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# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: March 1, 2018**  
**Talk Radio 1210, WPHT Philadelphia**  
**Speaker: Chris Stigall**

**Next Week's Program: March 8, 2018**  
**West Chester Area School District**  
**Challenges and Opportunities**  
**Speaker: Jim Scanlon, Superintendent**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

The meeting was opened by **President Mickey Hall**, and she called on **Brian Fahey**, who offered an invocation centered on popcorn. Jackie Tate of Chadds Ford was the lone Visiting Rotarian, but there were many guests. **Lynmar Brock** introduced his wife Claudie, and **Dave Biffen** introduced his wife **Patty**. **Ken Klein**, prospective member, was introduced by **Bob Hall**, Matt Ray was the guest of **Chuck Swope**, Melissa Baxter was a guest of **Michelle Venema**, and Seamus Lavin, former member, greeted us himself.

**Don Kohler** kicked off Happy Bucks with \$10 and \$1 bills, explaining the ten was in honor of Penn State, his alma mater, whose students raised over \$10,000 in support of pediatric cancer research and treatment in their recent Thon. The one dollar was to announce the upcoming Brandywine BBQ Festival, which is looking for sponsors. See Don for more information. **Matt Holliday** was happy to announce the Friends Association Music Fest that will feature our own **Catherine Friedman** and **Deb Sparre's** husband. **Carol Hanson** was happy to report on her two-week cruise with her sister, which they undertook without husbands! **Jeannie McGinn** announced that **Bunny Welsh's** knee surgery went well, and there is a get well card going around.

**Brandon Smith** expressed thanks for the support that Rotarians have given him in regards to his recent unemployment and job search. **Brandon** also gave a plug for the upcoming Mainliners show on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in which he will be performing. Lastly, **Howard Sundwall** was happy that the speakers' series at Uptown Knauer Center, which he heads up, is going so well. The most recent speaker, Victoria Wyeth, granddaughter of Andrew Wyeth, gave a

fabulous talk.

**President Mickey** kicked off birthdays by noting that Rotary is celebrating its 113<sup>th</sup> birthday, and then wishing greetings to **Marjorie Wentz**, who is *not* 113! **Catherine Friedman** sang a most creative birthday greeting to **David Biffen**, noting some signs of aging

**Vice President Matt Holliday's** Rotarian Spotlight this week was on **Ernest Zlotolow**, a Rotarian transferee from the King of Prussia club, who has been instrumental in getting the CORS program up and running, and benefitting so many youngsters in need of rehabilitation of limbs.

**President Mickey** reminded us of the fruit sale pick-up on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that this is the last day to bring soup for Safe Harbor, which she will deliver. She also reviewed district event dates.

**Past President Katie Martin** conducted an impressive induction of our newest member, **Steve Bayles**.

**Michelle Venema** kicked off announcements by reminding members to spread the word to non-profits to make application for CPC grants. Information can be found on our website. Applications for grants closes April 30<sup>th</sup>. **Carl Werner** announced the March 17<sup>th</sup> Rotary Leadership Institute. Check the website for information. **Jeff Brown** noted that the latest edition of West Chester Press features among others, **State Rep. Carolyn Comitta**.

**President Mickey** reminded members of upcoming club programs.

**Patty Jefferis** won the 50/50, but the queen eluded her.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Marjorie Wentz

Dr. Paul Morgan, professor at West Chester University, spoke to us about Sustainability. He spoke to us back in 2014 as well. Sustainability brings together harmony of the economy, the environment and people. The Eagles Stadium is the leader in sustainability in the NFL.

Sustainability is a MegaTrend. There are so many more people on the planet and that is creating great demands on the environment. We all want to live long happy healthy lives and the next generations want to as well. In order to do so, we must address the issue of sustainability.

Dr. Morgan spoke about Climate Change. He says the evidence is overwhelming and the trend is higher and higher temperatures. Super storms have had a big impact on the world which he believes are a result of climate change. The Paris Climate Agreement was rejected by our current administration, but we are still in and he says there is plenty of US support to stay in it.

Society is entranced by what we expect our "future" to be and it dominates our imagination and what the media hypes. But people don't really want to live in a Jetson's world where there are no trees and food comes from a dispenser. We need to change the track. We need a new vision. We learn what we live. Our education for sustainability is very important. WCU is a leader in sustainability. All students are taught about it before they graduate.

There was time for questions:

Q: How do you know if the students get it? A: They change what they do.

Q: Are there other colleges adopting the sustainability challenge? A: All of them must.

Q: How important is buy-in from the population? A: Without it, progress drags.

Q: Does the Federal or State Government provide grants for projects supporting sustainability? A: Yes, there are some. He would like to see more.

### SAVE THE DATE

Mar 3	Fruit Pick up at A. Duie Pyle Lincoln and Garfield Aves. WC
Mar 17	Rotary Leadership Institute
Apr 30	Deadline for CPC Grant applications

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

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Success - We Beat Our Tree Planting Goal!

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 7450 ...WE  
RAISED \$12,125.00 WITH 31 CONTRIBUTORS  
MAKING UP ROTARY CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS

Last fall, Rotary District 7450, representing 50 local Rotary clubs, approached Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) seeking help to achieve this region's part in the International Rotary's goal of planting one tree for each member worldwide. Rotary turned to PHS because the 190-year-old nonprofit organization coordinates volunteer tree plantings of nearly 2,000 trees in the 5-county Southeastern PA region every year. The goal was to develop a large-scale service project that could happen on the last day of the District Conference, helping interested regional clubs to meet their tree-planting goal.



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