



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020  
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**Program: November 7, 2019**

**The Garage Youth Center in Kennett Square  
 Speakers: Kate Martin and Kristin Proto**

**Program: November 14, 2019**

**Chester County CASA**

## MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Matt Holliday** opened the meeting. **Phyllis Dunn** gave the invocation dressed for the holiday.

**Guests:** We had a large number of guests, many of whom are in the queue for membership or completing applications.

Rotarian:	Guest:
<b>Ebie Alfree</b>	Jack Williams
<b>John Abitabilo</b>	Dan Abitabilo
<b>Christine Wildauer</b>	Mary and Tom Evans
<b>Yolanda Van de Krol</b>	Emily Provencher
<b>Lynmar Brock</b>	Claudie Brock
<b>Allison Snavelly</b>	Mat McKeon
<b>Jenna Fiorello</b>	Mike Lewis

In addition, there were several guests who were all being inducted:

- Phil Bieg** sponsored by **Jack Ellis**
- Jessica Reilly** sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**
- Randy Lindel** sponsored by **Steve Brown**
- John Abitabilo** sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**
- Megan van Riet** sponsored by **Sue Flynn**
- Michael Louis** sponsored by **Mark Sammarone**

**Happy Dollars:** **Andrew Stump** is happy that his daughter was married over the weekend. **Allison Snavelly** is happy that the Historical Society had a reception where 700 guests showed up and that they received a grant for \$150,000. **Carol Hanson** congratulated **Dwight Leeper** for a very successful booth about Polio eradication and thanked Phyllis Dunn who coordinated Rotary workers at the booth. Carol also appreciated the trip to Spain that **Patty Jefferis** created for her, Dennis and a total of about 15 people. **John Abitabilo's** dad, Don was happy that he could pin John's Rotary pin on him just as he had once pinned his Marine Corps pin on

**Announcements:** **John Schwab** announced that on Thursday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a poverty simulator

event that will help the attendees gain insight into the reality of Poverty. One of the goals for the Club strategy is to understand how we can help the area poor. Contact John if you would like to attend.

**Carol Hanson** announced that there will be a showing of "Dare to Dream," Rotary's film about the status of Polio programs, on Sunday afternoon at 4:00PM at the Uptown Theater. The cost of the ticket will be matched and donated to Rotary.

**Jeannie McGinn** announced that small items will be collected next week and the following week to fill "Stockings for Soldiers." The list was on tables. Small sized toiletries, candy, etc are welcome. She and **Linda Hicks** will drive to Wilmington to participate in filling the stockings that volunteers have sewn.

**Sheriff Bunny Welsh** that the 6th annual "Shop with the Sheriff" will be held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Kennett Square Walmart. Walmart matches each \$50 donation with another \$50 and the children are given a \$100 gift card for shopping. Children from the Family Academy are busy making their lists. They shop with a law enforcement officer in uniform. This helps encourage a bond and positive attitude toward law enforcement. The children may not buy for themselves. Although at the end their partner may produce additional money for them to spend on themselves. After shopping everyone returns to the Elks Club in West Chester. Volunteers wrap the presents, and everyone has lunch. Rotarians may contribute by donating \$50 per child and/or volunteering. Checks should be made out to the Chester County Family Academy and mailed to the Chester County Sheriff's Office c/of Lee Dimattia, 201 West Market Street Suite 1201 West Chester PA 19380. Bunny finished her announcement with a 2-minute endless video of a stone bridge with flashing law enforcement vehicles, cars and school buses. She promises to come back next week with a video that includes the children. If you are not familiar with the Family Academy, be sure to attend Rotary on

December 19 when the children will sing and play violin for us

**50 /50:** Phyllis Dunn won the draw and \$17 but did not get the queen of spades.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Charles Streitwieser**

**Classification Talk by Jeff Spencer:** Jeff became the CEO and Scout Executive of the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts of America in January of this year. His Boy Scout career began in high school: he attained the rank of Eagle Scout at 16 and worked each Summer for a Boy Scout camp. After college, he went to work full time for Boy Scouts. Last weekend, the Chester County Council of Boy Scouts celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, recognizing 5,700 youth in the program supported by 2,500 parents. Jeff pointed out that the Scout Reach program serves 522 underprivileged kids to afford scouting each year. The next era of the Chester County Council will begin in 1 ½ years when their new headquarters will be completed in Exton.



**Classification Talk by Arlene Adams:** Arlene has a long history of volunteering and fundraising for good causes and community needs. Currently working as an Independent Curator for The Cocoa Exchange, Arlene helps others how to do great food, gifts, and fundraising with cocoa. She joined Rotary because of all the outlets it can provide for her to help others. We are happy that she has joined us and grateful that she has already brought in two new members to our club even before she was inducted!



### **THANK YOU**

Copies of the Votary are provided today by  
**Dwight Leeper** of Merrill Lynch

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Nov 16 Community Warehouse- Downingtown  
Nov 26 Happy Hour  
Nov 28 No Meeting  
Dec 26 No meeting  
Jan 1 No meeting  
Jan 4 Open House at Sue and Bob Roger's

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

### **MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT**

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, November 16, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign up, please call **Jeannie McGinn** at 484-343-4577



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