



ROTARY:
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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Ian Riseley, International President 2017-2018

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This Week's Program: August 24, 2017

Speaker: Mark Rudiger from WEGO Rotary Club
**Operation Heads Up for Safety-
A Program on Distracted Driving**

Next Week's Program: August 31, 2017

Speaker: Michael Morrison, Historian
Rediscovering Devon

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Mickey Hall** opened the meeting. We pledged allegiance to the flag. **Matt Holiday** gave the invocation by quoting 3 leaders who left us with the inspiration to move from the darkness toward the light. **Brad Abel** of course had a joke. We sang a "classic" version of America the Beautiful.

John Saling and Dave Harridan were visiting Rotarians. Mike Dunn from Bartlett Tree and Charles "Ebbie" Alfree from the Hickman were guests and are on the path to becoming members.

Carolyn Comitta had 2 happy bucks: She is always thankful for our West Chester first responders, but especially last week when a county worker identified an electrical fire underground that caused CO2 into homes at dangerous levels. Mark Scanlon was treated in a hyperbaric chamber and will fully recover. Secondly, Carolyn distributed the document created by the West Chester Diversity in Action Committee that is a response to racism in the community. The committee was formed by the Mayor's office, the local NAACP team and the DOJ. At the candlelight vigil, last week 250 people signed the statement. **Howard Sundwall** is happy that the Uptown Theater is hosting a speakers series on the third Tuesday of every month. On September 16th, the speaker will be Mark Kerbalt discussing *Politics in the age of Trump*. **Frank Church** is happy that the ice cream social event that he had won, was a great success in a large part due to the sign and invitations from Blue Dog Printing. **Cynthia Stroup** is happy that she is having a delayed birthday party at the Palace Bowling Alley on Saturday August 19 at 4:00PM and all are invited. Dave Haradon, our past district governor announced that he and his wife are celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary. **Brandon Smith** is happy

that he has 4 new Rotary Mugs and committed Rotary Clubs to implement Operation Warm this Fall. Announcements: **Mickey Hall** is sad to announce that **Diane Lemonides** father passed away last week. A sympathy card was circulated to sign.

On Thursday October 12th, 4 days after the Chili Cook Off, our club, along with the WEGO and Sunrise Clubs will host a Rotary Peace Fellow at the West Chester Country Club. There will be no lunch meeting that day. There will also be no lunch meeting on Thursday December 14th. Instead all are invited to our holiday party at Bill and Doreen Winters home on Friday evening December 15th.

District dates to keep in mind: On October 14th, there is a Project Fair. On October 29th, the Longwood Club has a trip to LA; Nov 4th is the Rotary Foundation Seminar.

Dave Haradon presented a Paul Harris award to **Cynthia Stroup**. **Cynthia and Winnie** attended the recent District conference and Paul Harris points were given for auction payments. Cynthia bid on and won a LOT.

On behalf of **Judy Bell, Brandon Smith** asked that members get any information to **Judy Bell** for the web site or that should be distributed.

Bill Ronayne, back from vacation, won the fifty-fifty drawing but did not pull the King of spades.

Mickey closed the meeting by reminding us that: *Everything is impossible before it works.*

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Henson

Classification Talks

Mark Berenato related his journey to West Chester starting in 1964 when his parents first moved the family from Springfield, Delaware County to Bala Cynwyd. Mark attended St. Matthias Elementary School, went on to St. Joseph's Prep, ultimately getting a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University while attending night school.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, Lyn, in October 1983. They have been married for almost 34 years and have two children, James and Lauren.

In 1994, Mark purchased a small steel fabrication business which flourished. The family lived in Havertown from 1998 through 2016. In 2014 Mark sold his business intending to retire. He soon became restless and purchased a Rita's Water Ice franchise in Bryn Mawr. Shortly after that, they sold their home in Havertown and moved to Hershey's Mill.

Mark and his wife have a grandson, James, whom they enjoy and love very much.

A few years ago, Mark obtained his real estate license. He started to become so busy that he decided to sell Rita's. Mark is currently an agent with Long and Foster in West Chester.

Mark joined the Rotary to make new friends and to give back to the community. He noted that the West Chester Rotary has a reputation for being inviting and inclusive and is grateful for the chance to be a part of it.

Cyndie Bianchi grew up in North Smithfield, RI where her family has owned a dairy farm for several generations. It is known today as Wright's Dairy Farm and Bakery.

She has three sons, Michael, Alex and Brandon. Cyndie loves sunsets and lives on a street called Sunset Rd. which known because of the spectacular evening views.

Cyndie loves to visit wineries. Longwood Gardens is one of her favorite places and she has toured many of the local sites in Philadelphia and Lancaster County. When she is homesick, she goes to a farmer's market and everything seems much better. After losing her father to cancer, she decided to devise her bucket list which included buying a two-seater convertible, zip lining, a trip to Disney as well as a trip to Machu Picchu, and there are a few other

adventures lined up.

Cyndie is a Branch Manager for the West Chester branch of Bryn Mawr Trust where she enjoys her job and her customers.

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 8 Chili Cook Off

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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Phil McFadden at Home Instead

NEW MEMBERS

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

Charles "Ebbie" Alfree: Director of Advancement,
The Hickman. Classification - Nonprofit Development
Sponsor - **Deb Sparre**

Michael Dunn: Arborist, Bartlett Tree Services
Classification - Environmental Management
Sponsor - **Sue Casso Rogers**

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.

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