



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: May 11, 2017 Noon
Meet at Bill Winters' House
629 N. Church St.
Pulled Pork Showdown
Benefits Project Healing Waters
Fly Fishing Demonstration

Next Week's Program: May 18, 2017
Classification Talk
Speaker: Phil McFadden
Scholarship recipient Presentation
by Linda Hicks
CARS Kids by Ernest Zlotolow

MINUTES by Matt Holliday

President Bob opened the meeting and **Catherine Friedmann** gave the invocation, which was an ode to Spring.

We had no visiting Rotarians. **Carol Hanson** introduced Mark and Ellen Moran who were the host family for Gabrielle Bae, our exchange student. **Sue Casso** introduced Ann Baker who is in the pipeline for membership. Ann Baker then introduced her guest, Christine Thompson.

Gary Hess gave a happy buck for the Barclay Friends golf outing. **Christine Scott** was happy that her daughter was graduating from Penn State. **Sue Flynn** was happy that her daughter is getting married. **Brad Abel** gave a happy buck for all the Rotarians who turned out to Rotarians at Work Day, which was held the Saturday before. **Mickey Hall** gave a happy buck for her last child graduating from college. **Paul Woodruff** gave a happy dollar because he is about to attend the 45th graduation ceremony for one of his kids/grandkids. **Dave Barkasy** gave ten happy/sad dollars because he will be leaving the club and joining a club in Charleston, South Carolina where he is moving.

Bruce Beadle wished a very happy birthday to **Carol Hanson**.

President Bob reminded everyone that next week's Rotary meeting would be held at **Bill Winter's** house as we will be having our Pulled Pork Showdown that day. All proceeds go to benefit Project Healing Waters, which is a charity that helps veterans. **Tim Walsh** reminded us that we need to sell 50 tickets to the Rotary Night at the Phillies game in July. **Rob Malone** announced that our June 1st Rotary Meeting will be a service project during lunch that will benefit the Brandywine Valley SPCA. If anyone has old tee shirts or anything flannel or fleece he asked us to bring them in so that we can turn them into toys for the animals.

Tim Walsh won the 50/50 drawing. Our new charity going forward is the Chester County Family Academy. The Home of the Sparrow, which was our charity last cycle, will receive 294 dollars.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Cathy Palmquist

Carol Hanson reintroduced **Gabriel Bay** our exchange student from Argentina, who is ending his U.S. visit. Gabriel started off saying he was not too prepared, but most Rotarians thought that was just as well, as he told of his experience with us.

He is from Argentina, which is in South America, where Spanish is spoken. He lives in Buenos Aires, the capital and economic center of the country. While it is a city of 100,000 residents, and is industrialized, exporting Ferraris and Volkswagens, it is a rural country, a city surrounded by farms. It was founded by a German and built by Italians. "We have cowboys in the rural areas that are called *gauchos*." Pato is Argentina's national sport, a game played on horseback with a ball and net. He showed a photo of his large family, noting that his father is not in the picture because his parents are divorced.

He said the country is "a flat place, with no mountains – pretty boring. Going to another country helps you appreciate your own country," he said, noting they do have waterfalls and lots of penguins.

Gabriel likes surfing and being outside more than anything else. One of his best days here was when he went to Blue Mountain to ski. He has never skied and took no lessons, so he kept falling over and over. He finally got the hang of it, and said it was awesome and he was pretty impressed with himself. He is glad to be in West Chester, though listening to the Rotary program last week, he learned it was not always as nice as it is now. "West Chester has its own unique essence," he said, "like your own fairy tale."

"As an exchange student you don't know the language or anything, and feel like a lost bird. There's

a lot to learn. It's been pretty nice, getting to live with other people," he said, with special thanks to his two host families. "Every family is different. It teaches us about people and the world.

"My thanks to Ernesto (Ernest Zlotlow) for taking me to Shriners' Hospital to welcome children who lost extremities. I learned a lot about life. It was one of the best experiences ever. Although the children lost extremities, we speak the same language (Spanish), so we clicked right away (with the Nicaraguan boys). Now I realize how important Rotary is – you help people who most need help. Rotary is important in the whole world. Because of Rotary, the world is better. I see it with my own eyes and I want to become one of you.

"When you come to a new country you learn about your own life, as well as new places. It's been pretty good to come here. It made me a better person. I will go back home and get involved in Rotary, and get others into Rotary Even when I go home, I will never be completely home again – half of my home will be here. I hope we can all make the whole world better."

"You **are** part of our Rotary family," said **President Bob Rogers**.

What a thoughtful exchange student, who touched many lives and hearts while he was here. And what a great ambassador for Rotary! Our best wishes go with you, Gabriel.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

Diana Liberi: CFO at MacLaren Kitchen and Baths. Classification - Business Admin

Sponsor: **Brad Abel** or **David Barkasy**

Ann Baker: Senior Marketing Director at Angel Companions. Classification - Health Homecare

Sponsor: **Dan Wilson**

Brandon Smith: Partnership Development Director at Operation Warm Inc. Classification - Nonprofit / Development Mgr.

Sponsor: **Tim Walsh**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for their inductions.

AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Presidential Gala is Thursday, June 22, in the evening at WCGCC. Several volunteers are needed to help with organization, set up and check out. This *does not* involve soliciting businesses for items for the auction. Interested persons please contact Glen Sweet at gsweet510@verizon.net or at a weekly meeting.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Eric Kuhn** at Pillar Real Estate Advisors.

CONDOLENCES

The members of the Rotary Club of West Chester express condolences to Denise Wine and family in the passing of her mother, Winifred Wine, on April 22, 2017. Services were held privately.

INVOCATION REMINDER

The invocation will be given by;
Bob Frame 5/11 and **Katie Martin 5/18**

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School
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SAVE THE DATE

May 11 Pulled Pork Showdown
May 25 Rotary at the Blue Rocks
June 22 Presidential Installation
June 26 Rotary Night @ the Phillies

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

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