the Food Bank of Chester County located in Exton, PA. It afforded us the opportunity to see a very important organization in action and to actually help with a couple of projects.

The Food Bank strives to educate and address the root causes of hunger through their nutrition and education programs as well as by working to strengthen the food systems within the community. They partner with organizations to help them mobilize the distribution of food that is available. The Food Bank is a central location for local agencies, such as food cupboards, that serve the hungry and food insecure of Chester County.

The programs have moved from just supplying staples or "whatever is available" to being quite nutrition conscience. It was surprising to find out that not all of the food is donated. In fact, there are several farms operated in the area that provide fresh food that supports the nutritional goals of the program. In addition, there are over 100 raised bed gardens through the county fully run by volunteers.

Government nutrition assistance programs exist to help people access the nutritious food they need to feed themselves or their families. We administer two government programs to deliver food to over 50 participating agencies. Less than 30% of our food inventory is funded by government programs and available to individuals who qualify. Regardless of qualification to receive government food assistance, donated food is available through local participating food cupboards upon completion of their self-declaration of need form.

Meals on Wheels is the oldest and largest national

organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based senior nutrition programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior hunger and isolation. This network exists in virtually every community in America and delivers nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks. Anyone, regardless of age or economic status, who is homebound, handicapped, or convalescing from an illness or operation and is unable to prepare a nutritious meal, is eligible.

Other direct distribution programs include Weekend Backpacks which provides food for children to take home once the school week has ended. A Summer Food Box is similar in that children are provided food for when school is no longer in session. Senior Food Boxes are provided to seniors who are in need as well.

We were able to help back many boxes of food for distribution and also decorated some of the boxes that are delivered to the seniors as the colorful packaging helps to brighten their day. There are many volunteer opportunities within the Food Bank. It is a wonderful chance to get involved!

### **SPEAKER REVIEW**

#### **CAROLINA LEAGUE ACTION**

The Fellowship Committee presents  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual

WC Rotary Night with the Wilmington Blue Rocks  
Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Wilmington Blue Rocks (Class A Affiliate of the  
Kansas City Royals)

vs.

Frederick Keys (Class A Affiliate of the  
Baltimore Orioles)

Cost \$37 per ticket

See Jack Wintermute for tickets



### **SAVE THE DATE**

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| Apr 12 | Bar Hop  |
| Apr 16 | Chili Cook Off Meeting   |
| Apr 21 | Rotary Benefit Comedy Club –<br>Presenting <b>Glen Jenkins</b> |
| Apr 28 | Rotary at Work- Tree Planting at<br>the Stroud Preserve        |
| Apr 30 | Deadline for CPC Grant<br>applications                         |
| May 29 | WC Rotary Night with the Blue<br>Rocks                         |

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at  
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