



ROTARY VOTARY

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

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This Week's Program: December 20, 2018
Chester County Family Academy
Holiday Concert

Next Week's Program: December 27, 2018
Happy Holidays
No Meeting

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting, and **Jeannie McGinn** gave the invocation, focusing on kindness. There were no visiting Rotarians, but **Bill Ronayne** introduced his guest, Derek Chandler. There were no birthdays, but lots of Happy Buck's. **Catherine Friedman** donated \$5 to acknowledge her last day yesterday as executive director of Friends Assn. She also acknowledged **Laura Aloisio** for donating a car to a needy family, and to **Diana Liberi**, before noting she will soon start her big adventure as director of Uptown Entertainment. **Winnie Stroup** was happy to announce that 192 coats were delivered to 11 West Chester Area Schools, and unlike some coat donations, all these coats were sized according to the students. Leftover coats were bought by Chester County Family Academy for their students.

Matt Holliday was happy the QVC Christmas Parade went well, and offered kudos to **Mark Yoder**, West Chester Chamber president. **Deb Sparre** was happy to see **Chuck Garfinkle** sporting a multi-holiday shirt (Christmas on one side, Hanukah on the other). **Mark Yoder** was happy to announce that the West Chester Chamber has named **Matt Holliday** as Citizen of the Year, **Eli Kahn** as Business of the Year, and Chester County Night School as Non-profit of the Year. **Mark Sammarone** was happy to resolve his name tag issue, and **Steve Bayles** was happy to have helped ring the Salvation Army bells at Kmart on Saturday, which was "warm and fun."

President Bill kicked off announcements by thanking all the members who helped with bell ringing on Saturday. For members who could not make it, or those who want to help the Salvation Army, see **Capt. Jesus Corraliza**. **President Bill** then announced that the Exton Chamber of Commerce also named **Matt Holliday** as Citizen of the Year! He congratulated **Rob Malone** who just received his master's degree

from WCU.

President Bill then presented International Service Committee member, **Carol Hanson**, with a district grant of \$2,000 for the Hands Across the Sea literacy project, that she and husband Dennis Wallace started. Our Rotary supports two schools in St. Lucia. The project supports 95 primary schools and 17 secondary schools, Carol explained. Carol extended thanks to **Pres. Bill**, **Mickey Hall**, **Cristina Combee** and **Charles Streitwieser** for their help in preparing and submitting the grant application.

Sue Casso Rogers reminded members who pay half-year dues at this time to get them to her no later than next week. She also reminded members of the holiday party on Jan. 4th at hers and Bob's home. In addition, she sent around a get well card for **Dwight Leeper**, who fell off his bike and broke his nose and seven ribs.

President Bill then gave a look back at history, noting that years ago on this date building an airport was most important to returning veterans. He also announced there will be **no meeting** on December 27th, but members are invited to socialize at Timothy's. Also, as usual, the country club will be closed for two weeks in January, so our meetings on January 10th and 17th will be upstairs at Uptown Entertainment, the same as last year. **Jim Gasho** and **Andrew Stump** jointly won the 50/50, but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

Jim Gasho proposed approving the new Bylaws and **Mark Sammarone** seconded. The approval was unanimous. The Bylaws were emailed to each club member and can be downloaded from the home page of club website.

The slate of officers for fiscal 2019-2020 was prepared by the nominating committee chaired by **Mickey Hall**, immediate past president. **Mac Neilon**

proposed the slate of officers and **Christina Combee** **seconded.:**

President: Matt Holliday

President-Elect: Michelle Venema

Vice President: Steve Brown

Secretary: Sue Casso-Rogers

Treasurer: Jack Ellis

Sergeant-at-arms: Catherine Friedman

Immediate Past President. Bill Friedmann

Directors at Large

Bill Winters, Diana Liberi, Rob Malone, Glen

Sweet, Laura Aloisio, Ernest Zlotolow, Brad

Abel, Rich Murray, Carol Hanson

The slate was approved unanimously.

Classification Talk: Jack Ellis

Jack had already agreed to be treasurer before his Classification talk was cancelled by a snow storm. Fortunately, we got to know Jack this time. **Bill Friedmann** is Jack's sponsor. He and Jack were having a casual lunch when Jack asked, "tell me about Rotary." Bill's salesmanship brought Jack to the Club; Citizen-of-the-year **Matt Holliday** convinced him to become treasurer.

Jack grew up in Downingtown. He went to High School with his wife, Emily, and even drove in the same limo to prom with her—but with different dates. Jack majored in English at West Chester University and moved on to Finance at Creighton University for his masters. After college Jack and Emily connected, married and today love to travel. Jack credits their freedom to travel with having no children. They enjoy white water rafting hiking and visiting breweries. Ashville North Carolina is a priority spot of a myriad of hiking trails and 29 breweries. He has owned Flyers season tickets for years and almost always has some that he would be willing to sell.

Jack is currently the Vice President at 1st Resource Bank in West Chester. The bank is 13 years old and is distinguished by having no fees. He is the Market Manager which means he oversees client acquisition and satisfaction. His success is based on treating clients like people.

He is the president of Millennial Professionals Board which maintains a foundation at the WCA Foundation Fund that is used for local grants. He is on several other boards including the Whiteland Park Committee.

Welcome Jack. We're glad you're here.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

The District Nominating Committee, chaired by PDG Douglas R. Blazey, has selected the nominee for the position of District Governor Nominee who will serve as District Governor for the term of FY 2021-2022.

The candidate is Mr. Roger Taylor, Coatesville Rotary Club.

Unless a challenge is received by me as District Governor, at Rotarian.Paul@Outlook.com by midnight, Sunday, December 29, Mr. Taylor will be designated the District Governor Nominee.

A challenge may only be made by those who have been interviewed by the Nominating Committee. If a challenge is made the appropriate steps will be taken in accordance with District 7450 By-Laws 1.5.040.6.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec 27	No Meeting
Jan 3	No lunchtime meeting
Jan 4	Holiday Party @ Sue Casso and Bob Roger's
Jan 10	Meeting at Uptown
Jan 17	Meeting at Uptown

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Bill Ronayne** of Brandywine Heating & AC

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President, Bill Friedmann; President Elect, Matt Holliday; Vice President, Michelle Venema; Treasurer, Tim Walsh; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Sgts at Arms, Catherine Friedman & Deb Sparre; Immediate Past President, Mickey Hall; Directors-at-Large: Laura Aloisio, Brad Abel, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Steve Brown, Bill Winters, Diana Liberi, Glen Sweet, Ernest Zlotolow

Paul Quintavella, District Governor
Cynthia Rugart, Assistant Governor
Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450
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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