



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**This Week's Program: March 14, 2019**

**Speaker: James D. Ziegler**  
**The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum**

**Next Week's Program: March 21, 2019**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**President Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting. **Michelle Venema** gave the invocation, with mention of her brother's retirement from the military, and a prayer for the safety of all those who serve in the military. Our lone visiting Rotarian was Reece Reynolds. Visitors included Donna Pelzar, introduced by her boss **Bill Mullen**, and two women guests of **Sue Flynn**, who have provided generous support to the Chester County Family Academy. **Michelle Venema's** guest was Karen Walter, prospective member, and the new director at Yellow Springs, and **Deb Sparre's** guest was Gail Grady.

**Bob Poole** kicked off Happy Bucks by telling us that his third book, "Reclaiming the Swamp," has been accepted by and is now available through Amazon. **Ernest Zlotolow** was happy to announce that his son is going to work exclusively on advanced hand surgery, such as hands where earlier surgery was botched. Another seminar for doctors will be held in Cuba in two weeks, and Ernest prays all goes well there, given the unrest in that country. **Michelle Venema** is not only happy about her brother's retirement, but also that his daughter has received notice of her early admission to Princeton University. **Mark Sammarone** announced a Chamber of Commerce event on March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Disney Institute at the Desmond Hotel. See Mark for further information and tickets. **Deb Sparre** was happy to announce that her husband, **Catherine Friedman** and others will perform "Life is a Cabaret" on April 27<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser for Friends Association.

**President Bill**, looking back at Rotary history, noted that club members watched a movie in 1942, and also in 1943 by the Red Cross to kick off a blood

drive that raised \$20,000. His announcement that **Sue Casso** joined Rotary in 1992 generated generous applause from the members.

In announcements, **Christine Wildauer** gave praise and thanks to all those who helped out at the fruit distribution on Saturday. She noted there is still some fruit left. If anyone would like to donate some of the fruit to the West Chester Food Cupboard, the cupboard clients would be most appreciative. Following Christine's announcements, **President Bill** called her up and named her Rotarian of the Month for February!

Then **President Bill** mentioned upcoming programs/events, such as James Ziegler speaking about the National Iron and Steel Museum, a classification talk by Jesus Coralizza, and the upcoming SASSY Awards and district conference at the Springfield Country Club. Help is needed at the Warehouse Project on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and our club is invited to join other area Rotary Clubs to help with cleanup at Goose Creek. Rotarians at Work Day is coming up on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and **Mac Neilon** is again in charge, and needs about 20 volunteers to help at Marshall Square Park. **President Bill** also reminded us to help with the East Goshen MS Walk on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Phil McFadden** and **Gary Hess** gave an update on the Rotary Foundation, welcoming new Paul Harris Fellows, **Rob Malone**, **Christine Wildauer**, **Bill Friedmann** and **Mickey Hall**. They also recognized those members who have exceeded the minimum requirements with additional gifts, such as **Ernest Zlotolow**, **Mac Neilon**, **Jim Gasho** and **Sue Casso Rogers**.

The 50/50 was won by **Eric Rosle**, but the queen eluded him.

**President Bill's** parting historic quote for the day was from Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Gary Hess**

Our Rotary Foundation co-chairs **Phil McFadden** and **Gary Hess** took to the podium to present awards to recent Paul Harris Fellows. So far, 81% of club members have made a contribution to the Foundation. If you aren't sure whether you have made a contribution yet, see either Phil or Gary and they can bring you up to speed. Rotary's motto is "Every Rotarian, Every Year." Hess introduced the brand new Paul Harris Fellows, those people who have contributed at least \$1,000 to the Foundation. They were: **Rob Malone, Mickey Hall, Christine Wildauer** and **President Bill Friedmann**. The Paul Harris plus 2 recipient was **Ernest Zlotolow**. Plus 3 members were **John Schwab, Mac Neilon, Carl Werner** and **Linda Hicks, Jim Gasho** at +4, and **Sue Casso-Rogers** hit the +5 level. Both Sue and Jim were first awarded the Paul Harris Fellow in April, 1996. Congrats and many thanks to all of our Fellows!!

**Bill Mullen** took the stage for his classification talk. Bill is an electrical contractor out in Downingtown. He has been an electrician since 1986, having grown up on the "mean streets" (his words, not mine) of Havertown. He has a couple of kids – Bill Jr. and Kate – and a mess of grandkids, 7 to be exact. I didn't catch their names, but I'd wager that there's a Jake and a Brittany among them. Bill was attracted to the idea of service to others by a project at his church. The project was 'Living waters for the world' and was a water project in Haiti. Bill went to Haiti to participate, and got a lot out of it, thus birthing the 'service above self' instinct. That's what attracted Bill to Rotary, to share his time and talents locally as an extension of his international volunteerism.

Bill does all sorts of cool specialty electrical things, from whole house speakers to communication data lines to landscape lighting. Since we are in a community with a lot of really old houses, Bill will also rewire your home and always employs a white glove approach to his work. We welcome you (and your gloves) to Rotary!

### **THANK YOU**

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Melissa Baxter** of the Domestic Violence Center.

### **PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS**

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members. If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary a date will be set for their inductions.

**Debbie Ferry:** Retired from Chester County Intermediate Unit; Classification: Retired

Sponsored by **Patty Jefferis**

**Jeff Spencer:** CEO / Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America, Classification: CEO Boy Scouts

Sponsored by **Don Kohler**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mar 15 SASY Awards  
Mar 16 Community Warehouse Day  
May 13 Rotary @ the Blue Rocks

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

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

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

### **COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT**

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project is Saturday, March 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! Click on the link below to sign up. [www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7)

### **THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS**

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Dwight Leeper, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510

Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

Lynmar Brock, Past Director of Rotary International, P.D.G. '77-78 District 7450

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