



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: May 26, 2016

Speakers: Linda Hicks, Steve Founds, and Phyllis Dunn
Student Recognition and Rotary Foundation Update

Next Week's Program: June 2, 2016

Speaker: Paul Quintavalla
Update on Rotoplast

MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

President Katie Martin opened the meeting at 12:30.

Deb Sparre gave the invocation. She debated about an American Indian sun dance, but we saw a glimmer of sun so opted for a traditional invocation.

Bill Friedman made a joke about **Brad Abel**.

There were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting.

Guests in attendance were:

Larry Miller introduced his son who is a rising junior at Bucknell, Carly McFadden (a Penn State Student) is an intern at Blue Dog and was introduced by **Bill Friedmann**

Terri Edgar was a guest of **Tim Walsh**, but he wasn't present so **Chris Feryo** stepped up with the introduction.

Throw Back Thursday was a photo of **Jack Wintermute's** 50th anniversary with Rotary.

Important dates to note:

May 19th - Rotary night at the Blue Rocks

June 22 - Bob Rogers induction

July 19 - Rotary night at the Phillies

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Marjorie Wentz** who gave 4 happy bucks to announce that her granddaughter Audrey Ryan Blakey is 4 days old today. **Bill Ronayne** gave \$5 to announce the Stadium Grille reunion hosted at Fame Fire Co

on 5/21 from 11-4 rain or shine. He and **Mark Sammarone** have tickets with them today.

Chris McCawley and her husband saw **Laura Aloisio's** daughter dancing the lead part in Wizard of Oz... she was wonderful. **President Katie Martin** gave 2 happy bucks. She was on vacation last week and it was SUNNY and the other buck was a thank you to **Steve Quigley** and his wife for hosting a new member event at their house. **Winnie Stroup** gave a happy buck because although her son and his wife were evicted from their home last week, she is grateful to be able to provide for those in need. **Rabbi Sue Greenberg** was happy to be going on a cruise next week. **Cliff DeBaptiste** was happy to make it to his 92nd birthday.

Brad Abel gave a happy birthday wish to **Barbara Bolton** thinking she was a dentist... it was quite funny. She is in marketing. **Steve Quigley** wished a happy birthday to **Howard Sundwall**, his fantastic golfing partner.

Jack Wintermute made an announcement about the Blue Rocks game and let everyone know that the buffet will be ready around 6 pm. **Glenn Sweet** announced that they are looking for auction items for the President's Gala and forms are on the table. **Chris McCawley** asked that the Rotary Readers meet for a photo after the meeting in the lobby.

The 50-50 was won by **Tim Walsh**.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Glen Sweet

Illiama (Alaska) Float Plane Crash

Bob Frame introduced **Dave Wood** who survived a float plane crash in a remote area of Alaska. **Dave** began his talk by describing his best friend and fellow outdoorsman, James Specter who did not survive the crash. **Dave** and Dr. Specter, an oral surgeon, were vacationing at the luxury Rainbow King Fishing Lodge. Weather permitting there was a daily flight with guides from the Lodge to a remote fishing spot.

In the pre-dawn of September 15, 2015, **Dave** and Dr. Specter along with other passengers boarded a Dehavilland Otter 11 passenger float plane. Dave sat behind the pilot on the left side of the plane. His friend, Dr. Specter, was an experienced pilot and asked the pilot if he could sit in the co-pilot's seat for the flight.

The plane took off and reached an altitude of only 10 to 15 feet when **Dave** felt the plane hit ground. The right side of the plane, where his friend sat, was crushed on impact. Dr. Specter suffered many internal injuries and broken bones and likely died within one to two minutes after impact. All three passengers in the front of the plane on the right side were killed.

The young fishing guides helped **Dave** get out of the plane. He had several broken ribs, a broken ankle and collapsed lungs. Natives carried him on a back board to the local "clinic" which had little in the way of medical equipment. Then the Air National Guard came and flew him to the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage which was a Level 2 Trauma Center. **Dave** could not fly home because his lungs were not clear. His wife came and they flew a nurse from Jefferson Hospital to Anchorage. Eventually, when he was able to fly, the nurse flew with them and he went to Jefferson Hospital to recuperate. He was on a morphine drip and then oxycodone for six weeks.

The plane was overweight and tail heavy and those are believed to be the causes of the crash. **Dave** said the experience makes him treat every day as a gift. "That's why they call it the present."

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Catherine Friedman** of Friends Association



SAVE THE DATE

Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction
Jun 23	No lunch meeting
July 19	Rotary Night at the Phillies

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