



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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Program: November 21, 2019

Club Business

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Matt Holliday opened the meeting, **Doug Meis** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Arlene Adam** gave the invocation, "An Attitude of Gratitude".

Visiting Rotarians were Skip Torreson (Haverford Club-selling roses), and Linda Hicks (Passport Club).

Guests were introduced by: **Phyllis Dunn** (Roseann Nield, Sean and Tracy Walsh), **Mac Neilon** (Mike Reynolds), **Yolanda Van de Krol** (Emily Provencher), **Carol Hanson** (Jim Nelson)

Birthday greetings were bestowed by: **Arlene Adam** to **Debbie Ferry** and **Andrew Stump** to **Joe Panaro**.

Happy Dollars were gladly given by: Linda Hicks (thanks for the great job of providing items for *Stockings for Soldiers*), **Deb Sparre** (glad to be back at Rotary and now has a 2nd grandchild), **Bill Winters** (20th anniversary of the Collegium Charter Scholl that now has 3167 students), **John Abitabilo** (apologies to another member), **Kyle Rheiner** (now has his first niece), **Doug Meis** (he and his wife celebrated their 40th anniversary and traveled to Turks and Caicos Islands where he attended a Rotary meeting)

President Matt pointed out that **Phil McFadden** and **Gary Hess** were handing out information about donating to the Rotary Foundation.

John Schwab announced that for strategic planning, the board will be examining the Chili Cook Off. Please respond to Survey Monkey with 10 questions ASAP.

Carol Hanson shared Thank you notes from children in the Caribbean for the \$4000 we sent for books through the program "Hands Across the Sea". We

Program: November 28, 2019

**Happy Thanksgiving
 No Meeting**

have adopted 4 schools with 2000 students.

Jeannie McGinn- Community Warehouse Project collected some furniture from **Jack Wintermute** and **Bill Winters**. We need your donations and strong bodies.

The 50-50 was won by **Mike Louis** but he found not the queen of spades.

President Matt's final quote was from Thomas Edison encouraging us to persevere.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

On Thursday, Nov. 14th, we had the opportunity to listen to Tamara Wilson and Taylor Moots inform us about their Non-Profit, CASA Youth Advocates, Inc.

CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates and their role in our community is to be the "Eyes and Ears of the Court." First beginning in 1970 by a doctor in Seattle WA, their goal was "to help abused and neglected children live well, achieve academic excellence, and experience the joys of childhood by providing them with trained volunteer Advocates who speak for their best interests."

There are now over 1,000 programs in the US and 20 in PA. The Delco office was their first in PA in 1992. They now have a new office in West Chester and as of 2018, they're serving 48 children in 36 cases, utilizing 28 Volunteers. They believe that every abused and neglected child has the right to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment with healthy family connections. CASA kids are more likely to be adopted, half as likely to enter back into the welfare system, and the cases in Chester County close within 18 months, which is incredibly fast!

They're the 2018 GlaxoSmithKline Impact Award

Winner and have a number of fundraising events annually, including their Annual Superhero 5k, and their exciting Gala - which is December 6, 2019, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM Drexelbrook Catering & Special Event Center, Drexel Hill, PA. Open Bar, Dinner, Awards, Silent Auction

They're always looking for volunteers, which they put through a rigorous, and necessary training and screening process. Their goal is to have the volunteers and children in a one-to-one ratio for 12 months at a time (but many volunteer an average 46 months!). The stability of a friend for these children is a must, as they're used to a number of people and homes changing constantly for them. 10-15 hours is the typical monthly commitment.

Learn more here:

<https://delcocasa.org/>

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Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

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What impact can one donation have?

For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.

\$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.

\$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children

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THANK YOU

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

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, December 21, 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



SAVE THE DATE

Nov 26 Happy Hour @ Sidebar 5:30 PM
Nov 28 No Meeting
Dec 7 Ringing the bells for Salvation Army
Dec 21 Community Warehouse- Downingtown
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

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