



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020  
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**Program: December 5, 2019**  
**Club Business**

**Program: December 12, 2019**  
**TBA**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Matt Holliday** open the meeting. The invocation was given by **Rabbi Sue Greenberg**. The lone visiting Rotarian was Marjorie Wentz from Passport.

Our guests at the meeting today included Jen, Robin and Amber Allen.

Birthday greetings were given to **Sue Greenberg** by **Catherine Friedman** who sang happy birthday to Sue. **Ernest Zlotolow** wished a happy birthday to **Seamus Lavin**. **Sue Flynn** extended birthday greetings to **Bunny Welsh**, and **Brad Abel** wished a happy birthday to **Christine Wildauer**.

Happy Dollars were given by **Faith Woodward** for 21 years of marriage. **Megan van Riet** gave happy dollars for the after-school Christmas Party Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Locust Lane Riding Center and holiday donations for the children of the Oscar Lasko Center YMCA. Donations and volunteers are needed. **Phil McFadden** is happy as he has the popcorn sold by the boy scouts. **Bunny Welsh** is happy as she was surprised at her retirement dinner. She thanked all the Rotarians in attendance. **Catherine Friedmann** is happy as she needs to hire a part-time Market Associate. She is also happy that performances of the Messiah will take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Uptown Theater. **Cathy Palmquist** is happy she and her husband represented our Rotary club at the Global Medical Relief Fund Awards dinner in Staten Island, NY.

Announcements: **John Schwab** announced that for the strategic planning the board will be examining the Chili Cook Off. Please respond to Survey Monkey with 10 questions ASAP. **Ernest Zlotolow** announced that we are collecting eyeglasses to be sent to third world countries. **Joanne Tadeo** announced the holiday party will be held at Sue and Bob Rodgers home January 4, 2020 from 5:30- 10

p.m. **Katie Martin** announced Rotary will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. **President Matt** announced that volunteers are needed for the annual West Chester Christmas parade, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**President Matt** announced that the November Rotarian of the month is **Jeannie McGinn**. The 50/50 was won by **Don Kohler**.

**President Matt's** final quote center around gratitude.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Brian Fahey

Classification Talks

**Yolanda Van de Krol** was born in Massachusetts to a family that hailed from the Netherlands. She is one of four children and being Dutch was an important part of her childhood, as was being outdoors. Yolanda spent her summers camping and hiking with her family. In addition to those outdoor activities, she and her friends enjoyed riding on the local trash truck, picking up refuse and taking it to the dump. Her reward for a day's work was an ice-cream cone. Yolanda also loved gymnastics. She said that she "was always upside down" as a child. Along the way, her love of gymnastics resulted in a dislocated knee.

Yolanda stayed in the northeast for college, attending Hamilton College. After graduating she began a career in banking, accepting a job on Wall St. While a successful banker, Yolanda also pursued other interests. She earned an MA from the University of Delaware/Winterthur Program in Early American Culture. Her thesis was on the history of pockets in women's clothing.

Yolanda and her husband were married in Altoona and after some years of living elsewhere, they moved to Paoli to be near the train station, which was convenient for her husband's work and travel schedule. There they found an active community and they have been living there ever since, a total of twenty-two years. Yolanda's husband is a part-time

lumberjack and they heat their house with wood. She and her husband have a son, who is now the tallest on either side of the family and he is also an Eagle Scout.

In 2017 Yolanda retired from banking, for eight days, and then agreed to run for Clerk of the Courts in Chester County. She became the first Democrat ever elected to that post. The office handles the paperwork for the criminal court system in Chester County and interacts with various County agencies such as the District Attorney, Sheriff, Adult Probation and Juvenile Dependency. Yolanda greatly enjoys her work and is happy that she took the plunge into elected office.

One of the reasons that she joined Rotary is that in her work she often has to deal with non-profit organizations, and she felt like she wanted to gain a greater understanding of the local organizations. She may have also been influenced by Matt Holiday.

**Doug Meis** grew up in the area, moved away and recently moved back. He played golf at an early age and chose that for his first career. After college, he took a position as an assistant golf pro but after a while decided on a different path. Since then he has worked in employee benefits and risk management. He currently works in risk management for The Lyons Company, in Delaware. Doug and his wife lived in Maryland for some time but recently moved back to Pennsylvania, which he is very happy about. Doug joined Rotary in order to meet people and participate in service. He has enjoyed the openness of our club and hopes to continue to make new connections.

### THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Ebbie Alfree** of The Hickman

### MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

**Community Warehouse Project Update:** No December Volunteer Day, next date: January 18 from 9-2.

**REMEMBER** if you get new goodies for the Holidays, think? Could CWP recycle my old item? **YES!** Call Jeannie, if not sure, at 484-343-4577. She can make arrangements for a delivery or pickup anytime during the month.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the WC Rotarians for all your 2019 support, item donations and spreading the word. What a difference it made in the lives of Families/Seniors/Veterans who made a new start with our help.

### WEST CHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE Volunteers Needed for Holiday Parade on 12/6

The parade needs the following in order to have a safe and enjoyable parade:

- Parade marshals (a front row seat to watch the parade) to help keep the streets clear for the Jingle Elf Run and the Parade
- Balloon Handlers – this is a fun opportunity (especially for work/family teams) to be IN the parade and be associated with a smaller version on the balloons like the ones in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Clean Up – Enjoy the parade and then help us clean the streets, pick up fencing and the straighten up the VIP area. Not as fun as the other two but IMMENSELY important and fulfills our commitment to the borough to leave town as we found it!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ea8a929aafb6-20192>. Please volunteer

### SAVE THE DATE

Dec 6 West Chester Christmas Parade  
Dec 7 Ringing the Bells for Salvation Army  
Dec 26 No meeting  
Jan 1 No meeting  
Jan 4 Open House at Sue and Bob Roger's  
Jan 9 WCGCC closed. Meeting location TBA

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)

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