



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020  
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**Program: December 12, 2019**  
**Speaker: Wesley Williams**  
**One Wheel Wonder**

**Program: December 19, 2019**  
**Chester County Family Academy**  
**Holiday Concert**

### MINUTES by Brian Fahey

President **Matt Holiday** opened the meeting. The invocation was given by **Dave Biffen**. There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests: **President Matt** hosted Mike Reynolds; **Michael Louis** hosted Adeserva Egunsola and Holly McDonald, **Sue Cass-Rodgers** hosted Jim Nelson, **Nate Keisler** hosted Dan Lawson, **Bob Frame** hosted Joey Ann Fowkes.

**Sue Casso Rogers** delivered happy birthday wishes to **Randy Lindell**.

Happy Bucks were offered by **Cathy Palmquist**, who expressed concern regarding the Thumane, Albania but was happy that the parents of our fellow Rotarian, **Iliana Tati**, were visiting Iliana in the U.S. and were not injured in the earthquake. Cathy requested that we keep Iliana and her family in our thoughts. **Mark Sammarone** is happy that **Mark Yoder** was working hard to stage another fabulous Christmas Parade in the Borough, and he is happy for all of the Rotarians who have volunteered to help at the parade thus far.

Announcements: **Gary Hess** and **Phil McFadden** made an announcement encouraging Rotarians to donate to the Rotary Foundation. Our club goal is for each member to make a gift of one-hundred dollars. The Foundation is devoted to supporting education, health, and the elimination of poverty. **Katie Martin** announced that the club is still looking for bell ringers to support the Salvation Army. Also, **Sue Casso Rodgers** and **Bob Rodgers** will be hosting our annual holiday party at their home on January 4th, from 5:30-10:00 p.m.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bob Rodgers**. In good fun, several members suggested a rigged raffle.

**President Matt's** quote to wrap up the meeting was from Russell M. Nelson, the current president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: "The joy that we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives."

### SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer

Joey Fowkes, Chief Advancement Officer at Habitat for Humanity of Chester County spoke today about their program and its many benefits.

The holiday season is actually the best time of year to talk about their mission, which is "seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope". They began in 1989 shortly after completing construction of its first home.

The myth that Habitat for Humanity gives away homes is completely unfounded. There are 3 requirements that must be met in order to qualify: must be able to sustain a 30 year mortgage, have a need, and be able to put in the sweat equity (each adult in the household must put in 200 hours towards the building of their house). Since 1989, HfHCC has built 154 homes in Coatesville, Downingtown, Phoenixville, and West Chester. These homeowners have contributed roughly 41,000 hours of sweat equity helping to build their future homes.

Habitat for Humanity is led and sustained by volunteers and generous donors within the community. In the last year, 674 volunteers put in 16,217 hours of service. These generous volunteers saved HfHCC \$412,398.

As the need for affordable housing grows to crisis levels in Chester County, HfHCC is taking a bold step

to significantly expand its construction program to a new level of achievement – building more homes, helping more families and having greater community impact. Over the next 3 years, HfHCC will build 34 homes; 9 homes at its Coatesville sites and 25 homes in West Grove, reaching nearly 5 times the level of current activity. They have launched a 3 year, \$5M Campaign, “Thirty Years and More”, to help aid the construction and program services costs associated with the increase in home builds. There are many ways to get involved and make a meaningful gift.

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE

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>

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