



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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This Week's Program: May 16, 2019
Classification Talks
Speakers: Seamus Lavin and Gary Green

Next Week's Program: May 23, 2019
TBA

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President **Bill** rang the meeting to order and **Jeannie McGinn** gave the invocation. Our guests today included Arlene Adams. and Gail Davis. The lone visiting Rotarian was Rick Stevenson from the Sunrise Club.

Charles Streitwieser extended birthday greetings to **Lynmar Brock**.

Happy Dollars: **Cristina Combee** is happy as she is going to travel abroad to attend the graduation of Jenelle. She is also going to present her with a laptop. **Matt Holliday** is happy about the Arc of Chester County fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$25.00. See Matt for more details **Don Kohler** is also happy about a fundraiser to benefit the boy scouts. 5/21/19. See Don for tickets. **Paul Woodruff** is happy that East High school won a lacrosse championship. Two boys from the team are helping to finish the lower level of his house. **Jesus Corraliza** is happy that the Post office food donation drive Saturday will benefit the Salvation Army. **Bunny Welsh** is happy that next week is national police week. She will travel to Washington D.C. to be part of this national celebration. Rick Stevenson is happy about Sunrise Rotary club trivia night, tomorrow. **Deb Sparre** is happy her granddaughter will be two years old and her daughter will join her in the real estate business. **Catherine Friedmann** is happy about two puppies.

The 2st Chester County Challenge for cancer Ride will be held 6/23/19. President Bill told us that in 2002 on this date **Bill Ronayne** was inducted into our Rotary Club. On May 5,1987 the Supreme Court voted women into Rotary. At this time, a third of our club are women. **Sue Casso Rogers** announced that the Presidential Gala will be held June 13th. You must pay in advance if you plan to attend. Give your money to Sue. \$40 per individual or \$75.00 a couple. She also announced that that our club will be assisting with **Steve Bayle's** daughter Sydney's

lemonade stand during the month of June. Details to follow. **Glen Sweet** announced auction items are needed for the gala.

Dates to remember- 5/13/19- Rotary @ the Blue Rocks, 5/15/19- Chili Social Hour. 5/18/19- Community Warehouse, 6/20/19- Pulled Pork Competition, 6/20/19- District Governor Installation, 10/13/19- Chili Cook-off.

Patty Jefferis won the 50/50.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

President **Bill Friedmann** introduced a new game to the club: "Instant Reclassification." **Deb Sparre** played Vannah White to a spinning wheel with 12 names on it. The chosen person had to give a quick re-classification talk.

Gary Hess was first up. He joined the club at the same time **Faith Woodward** did—24 years ago. His family arrived in the country around 1730. Some stayed in the Philadelphia area; some migrated north and became lumberjacks. Gary grew up in north county and now lives in Kings Point. In high school he was a golf champion and continued his winning ways in golf at West Chester Country Club. He studied Finance in college and has enjoyed a career in Investing.

In 1994, Jean Oaks suggested that he consider Rotary. Jean was a formidable Force at Chester County Hospital and at Rotary before her death. As usual Jean was right and Gary has enjoyed the friendships of Rotarians and the opportunities to volunteer.

Gary and his wife Molly enjoy traveling and are headed to Stockholm in a week. Note, Gary didn't mention his wife, but **Mac Neilon** pointed out this egregious oversight.

Gary spun the wheel and **Mac Neilon** came up for an instant re-classification talk. After chiding Gary for leaving his wife out of his talk, Mac was sure to mention his own wife Margaret and his two children Colin and Allie who both live in New York. Margaret

grew up in northern New Jersey ... in a very Italian area. She was the first in her family to file an income tax form.

Mac's major hobby is running. He stumbled into his addiction at a Rotary Happy Hour where Katie Walker and **Jim Gasho** were discussing Brian's Run. With 10 days to prepare, Mac completed the run – and last year ran the Boston Marathon. He and his wife also enjoy travelling and this weekend are heading to Gettysburg. He recently retired from his office products business in West Chester. Mac points out that he didn't join Rotary for the usual reason of serving the community – he was already active but instead FAMO (fear of missing out.) Shortly after joining then president Steve Karp asked Mac to be Sergeant of Arms. Mac turned him down but learned in the meeting that he and **Katie Martin** were co-Sergeants.

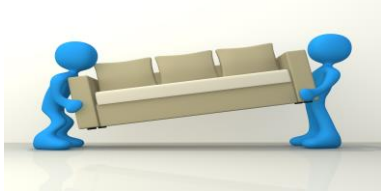
One of his definitive roles was as an Elf at a Club Christmas party, he delivered a gift that was not in the master list that **Sue Casso** had planned. It turned out to be a ring from **Bob Rogers** ... the rest is history.

Craig Kalemjian spends 6 months of the year in South Carolina and was lucky enough to win the spin. He joined the Club in 1979. He was president in 1987 – 1988 – the year that Rotary admitted women. He also attends Rotary in South Carolina and is active in their duck races. He has been blessed in his work in the Law, having been admitted to the bar in 1973. Currently he is practicing Real Estate, Estate and Probate Law He also volunteers his time and is a golfer, skier, sailor and enjoys history

Craig lost his wife 3 years ago. His son currently lives in London and is expecting twins in July and he hopes to be on hand to greet their arrival. His daughter lives in San Francisco and has a 2 and a 4-year-old. One of his best Rotary experiences was hosting an exchange student who has gone on to become a Medical doctor and a PHD. Dr. Dr. specializes in treating Crohn's disease and keeps in touch with Craig.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, May 18, 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! Click on the link below to sign up. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7



Calling All Pulled Pork Enthusiasts!

The Rotary Club of West Chester will hold its 3rd Annual Pulled Pork Throwdown on June 20th at Deb Sparre's house (1104 Debra Way, West Chester). Come on out at noon for club fellowship and to sample some great BBQ. We ask that you make a minimum donation of \$15. 100% of the proceeds will benefit **Alex's Lemonade Stand**.

Last year's champion, Melissa "Missy-Q" Baxter looks to defend her title- but watch out for 2017 champion Brad "The Big Pig" Abel who is eager to regain the crown. Club President Bill "Dr. Squealgood" Friedmann has both of them in his sights.

We still have room for a couple of contestants- if you fancy yourself a Master of the Meat please see President Bill for all the details

SAVE THE DATE

May 18 Community Warehouse Day
June 13 Presidential Gala
June 20 Pulled Pork Competition
July 15 Rotary @ the Blue Rocks
Oct 13 Chili Cook Off

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

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PRESIDENTIAL GALA

This gala event will be held Thursday June 13, 6 - 8 PM at the lower level of the Chester County Bar Association, 15 West Gay Street. BYOB
Please give auction item donations to **Glen Sweet**.
RSVP to **Sue Casso Rogers** by June 6.

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