Rotary Club of West Chester

ROTARY VOTARY

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us Week # 19 November 5, 2026

CLUB MEETING ~ October 29
Minutes by Christine Zaccarelli

President-Elect Steve Bayles opened the meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Past District Governor Paul Quintavalla**

An invocation was offered by **Don Niemetzl**

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUEST

Our speaker **PDG Paul Quintavalla** from Broomall Rotary

Kim Collision guest of **Mark Sammarone**

Sue Nuss guest of **Bob Rogers** and **Sue Casso-Rogers**

Jerry Hoover guest of **Michael Karwic**

Steve Pomanti guest of **Kyle Rheiner**

HAPPY BUCKS

Phoebe Kitson-Davis - one more week for **Stocking for Soldiers** list of items needed are: granola bars, Halloween candy, wet wipes, toothpaste, dental floss, deodorant, lip balm, drink mix packets, hair ties and puzzles. Also shared she's glad for **her husband** for the decades of drought of waiting but the **Brewers** finally won the World Series.



Doc O'Connell reluctantly said "How about them Cow boys" for the benefit of the token Cowboys fan in the club.

Amy Miller shared that Breakfast with Santa was one of her favorite things as a child and she promoted **Pancake Breakfast with Santa** at the West Chester Area Senior Center on Saturday December 5th. She also shared her son just started running cross country and he is starting today.

Paul Quintavalla shared that he took 11-year-old granddaughter, **Zoe**, to see a 1971 car and she was amazed by the roll down window.

Steve Bayles shared that he is very close to the **$300,000** goal for **Alex's Lemonade Stand** and his daughter is doing well and wanted him to thank the club for it's continued support.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ November 5
Ethan Poetic - *inspirational speaker*

NEXT WEEK ~ November 12
Ernest Zlotolow
Internation Service in Argentina

OCTOBER 29 PROGRAM
PDG Paul Quintavalla on Rotoplast

Surgical missions July 2025 – June 2026



Rotoplast provides free reconstructive plastic surgery for kids with cleft lip, burn scar and childhood deformities. The name was derived from a combination of Rotary and plastic surgery.

They have performed surgeries in Colombia, India, Bangladesh, Philippines and India. Our District Rotoplast efforts have completed 10 missions, almost 500 patients, 1172 procedures, 200 doctors and nurses, and 100 Rotarians.

Volunteer Rotarians take pictures, keep the record logs, take kids from the wards to the operating room and sterilize the operating rooms. Rotarians pay for their own travel expenses. Each team brings everything they need for the surgeries and rotary helps fund them. If you would like to volunteer for the next trip reach out to Paul.



He showed pictures of cleft lip, cleft palette before and after. Cleft palette is particularly terrifying and poses many challenges to the children. He explained the many things that could go wrong if this condition can't get corrected. They are heredity and can also be caused by lack of proper nutrition of mothers (difficult to grow vegetables needed so they provide educational information), stress mothers experience during pregnancy, diabetes, smoking alcohol and pollution.

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Happy Buck continued

Howard Sundwall Just got back from a great trip to Portugal which was his last place for he and his wife to visit in Europe but for him, "There is no place like home."

ROTAY INTERNATIONAL

Steve, **Tom** and **Mahendra** going to Barcelona from June 25 - July 1 2027 for Rotary International convention who else wants to go?



ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Donation boxes for used sporting equipment are available for your place of business or wherever else you may want to display to help collect. Michael didn't have a chance to do a sign but please decorate or mark as you'd like.

Need one more **WAWA Food Collection** volunteer - **Bob Frame** volunteered

From **Sue Casso-Rogers** - for **members that owe prorated dues**, please wait until 11/15 to pay her and she has the **new rotary pins available for $5**.

Rotary Readers – for those that would like to volunteer, please get your clearances in NYCU and reach out to Bill Ronayne to confirm you can participate.



TRIFECTA DRAWING



Lori Gostkowski won the $11, but did not draw the Queen of Spades. Better luck next time!

A **second drawing** was held for a beautiful pumpkin and fall display and was also won by **Lori Gostkowski**.

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Consequences of not surgically correcting can include social rejection (seen as a demon in some cultures), child abandonment, and infanticide because child can't help you in old age. They also provide burn scar treatment – main burn scar facility in San Francisco and they get these specialized doctors which they are lucky to have.

Paul Discussed and showed pictures of burn victims and explained the process by which they are treated. Kerosene lanterns are commonly used for light and heat because of lack of electricity and cause serious injuries to many women. The group contacts local Rotary clubs when they are coming so they can help identify potential patients.

Rotaplast
Saving smiles, changing lives.

Paul escribed in some details how the surgery is performed for burn scar victims and showed many pictures of children and women whom they have treated and explained the extent of the surgery needed.

Paul hanked our Rotary club for supporting this effort and hoped it will continue.

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