



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: February 4, 2016**

**Next Week's Program: February 11, 2016**

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**MINUTES by Laura House Kelly**

**SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Jim Kammerer**

**President Katie** opened the meeting and **Gary Hess** gave a timely invocation: "Ode to Groundhog's Day". We had a few visiting Rotarians: Dan Dunn - **Phyllis Dunn's** husband, Jackie Tills from Glen Mills, and Gary Hewitt from South Korea. Six guests joined us: Michael Book and BJ Barrett – guests of **Bob Frame**; Kathy Wileizek – guest of **Deb Sparre**; Tracy Sammarone – **Mark Sammarone's** wife; and two guests who are currently in the pipeline, Jim McGee and Pat Runyin.

Katie reminded us of the following important dates: 2/21 marks the end of the fruit sales, 2/25 is PETS training, 3/5 is fruit sale pick up day, and 4/2 is the Rotary Board retreat. If you have any information that you think should be on the retreat agenda, please let Katie know. For Throwback Thursday, Katie posted a photo from Rotary night at the Phillies. It was a small group – but it was fun!

We had one very important announcement before our speakers from the Cole Hamels foundation were introduced. **Mickey Hall** and **Christine Wildauer** reported that we have only raised \$1300 so far from fruit sales. Normally we have raised \$7,000 by now. We really need to get those sales up! Fame Fire company is the beneficiary and we want to make sure we have a generous donation for them. If you need any assistance with your sales please reach out to Mickey and/or Christine. And remember – a \$1000 donation gets you a delivery of any amount of fruit from a fire truck!

**Phyllis Dunn** won the 50/50; the Queen stayed away.

The Hamels foundation was introduced to us by fellow rotary member **Denise Wine**. Their primary focus is to fund childhood programs here in America as well as across Africa. Created in 2008 and run by The famous ex-Phillie pitcher Cole Hamels and his wife Heidi Strobel Hamels, the foundation raised and spent over \$1,000,000.00 for their primary school project in the country of Malawi last year.

Their goal is to teach young people - especially girls - how to sew & read & cook & plant & communicate - in short - how to become self-sufficient in their current society. To put this in perspective, the average adult in Malawi has about 3 years of schooling & they earn about \$2700 a year. 10.3% of the population is HIV positive & there are less than 1.5 health care workers per 1000 people. 2% of the population of 17 million are on the power grid.

The "big dream" of building a school for these young people is carried out with the help of a partnership with GAIA - the Global Aids Interfaith Alliance. GAIA was founded in response to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. Due to the ongoing generosity of Cole Hamels, the foundation is able to spend 100% of the funds raised on the school / library / teachers' housing cost. The foundation pays all administrative costs. With a target of 650 students and a 40:1 student/teacher ratio, the school is fed by 8 surrounding towns. The country of Malawi is extremely enthusiastic about the project and 4 neighboring countries are taking a close look as well.

This long range humanitarian project deserves our attention and help.



Fruit sale co-chairs (left) **Mickey Hall** and (right) **Christine Wildauer**, look over the new offerings for the Rotary Club of West Chester's annual fruit sale with Domenic Lanciano, of Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit. This year's fruit sale will benefit **Fame Fire Company**, which is conducting a capital campaign to build an addition to its firehouse to store firefighting and rescue equipment and gear. The sale kicked off at a recent Rotary Club meeting and will end February 21st. Fruit pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th. New fruit offerings will be available this year, due to the blight that damaged the Florida Temple Orange crop. Included this year will be a variety of combinations of navel oranges, red grapefruit, apples and pears.

**You can also purchase fruit and donate the fruit to the West Chester Food Cupboard or West Chester Senior Center - indicate when you select Seller**

We appreciate your consideration and support of our Annual Fruit Sale. You can purchase your fresh and delicious fruit on line or by contacting a West Chester Rotarian. **Click Here to order** The fruit is scheduled for pick up on Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m at A. Duie Pyle, Lincoln & Garfield Ave, West Chester

Deadline for orders online is February 21, 2016

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Mark Sammarone** of Arthur Hall Insurance

### SAVE THE DATE

Feb 21	Last day to sell fruit
Feb 25	PETS. training
Mar 5	Fruit pick-up
Apr 2	Board Retreat

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at <http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

### The Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Souper Bowl!!!

Join us on February 5th, 2016 at the Good Will Fire Company for the Rotary Souper Bowl. This event will feature a wide array of soups from some spectacular local restaurants in addition to a number of excellent beverage options from local vendors. All proceeds benefit the Westtown Goshen and The Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Clubs' 501C Foundations funding projects ranging from clean water, stopping hunger to children at risk.

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