



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: March 10, 2016
Speaker: Joe Masalta
Ex-Navy Seal

Next Week's Program: March 17, 2016
Meghan & Shannon
Irish Dancing
with Catherine Friedman singing

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

Club President **Katie Martin** opened the meeting. **Rich Murray** gave an invocation from a Washington Rotary Club.

Visiting Rotarians were Brad Stanton, Past District Governor, introduced by **Rich Murray**, and Reece Reynolds. Guests included Dr. Lauren Grahill, introduced by **Dan Cosgrove**, and Steve Miersch, a guest of **Laura Aloisio**.

President Katie spoke briefly about how the board is working to be more effective. She asked members to be in contact with **Patty Jefferies**, who, in addition to the recent passing of her husband, has been dealing with health issues in her family, and with the illness of a close friend. **President Katie's** "Throwback Thursday" photo featured **Rich Murray** doing a fantastic job of yard cleanup.

Upcoming dates of importance include the annual board retreat on April 2nd; with a reminder for members to submit items to **President Katie** that they would like the board to consider. Soup for the Homeless is being collected today and March 24th. Please donate a gallon of soup – or chili, suggested Bill Friedman. Pick-up of fruit is this Saturday, March 5th, and there will be a Rotarians at Work Day coming up in April.

Bill Ronayne kicked off Happy Bucks by showing the Fame Fire Co. car magnets that will be given out when folks pick up their fruit on Saturday to give additional visibility to the fire company's fundraising campaign. **Debbie Sahjwani** was happy to tell about working with Interact students at East High School. **Barbara Bolton** is happy to announce she will be a grandparent (again?) **Dan Cosgrove** was happy to offer an opportunity for folks to win \$10,000 by purchasing tickets for a drawing at his daughter's school.

Ken Hickman took some time getting around to wishing **Jack Wintermute** a happy birthday. He began by discussing curmudgeons, what a Boy Scout isn't, and finally referred to a Willie Nelson song "you're my buddy, you're my friend to the end," which

Ken said is the way he feels about Jack. Jack responded that candles for his birthday cake would cost more than his cake. **Matt Holliday** wished birthday greetings to our singing funeral director, **Steve Founds**, and **Winnie Stroup** gave birthday greetings to **Joe Polito**, who expedited the process when **Winnie** was adopting her daughter. **Sue Casso Rogers** offered birthday wishes to **Marjorie Wentz**, who has worked diligently with the exchange student program, and is a great tennis player. **Marjorie** added that she will soon be a grandma.

Shauna Yeldell reminded members that CPG (Community Philanthropic Grant) applications are now available on our website. New this year is that all applications for grants must be submitted online; no paper applications will be accepted. She asked CPC members to raise their hands, and said they are available to answer questions from members. **Mickey Hall** asked members to sign up to help with fruit distribution on Saturday, although not as many will be needed because the fire company is also sending volunteers to help. She also said that she and **Christine** will be the only ones doing the paperwork at the distribution, since it's a bit more complicated this year.

Howard Sundwall won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Jim Kammerer

There was no guest speaker this week. Instead, we heard two enthusiastic young men introduce themselves to us as new Rotary members. The first classification speech was presented by **Rich Murray**, a local resident who graduated from East High School and Penn State University. He played lacrosse in school, likes travel and skiing, as well as spending time at his family's cabin on Lake Ontario. His wife Katie is a social worker at Paoli hospital, and his dad is a well-known photojournalist with the Philadelphia Inquirer. After college Mark went to work in Ashville, North Carolina, helping to raise funds for kids with cancer. He moved back to West

Chester and has decided to join Rotary in part to help Stop Hunger Now.

The second classification speech was presented by **Dan Zajac**. Dan is a financial adviser and his wife, Nikki works at QVC. They have a son, Oliver and a dog, Niles. Dan says he is goal oriented. He played soccer at Downingtown High School and went on to play at Drexel University. Dan tried out for and was accepted by the professional team, the Philadelphia Union. He has also qualified for and will participate in the 2017 Boston Marathon.

Both of these young men express a strong desire to help the local community and advance the goals of rotary. We welcome them and wish them well.

NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated his desire to become a member:

Jim Magee Employer - ServPro of West Chester
Classification- Sales/ Marketing- restoration services.
Sponsored by **Mark Sammarone**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his induction.

SAVE THE DATE

Mar 10 Soup for Safe Harbor
Apr 2 Board Retreat
Apr 5 District 7450 at the Sixers
Apr 13 Rotoplast at the Media Theater

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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Matt Holliday

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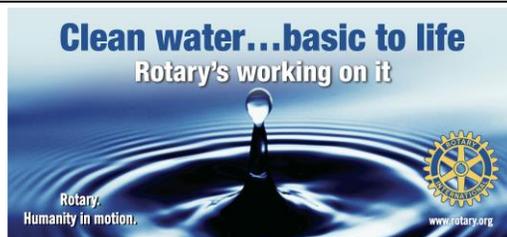
President, Katie Martin; President-Elect, Bob Rogers;
Vice-President, Mickey Hall; Past President, Rob Feenan; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Friedmann;
Directors-at-Large: Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Matt Holliday, Jim Smith, Debra Sparre, Marjorie Wentz, Denise Wine.

Chad Rosenberg, District Governor

Bronwyn Martin, Assistant Governor

Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450

Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450



FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WASH and Learn

Rotarians working on projects to improve water, sanitation and hygiene (collectively referred to as *WASH*) in schools are getting more guidance from The Rotary Foundation. In January, the Foundation launched a pilot program designed to align school sanitation, hygiene, and education projects with international standards and to recognize achievements. The Rotary *WASH in Schools Target Challenge* will roll out in five countries –Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Kenya, all chosen for their strong, active interest in the sectors – over two and a half years, with a focus on measuring effects on the quality of education.

The challenge introduces a series of best practices to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of *WASH in Schools* projects. There are three levels of implementation- the strategy emulates the Three Star Approach created by UNICEF and GIZ, the German Society for International Cooperation- intended to build on existing projects and relationships in the pilot countries. The first tiers set benchmarks for water and sanitation facility upgrades along with key behavior change components; the third tier emphasizes facilitation, advocacy, training, and education. Rotary and UNICEF will recognize schools that meet the requirements at each level.

Clean water, better toilets, and hygiene education in schools improve health and education outcomes for children (especially girls) by creating a cycle of opportunity: improved education, less disease, increased school attendance, improved academic performance, and economic growth, which supports resources for future hygiene promotion. But it takes more than new toilets to build stronger communities – teaching hygiene is a life skill, one that's established early, sustained, and passed on to others.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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