



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: May 2, 2019
Speakers: Brigitte ReDavid and
Jon Barden, Director
Making the Film "Molly"

Next Week's Program: May 9, 2019

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MINUTES by Fran Luft

The meeting was called to order by **President Bill Friedmann**. **Faith Woodward** gave the invocation with the theme of helping humankind, serving, caring and peace.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Our guests included Arlene Adam the founding curator of Cocoa Exchange, Patti Diggins from WCU Cottell Leadership Center and Laura Smith from Barclay Friends.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Rob Feenan** by **Ernest Zlotolow** and **John Schwab** wished **Fran Curtin** a happy birthday.

Happy Dollars: **Sue Flynn** as of August 1st will have a role change with Chester County Family Academy to spend more time assisting with family needs. **Steve Quigley** is happy about Barclay Friends golf outing June 10th. For more information talk to Steve. **Bill Ronayne** is happy about the ground breaking for the Fame Fire Co and this week welcoming his first grandchild, Will. **Steve Brown** is happy about his upcoming trip to Florida and Disney World.

Throwback: **President Bill** shared that in 2000 the biggest fundraiser before the Chili Cook-off was the auction. In 2017 Bob Hall and Brian Fahey were inducted into Rotary.

Before next week's meeting there will be a meeting to discuss the pulled pork cook-off.

Dates to remember: 4/27- Rotary at Work day, 4/30- CPC grants due, 5/5 East Goshen MS walk, 5/13-

Rotary night at the Blue Rocks, and 6/13-Rotary Presidential Gala.

The 50/50 was won by guest Patti Diggins.

President Bill closed the meeting with a quote from President George Bush " Old guys can still do fun things."

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Bob Frame introduced our speaker, Jon Knorr, Director of Development for Church Farm School.

Their mission is to prepare a diverse group of boys with academic ability and good character to lead productive and fulfilling lives by making college preparatory education financially accessible.

Jon asked, "Who is the oldest Rotarian in the room?" It was 91-year-old **Bob Poole** who happened to have been the physician for the school at one time! The school reached its 100th anniversary last year. Dr Charles Shriner founded the school with 100 acres for boys from fatherless homes. Their values included education, hard work, and religion.

In the 1950s, 1700 acres were amassed and was a working farm with cows, pigs, and vegetables that required the boys to get up at 4:30 AM to milk the cows and spend ½ their day with farm work and the other half for studies.

Today, the school consists of only 150 acres for students in grades 9-12 most of whom board. The 178 students come from all over the USA as well as internationally.

They must attend 2 chapel services each week but no longer have to perform farm work. They must participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

Courses include a liberal arts program, STEM, and arts and ethics. The Boys Choir travels internationally and next year will travel to Jerusalem to perform.

The sports program includes tennis, track, lacrosse, basketball, wrestling. Most students have never played sports before and they must participate.

Ethical leadership is taught and as a prep school, 100% of grads have gone on to college in the past 5 years. A college success program follows students after graduation causing a reduction in the drop-out rate that often occurs between Freshman and Sophomore years. The college retention rate has been at 85%.

The cost is \$5700 per student each year. 92% of the students receive some form of financial aid, the funding of which has been through the sale of property by the Church Farm School in the 90s. As a non-profit, annual fund raising happens at the Gala held at People's Light and Theatre, which is sold-out this year.

Now in the middle of a capital campaign with a goal of \$6.5 million, bulldozers can be seen on campus to build a new arts center, renovate the main building, and change the main entrance from Route 30 to Valley Creek Boulevard.

The Church Farm School has participated in the Chili Cook-off and even won in the past! Please check them out at www.qocfs.net.

SAVE THE DATE

May 5	East Goshen MS Walk
May 13	Rotary @ the Blue Rocks
May 18	Community Warehouse Day
June 13	Presidential Gala

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

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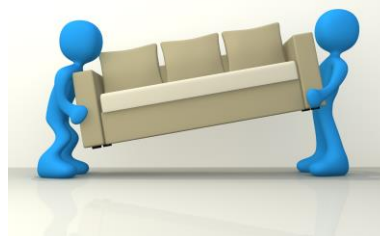
Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Mac Neilon** of Penn Office Products.

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we offer condolences to **Winnie and Cynthia Stroup** at the passing of their sister and aunt last week. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, May 18, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! Click on the link below to sign up. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7



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