



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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<b>Program: August 8, 2019</b> <b>West Chester Rotary Chili Cook Off Updates</b>	<b>Program: August 15, 2019</b> <b>Strategic Plan</b> <b>Speaker: John Schwab</b>
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## MINUTES by Pat Barron

**President Matt Holliday** called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. at the West Chester Country Club. Jim Scanlon led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. In response to the excessive and ever more shrill public discourse, **Gary Hess** asked for a moment of silence.

- We had three visiting Rotarians: John Saling from West Chester Sunrise; James Horn from Longwood; and Bruce Kirk from Upper Main Line.
- We had lots of guests. **Jeannie McGinn** introduced Scott Allen. **Jack Ellis** introduced Courtney Wolfe and Phil Bieg. **Rob Feenan** introduced Bob Fischer. **Mark Sammarone** introduced Mike Louis. **Derek Chandler** introduced his daughter. And **Sue Casso Rogers** introduced Yolanda Van de Krol and Doug Meis, both in the queue for membership.
- We had lots of happy Rotarians. **John Schwab** gave five dollars to celebrate his and his wife's fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 2. **Katie Martin** celebrated changing jobs. **Paul Woodruff** celebrated the arrival of his seventh GREAT grandchild. John Saling celebrated the arrival of his first granddaughter. And **Mark Sammarone** celebrated the upcoming bicycle race in West Chester.
- **President Matt** announced that our club had received a lot of favorable press coverage lately.
- **Mac Neilon** asked for more volunteers to help with the bicycle race on August 10, which will be held from noon to 11:00 p.m. that day. See Mac for details.
- **Jeannie McGinn** asked for contributions to the Community Warehouse on August 18. The

warehouse needs all manner of household furniture, goods, and appliances. The cupboard is getting bare, folks.

- This must have been **Jeannie McGinn** day. She introduced, sponsored, and inducted into the club our newest member, **Arlene Adam**. Everyone will remember that Arlene won the pulled pork cookoff contest earlier this summer. **Phil McFadden** will be her mentor.
- **President Matt** closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess

Our speaker today was Kenneth Ching, a recent grad from Marple-Newtown High School, soon to be a proud Pitt Panther. Ken won the District 7450 essay contest on the Four Way Test.

**Carol Hanson** saw him give a presentation at a District event, and lured him to the Rotary Club of WC with the promise of a free lunch complete with as much *delicious mystery meat* as Ken could consume. For the record, I think we had chicken/pork that day.

Ken's essay was inspired by an NPR story that he heard on the radio while driving with his dad. The story was about a proposed injection site in Philadelphia, which his dad was very much against. Teed up like this, Ken set to work with his inquiring mind to research injection sites in the context of the Four Way Test.

IS IT THE TRUTH? Here are the details. Injection sites are essentially a safe house where IV drug users can inject **their own drugs** in a safe and clean environment. There are currently no such sites available in the US, but about 100 worldwide. Users are provided with clean needles, and there is staff on hand to provide counselling and aid in the event of overdose. There is a supply of Narcan on hand for

this contingency. They also have Fentanyl test strips to test the quality of the drugs, fentanyl being one of the major culprits behind overdoses, due to its incredible strength. Philly has one of the highest rates of overdose deaths in the nation, a stat we should not be proud of.

**IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?** Research shows that safe houses, with their counselling staff, provide more opportunities for addicts to get clean.

**WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL...IS IT BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?** Injection sites can reduce traffic to local ER's, and also reduce the number of needles left lying around in public spaces. Proponents say that there is no increase in crime in the neighborhood. Opponents point out that injection sites violate the law by facilitating illegal drug use.

In all, Ken felt the injection sites were a morally sound method of dealing with the opioid crisis and its attendant mortality rates. We were treated to one of the liveliest Q&A sessions in memory, with the questions remaining well within the bounds of propriety, despite their probing and thought-provoking nature.

## FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:  
Of the things we think, say or do

### SAVE THE DATE

Aug 10 Service project: Benchmark Criterium  
Aug 17 Warehouse Project  
Oct 13 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)

## COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, August 17, 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! To sign up, click. [www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7)



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