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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week: December 15, 2017
Holiday Party
Bill and Doreen Winters' House

Next Week's Program: December 23, 2017
Holiday Music Program
Presented by the
Chester County Family Academy

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Mickey Hall** opened the meeting. **Brandon Smith** gave the invocation focusing on action in the face of failure. Ending with "Press On, Press On" and standing applause. Sergeant-at-Arms, **Brad Abel** told a joke.

Reese Reynolds and John Saling were visiting Rotarians. New member **Lynmar Brock** (transfer from the Philadelphia club) introduced his wife Claudie and said that he hopes she will be a frequent guest and he won't introduce her every time. **Ernest Zlotolow** waited to introduce his guests until his presentation. They included: Mercie, Valens, Theoneste and Emanuel from Rwanda; Consolee (escort) from Rwanda, Emmanuel from Tanzania; Elissa Montanti from Global Medical Relief Fund who houses the boys in Staten Island; his cousin and donor Richard Palmer and his son Dr. Dan Zlotow (Dr. Z) from Shriners.

Happy Bucks and announcements: **Don Kohler** is happy that members responded so well to his son's Boy Scout popcorn drive and is waiting for 3 individuals to pick up, and pay, for theirs. **Bill Friedmann** is happy that Comedy Night will benefit Chester County Children's Inc on January 26th. He promises it will be family friendly comedy. **Jeannie McGinn** enjoyed the West Chester Christmas Parade and shared that video of it will be continuously played on the QVC Channel on Christmas Eve and Day. **Faith Woodward** is happy that her stepdaughter will have a baby in April. **Catherine Friedman** celebrated the very successful Charity Ball. **Mickey Hall** added that the club had received a very nice Thank You letter from Operation Warm for our Campaign.

Brad Abel showed a new birthday intro video that

was well received – anything after the hamster. **Catherine Friedman** sang, as only she can, Happy Birthday to **Matt Biffen**.

Bill Friedman gave a VP report on the Salvation Army. He described the organization's history and their dedication to adoption, foster care, addition and rehabilitation thru the years. He highlighted that there are a few bell ringing spots open on Dec 9th. **Sue Casso Rogers** reminded us that there will be no meeting next Thursday Dec.14th and that the Holiday Party will be on Friday Dec. 15 at **Bill Winters'** home (629 N Church St.). If you are bringing food, please bring something that does not have to be heated in the Winters' kitchen. Crockpots are fine as is food that is brought hot and/or can be served at room temperature. It is a BYOB event.

Sue also reminded us that If you pay your Rotary dues in 2 installments, the second installment is due in Dec.

Bob Rogers reviewed the nominations for the 2018-2019 board that were previously emailed to the club. There were no changes from the floor. The nominations list was approved unanimously per our By-laws.

At our December 21st meeting the children from Chester County Academy will join us. New members are in for an unforgettable experience, as current members look forward to the meeting. On Dec. 28 the club meeting will be happy hour style at Sidebar for \$15. You need to sign up so the restaurant will know how many people to plan for. For the first 2 weeks in Jan. the clubhouse will be closed. On Jan 4 we will meet at the Chester County Food Bank in Exton and on Jan 11 we will meet at the Uptown Performing Arts Center

The 50-50 was won by **Phyllis Dunn**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos

Ernest Zlotolow introduced the CORS (Children's Orthopedic Rehabilitation Strategies) Program. Ernest introduced us to the children from Rwanda, Emmanuel, Valenzuela, Merci and Theoneste with their guardian Consolee. All four children are here for the first time and will be receiving prosthetic legs and rehabilitation at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Philadelphia. They are here as grant recipients from the Rotary Club of West Chester and the Powell Family Foundation. Children's Orthopedic Rehabilitation Strategies include the Global Medical Relief Fund as organizer, host and caregiver; the Shriners Hospitals for Children for medical care; and the Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation and the Powell Family Foundation for funding. All four children are from the town of Nyamasheke (shores Lake Kivu, Rwanda). Dr Kozin and Dr Zlotolow perform the surgeries on these children. One of the children suffered a tragic attack that left him without use of his hands. Through multiple surgeries he will have better use of his hands so he can continue to do what he loves and that is to be an artist.

In comparison to the United States, Rwandans have 2.6 times more babies, die 20 years sooner, are 10 times more likely to die in infancy, makes 97% less money, are 5 times more likely to have HIV/AIDS, use 1/400 of electricity and 1/375 of fossil oil, spend only 1/350 money in health care, are 30% less likely to ever be in prison, are 20% more likely to be murdered an experience about the same income inequality.

The children are very appreciative of the grants.

ROTARY ANNUAL DUES

If you pay your dues in 2 installments of \$115.00, your second installment is now due. If a payment is due you should have received an email from Secretary Sue to this effect. Dues can be paid on-line using the link on your bill or by check and either mailing or handing the check to Sue. This dues installment is due by the December 28 meeting. Any questions, contact Sue @ shcasso@cs.com



SAVE THE DATE

Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled
Dec 15 Holiday Party
Dec 28 Social at the Side Bar
Jan 4 Meet at Chester County Food Bank
Jan 11 Meeting at Knauer Uptown
Calendar of events at:

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

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