



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**Program: November 14, 2019**  
**Speaker Tamara L Wilson, Esq**  
**Chester County CASA**

**Program: November 21, 2019**  
**Club Business**

**MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist**

After **President Matt Holliday** opened the meeting, **Patty Roos** led the pledge of allegiance. In the absence of **Bill Ronayne**, **President Matt** gave a brief but thoughtful blessing. We welcomed one visiting Rotarian from the Haverford Club. Each year a member of the Haverford Club visits us to sell roses, their main fund raiser. We again had several visitors. **Phyllis Dunn** introduced Rosanne Neal who she “captured” at the World Polio Day event at the old courthouse, **Faith Woodward** introduced Jim Nelson, who found us on the internet. **Megan van Riet** introduced three guests, **Michael Louis** introduced Catherine Binz from Maternal and Child Health Consortium, and **Yolanda van de Krol** introduced Margaret Reif.

**Sue Flynn** donated the first Happy Buck telling about spending time with her granddaughter at Disneyworld, and **Yolanda van de Krol** was happy that she has had the opportunity of working with **President Matt** for the past two years, which brought a standing ovation for **President Matt** from the membership. **Carol Hanson's** happy buck was to thank all the members who supported the recent Dare to Dream film on Sunday, which raised \$28,000 for Polio Plus, and will result in 140,000 children being vaccinated against the polio virus. **President Matt** also expressed kudos for the member turnout for this project, and to those who helped at the World Polio Day event. Our club is sometimes faulted for not participating in district events. However, we were well represented at the film and WPD.

In announcements, the Haverford Rotary Club member referred members to the rose order forms on the table. The price has gone up to \$25 this year, she said. The roses will be delivered next week at our meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. **Katie Martin** announced that the date for The Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be bell ringing as usual at the Acme Market in East Goshen, but due

to the closing of Kmart, the second site will be the Amish Market on 926/Street Rd. **Mickey Hall** announced that items for the Stockings for Soldiers project will be collected for one more week at next week’s meeting. **Sheriff Bunny Welsh** showed a two- minute video of the Shop With the Sheriff program that showed children from the Chester County Family Academy Christmas shopping for their families with Sheriff’s Department members at Walmart. Sponsorship forms are on the tables for anyone who wishes to sponsor a child for \$50. Sponsorship checks may also be mailed directly to the CC Family Academy.

**President Matt** noted several upcoming dates, including the Rotary Holiday Party which will be held again at the home of **Sue and Bob Rogers** on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill Winters** won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

**SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos**

Kate Martin and Kristin Proto came in to speak to us from The Garage Youth Center in Kennett Square. The Garage Youth Center has been around for 18 years in Kennett Square and 8 years in West Grove. It is for middle and high school students who are immigrants or 1<sup>st</sup> generation looking for opportunities to better themselves. It offers after school programs, an academic hour each day for help with homework (English may not be spoken at home), a Career Compass Program, a mentor program (one on one with an adult mentor) and service opportunities. It also offers summer programs which includes camps, internship programs and work force development. There is a program called Self Care that helps the students with anxiety and coping skills.

In the 2018-2019 school year, the Garage helped 556 students (each center 250+) between 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 40-45 students a day per center came through their doors. 95% of the students say the Garage helps

them to stay away from alcohol and drugs. The most important part of the Garage is that they are building a community for the students who are seeking a safe place that they will feel at home. Their hash tag is #investinyouth.

Activities include cooking and preparing foods and then sitting down and eating together. There is an incentive program if you bring in your homework, you will get the opportunity to pick out special foods to eat.

The Garage is free for all students and will serve everyone who comes in the door. It is open from 3:30pm – 7pm. Homework is 3:30-4:30, activities are from 4:30-5:30, and then 5:30-7 are open hours. One location is on Union St in Kennett Square and the other location is in downtown West Grove. December 7<sup>th</sup> is their Holiday Auction with a Polar Express Theme from 7-10 pm and Bob Frame will be their auctioneer.

The Garage Youth Center is funded by grants, individuals, businesses, churches, rotaries and their fundraising auction. How can we help? They are always looking for mentors and for funding to keep the garage doors open!

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### MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, November 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! To sign up, please call **Jeannie McGinn** at 484-343-4577



### SAVE THE DATE

Nov 16	Community Warehouse- Downingtown
Nov 26	Happy Hour
Nov 28	No Meeting
Dec 7	Ringing the bells for Salvation Army
Dec 26	No meeting
Jan 1	No meeting
Jan 4	Open House at Sue and Bob Roger's

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