



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: February 14, 2019 ♥
Speaker: Jim Christ
Paoli Battlefield Preservation

Next Week's Program: February 21, 2019
Speaker: Julia Phelps
Rotary International Trustee

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting at the Chester County Historical Society. **Cathy Palmquist** gave the invocation with a focus on Black History Month, noting how Black History Month came to be, followed by meaningful quotes from notable black Americans. **President Bill** again gave a special shout out to our sergeants-at-arms, who have set up today's meeting away from our usual meeting site at the country club. Our visiting Rotarians were Bonnie Korengel from Longwood Rotary and Bronwyn Martin from the new Passport Club. Among our many guests was Kathleen Patterson, introduced by her sister, our own **Catherine Friedman**, Debby Berry, the guest of **Patty Jefferies**, who is applying for membership in our club, **Bob Poole** who introduced his guest, Alicia Blessington. **Bob** donated a Happy Buck announcing that he offered a ring to Alicia and "she didn't say she would think about it!" Congratulations to **Bob** and Alicia! **Bob Frame** also had a guest in addition to the speaker, Tom Gervasio.

Gary Hess extended birthday greetings to our only birthday person, **Catherine Friedman**, admitting she even looked good in the blond wig she wore last weekend as Cinderella at the Knauer Center.

President Bill noted that **Laura Aloisio's** father had passed away on Monday, and asked us to keep Laura and her family in our thoughts and prayers. A sympathy card was passed around.

Mickey Hall kicked off Happy Bucks as she thanked club members for the get well card she received following her second carpal tunnel surgery. Bronwyn Martin announced the District 7450 Phillies game on July 31st, and congratulated **Matt Holliday**, named Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce of West Chester. **John Schwab** was happy to have traveled to San Francisco to dog sit his grand dog (not granddaughter). **Allison Snively** was happy to welcome us to the Historical Society (she's

development director). Bonnie Korengel said she is happy to visit our club and she would return when Julia Phelps, a top woman in Rotary International, will be our speaker. Please bring friends. **Jeannie McGinn** reminded us of the next Warehouse Day on February 16th asking two things: donation of items for the warehouse and help that day.

President Bill announced the first chili cook-off meeting for 2019 on Monday, the program on the Paoli Battlefield at next week's meeting, Julia Phelps visit on Feb. 21st, and the rescheduled Tom Hanum, Harley-Davidson program on Feb. 28th. He also noted the Mid-Atlantic PETS training on Feb. 22nd which incoming president, **Matt Holliday**, will attend, and the District SASY awards on March 15th, followed by the District 7450 Conference on March 16th.

Matt Holliday reported on the community service avenue and noted that our club does service projects every month, in addition to our usual, annual events, such as the Chili Cook-off and the fruit sale. The Passport Club is holding its first anniversary celebration this evening at the Side Bar. Lots of Rotary events to attend! **Faith Woodward** needs a more members to sign up to print 10, 2-sided copies of the Votary in the coming weeks. **President Bill** noted our club is donating a Chili Cook-off gift basket for the raffle at the District Conference. **Ernest Zlotolow** volunteered to handle the delivery. **President Bill** also mentioned the monthly article in the Rotary column of the West Chester Press. The current column was written by **Carol Hanson** about the Hands Across the Sea project. Several of our members' businesses were highlighted, such as **Bill Ronayne's** Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning, **Laura Aloisio's** DARE, and others.

Christine Wildauer, noted we are way behind this year in selling fruit. Next week **Mickey Hall** will go to each table to gather up sales slips and urge members to sell fruit in the last few days. Members

may donate fruit to the Chester County Family Academy, if they don't want to donate to the West Chester Food Cupboard.

The 50/50 was won by **John Schwab**, but the queen eluded him.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Bob Frame introduced Thomas Gervasio who owns Bio-One, the World's First Crime Scene Cleaning Franchise.

Making sure everyone had finished their lunches, Thomas proceeded to tell us about his company that cleans up for suicides, homicides, decompositions and undiscovered deaths, blood and biohazard spills, hoarding, animal waste, and feces and body fluid.

Having been in this business since August on 2017, he still gets calls 24/7/365. He doesn't use a call center and Bio-One works with all insurances. Their non-descript white box truck is discreet [so nosy neighbors can't spread rumors].

They are usually in and out in a couple of hours.

He showed photos of before and after scenes. Often after an undiscovered death, the floor boards have to be cut out. Odor removal is accomplished with a special machine.

One in nine people is considered to be a hoarder. Some stories that had been in the news required his services like Bellingham that he did for free since he strongly feels that he shouldn't revictimize the victim, and a car explosion in Allentown that affected an entire block.

Question and Answers:

Are there times when the police tell him to wait before cleaning up? He is usually called after the police had completed their investigation anyway.

How did he prepare for this vocation? He needed to support his family, so he gave it a shot! He had 1 week of training.

Who gets the bill? Either the insurance company or the family directly.

Who are his competitors? ServPro and Belfor but they specialize in fire damage which he does not and Bio-One offers more personalized service.

What kind of biohazards has he had to work with? Rodent droppings that carry diseases. MRSA in holding cells and police cars.

How many calls does he get? At least one every day.

His advice: Since insurance covers a lot, don't do this kind of clean up yourself!

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Bob Frame** of Coldwell Bank Preferred- Realtors

THANKS FROM THE FRUIT SALE COMMITTEE

With less than a week left in our 2019 Fruit Sale, we are looking forward to your participation. The fruit is always delicious, and this year supports a very worthy organization.

You can help in 2 ways:

1) Contact friends and colleagues, give them the web address for the fruit sale and ask them to participate in our sale.

<http://FreshFruitOrder.org/WCRotaryFruitSale>

2) Or.... if contacting people to buy fruit is not your thing..... be sure to buy some fruit for yourself. Let's hope that every Rotary club member has some fruit in their home or office after March 2, the pick up date for the fruit. Give it to family members, put it in the lunch room in your office, whatever works. Just please support this project in some way.

Place your order today!!

SAVE THE DATE

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| Feb 16 | Community Warehouse Day 9 to 2 PM. Volunteer through Jeannie |
| Feb 17 | Website closed for fruit sales |
| Feb 18 | Last day for fruit purchase |
| Feb 22-23 | Mid-Atlantic PETS Training |
| Mar 2 | Fruit pick up |
| Mar 15 | SASY Awards |

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

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