



# 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: July 14, 2016**

**To Be Announced**

**Next Week's Program: July 21, 2016**  
**Speakers: Tim Walsh and John Schwab**  
**Club Assembly –**  
**Our Budget and Governance**

## MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

**President Bob** called the meeting to order.

After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, **Faith Woodward** offered the invocation. **Catherine Friedman** then led us in singing God Bless America. **President Bob** remembered how this song was sung on the day the Flyers won the Stanley Cup, which was also **President Bob's** birthday!

Guests: Gabby Seamon, guest of **Don Kohler**. We had no visiting Rotarians.

Happy Bucks: **Matt Holliday** was happy to tell us about the Dine to Donate on July 13 to benefit the West Chester Library. **Barbara Bolton** was happy because her son was married last Friday. **Catherine Friedman** was happy because she just got glasses for the first time and realizing she didn't know what she was missing! Catherine was also happy because when Friends Association put out a call for single beds for their families moving from transitional housing to their own apartments, Eli Kahn (developer in West Chester) responded that he would foot the bill for 5 of them. **Michelle Venema** was happy about her new position with Univest in West Chester. Michelle was also happy for Arthur Hall's insurance as she's needed to use their policy to help with damage done to their house from a car this past week. **Sue Casso Rogers** was happy at how good the Votary copies looked when she printed them out. . .but unhappy that she left them on her desk. Sue was also happy that in two weeks her 14-year-old nephew will be featured in a show at Media Theatre and invited us to attend.

**President Bob** shared with us some photos of the 22 original members of our club, including a picture from **Joe Polito's** office of an anniversary celebration of our club. This year we are celebrating 95 years!!

Birthdays: **Howard Sundwall** wished **Steve Quigley** a happy birthday.

Announcements: 1) Dues are due (overdue)

to **Sue Casso Rogers**.

Committee Commercial: **Elizabeth Guman** gave an overview of the club's Governance Committee. The Committee has been in existence for 2 years and supports the President and the Board in their role of governance for our club. The committee manages a self-evaluation by board members at each board meeting, facilitates and helps to monitor the strategic planning process and helps the Board and the President with process issues as needed. Current members include: **John Schwab** (chair), **Mickey Hall**, **Bill Friedman**, **Mac Neilon**, **Sue Casso Rogers** and **Elizabeth Guman**. See any member if you have interest in serving or have any questions on the work of the Governance Committee.

Dates: July 19 is Rotary night at the Phillies. October 9 is the Chili Cook-off. November 22 is the Ex-Sergeant-of-Arms awards.

**Rob Malone** won the 50/50 but did not win the pot of gold which is up to over \$1,000!!

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

District Governor, **Dave Haradon** was a no show for our meeting. **Brad Abel**, newly installed as Sergeant at Arms, proposed a fun exercise to fill the time. Since summer is vacation season, he asked Club members to share a recent or upcoming vacation.

Vacation experiences ranged from family trips to Clearwater FL to enjoy a grandson's graduation from middle school and sailing in seas so rough that boats sailed backward.

Three weeks in France allowed for the enjoyment of wine with lunch, wine in the afternoon and wine with dinner. Time spent in a cabin allowed for the enjoyment beer with lunch beer in the afternoon and beer with dinner.

**Sue Casso Rogers** enjoys travelling but decided to stay home this summer and get her second hip replaced. **Jim Gasho** always plays his age in holes of golf on his birthday. On June 30<sup>th</sup> he

played 56 holes. **CJ Roamanoski** enjoyed Williamsburg and the Outer Banks. **Carol Hanson** enjoyed sailing on the Chesapeake (it was her boat that sailed backwards)

**Joe Frantoni** has an upcoming cruise in the Mediterranean and would like suggestions on tours in Italy – especially off the beaten track.

### SELECTIONS OF RI PRESIDENT-NOMINEE'S SPEECH TO THE 2015 ROTARY CONVENTION

John Germ São Paulo, Brazil 9 June 2015

I am deeply honored to have been selected to be your president in 2016-17. ...[Judy and I] come to this point thanks to the encouragement and support of many, many people.

One of them deserves special mention today: George Campbell, a mentor and a friend who taught me the importance of civic responsibility, and started me on my own road to Rotary. Once I started walking down that road, I found so many other Rotarians who walked along with me, helped me find my way, and made sure I kept moving in the right direction. I learned in the Air Force that the pilot might be the one with his hand on the throttle, but he can't go anywhere without a good navigator, and a lot of good mechanics. And if he hadn't started out with some great teachers, he never would've gotten off the ground at all.

...right now, our organization is at a critical point: a historic juncture that will determine, in so many ways, what comes next. Together, we have provided extraordinary service to our world. Today, our world is depending on us to do even more. Now is the time to capitalize on our success — as we complete the eradication of polio and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world.

Continuity of leadership, at the club, district, and RI level, is the only way we will flourish as an organization. Our primary objective *must* be the development of effective and energetic clubs. We need every Rotarian and every Rotary club to be active, vibrant, and achieving.

We need to let people know who we are, what we do, and what we stand for. Our goal of providing service *demands* that we continue to respond to needs in our communities and our nations, holding firm to our RI President-nominee's Speech to the 2015 Rotary Convention (June 2015) 2 core Rotary values, and our true desire not only to serve — but to be of service.

My friends, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and our best is yet to come. Rotary has been a gift to all of us. We ask that you join us, Ravi, and Vanathy, in helping Rotary to *Be a Gift to the World*.



Judy and John Germ at RI Convention in Seoul

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Sue Casso Rogers** of Robert W. Rogers Appraisals

### SAVE THE DATE

July 13 Rotary Board Meeting  
July 19 Rotary Night at the Phillies  
Oct 9 Chili Cook Off

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

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Bill Gotwals** on July 11 at the age of 100. He had been a Rotarian for more than 60 years. Funeral arrangements will be made through Founds Funeral Home.

### THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Bob Rogers; President-Elect, Mickey Hall. Vice-President, Bill Friedmann; Past President, Katie Martin; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Sergeant-at-Arms, Brad Abel; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow.

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