



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: September 27, 2018**  
**Speaker: DG Paul Quintavella**  
**District Governor's Report**

**Next Week's Program: October 4, 2018**  
**About the Kennett Symphony**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**President Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting. **Faith Woodward** gave the invocation citing the violent events at Bellingham Retirement Community the night before, and reading comments from a Tibetan monk. **Cynthia Rogard** from the Ardmore Club, and assistant district governor, was the only visiting Rotarian. Guests included Angie Robinson, area director of Special Olympics, Gary Green and Bill Mullin, the latter two who are in the pipeline for membership.

Happy Bucks were given by our new assistant district governor who was happy to be with us and will return next week along with **District Governor Paul Quintavella**. **Carol Hanson** was happy to return from a cruise from Paris to Normandy, and especially happy that husband Dennis, who did not want to go, loved the trip! **Faith Woodward** was happy her daughter got back safely from her honeymoon in Greece, a honeymoon that was postponed for a year because the couple bought a house first. **Mark Sammarone** was happy about the success of the warehouse project that Rotary helps with and is soliciting help with a woodworking project in connection with the warehouse.

**Winnie Stroup** was planning to contribute 4 happy bucks, but only had \$1 in her purse (we'll look for the remainder next week!), because she was able to get tickets for her and **Cynthia Stroup** to see/hear President Obama when he is in the area this week. Also, she is happy to be back home after having to stay with her son due to the closure of her neighborhood because of the violence at Bellingham, which is next to their home, and unsettled Cynthia. She was especially happy to donate some furniture to a man with a terminal disease that didn't even have a decent bed to sleep on prior to her visit. He was so happy to receive the items that it made Winnie very happy also.

**President Bill** kicked off announcements by noting the start of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockings for Soldiers project, which our club has helped with for a number of years. Flyers on the tables listed items to donate for the stockings. He is also looking for someone to head up the project because **Linda Hicks**, who has chaired the project for a number of years, is now a member of the Passport Club. See **President Bill** if you can help.

**Jack Wintermute** called up Angie Robinson, and presented her with a check for over \$400 from our 50/50 collections, noting this is probably the largest 50/50 donation we have ever given. In her acceptance comments and thanks, Ms. Robinson noted that Special Olympus does not get state money, so relies on donations.

**President Bill** presented the Rotarian of the Month award to **Mark Sammarone**, detailing Mark's numerous activities.

**President Bill** then gave a look back at history, noting that this date is the anniversary of the Paoli Massacre in Malvern in 1777, and possibly the turning point in the war. In 1977, The Fonz jumped a shark on Happy Days, and in 1941 there was an event to which our club donated \$100, requesting \$5 from each member.

**President Bill** reminded us of some upcoming events, such as the Chili Poster Crawl on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> in the borough, starting at 5:30 p.m., meeting in front of Starbucks, and the visit Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> of our District Governor. Also, chili volunteer sign-ups can be done online now. **Rob Malone** announced the need for coolers or containers with spouts at the bottom that can be used for handwashing in booths at the cook-off. Most booths have their own handwashing equipment, but several need handwashing capabilities. Rob will pick up your loaners and return them to you. Contact Rob or **Fran Curtin** if you can loan coolers.

**Joe Panero** won the 50/50, but the queen eluded him. Joe generously donated his winnings to Special Olympics.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos**

**Steve Bayles** did his classification talk. Steve is the principal owner of Visual Technology. He was born in Chester County Hospital in 1968. His maternal grandfather J Bryon Jones invented Ultrasonic Welding in West Chester.

Steve likes to find spaces in the house and make them better such as creating a secret cubby for his daughter and shelves for his laundry room. As part of his video production company, he has done 30 second ads for Barclay Friends and recently completed a drone version of what was coming to Hankin's Eagleview Center. The production company will do work through the use of drones; will help with interviews on TV and websites. In 1994 the camera he purchased was \$ 35,000. To get his studio up and running was \$ 100,000. Working with product photography, he has worked with Lily Pulitzer clothing and the Winner's Circle.

He joined Rotary because this is a very giving group. He has always believed in service to others and part of that was to become a Big Brother in 1989. He still talks to his Little Brother who is now a grown man every other day and at the end of the conversation, his little brother always tells Steve he loves him. Steve feels his close contact with his Little Brother over all these years has really kept his Little Brother out of trouble. Steve feels there is a lot you get out of giving. He has passed that on to his thirteen year old daughter who started selling lemonade for Alex's Lemonade Stand a long time ago at the outdoor summer concert series in Eagleview. She has raised over \$ 200,000 for this organization.

Steve needs to do something different as he reaches a milestone birthday so his new venture in 2019 is to open an ax throwing BYOB place. The place is secretive for now, but as plans fall into place, he will let us know where we can go to throw axes for amusement while drinking with family, friends or co-workers. Seems like a much easier place to go for "bonding" versus going to an escape room and having to think! Just say'n!!

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