



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: August 9, 2018

Speaker: Don Waegel

Chester County Youth and Family Services

Next Week's Program: August 16, 2018

Club Assembly

MINUTES by Chris Feryo

President **Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting and the club joined in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Katie Martin gave the invocation on the theme of kindness using Dallas Clayton's poem: Be Kind.

There were no visiting Rotarians. Our guests included: Gary Green, President of Uptown Entertainment Alliance Board, Christine Zaccarelli, CEO of the Crimes Victims Center and Mrs. Lynmar Brock.

Happiness filled the room as **Andrew Stump** announced his daughter has moved to Philadelphia and his son is being discharged from the Armed Forces. **Ernest Zlotolow** was celebrating his 50th anniversary of discharge from the Argentinean Corps of Engineers and his acquisition of his architecture license. It was also the 4th anniversary of his induction to the club. **Paul Woodruff** enjoyed a visit with his grandchildren. **Melissa Baxter** is happy to announce she has accepted a position as the COO of the Domestic Violence Center.

Bill Winters led the group in wishing **Steve Quigley** a happy birthday.

Days of Yore: On this day in 1876, Wild Bill Hickok was killed during a card game; in 1975 Jimmy Hoffa disappeared; 1959 the Rotary Club voted to move from the Mansion House to the Elks Lodge after a 82/14 vote; in 1975 the weekly meeting topic was Spirits at Work – the evils of alcohol and the club voted to bring back the popular classification talk; in 2012 **Glen Reyburn** was inducted and in 2014 we inducted: **Chuck Garfinkle, Ernest Zlotolow and Ed Hennessey**.

Announcements: **Sue Casso Rogers** modeled Rotary apparel that is available – see her for details.

The club strategic plan has revived the PR committee headed by **Rob Malone**. **Katie Martin** delivered the Chili Moment and informed us about the sponsorship banners and other opportunities available for this year's Chili Cookoff. See her or anyone on the Cookoff Committee for details.

50/50 – **Lynn Childs** won the raffle, with \$10 to the winner, \$22 to the pot and adding to the \$329 total going to Special Olympics

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Deb Ryan presented a program about *Stewards of Children*, a program of the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County. Victim Advocacy and Education to eradicate child sex abuse are the mission of this organization. *Stewards of Children* was developed in the wake of the Sandusky incidents at Penn State.

In 2012 there were about 200 reported cases and by 2017, there were 1900 cases. Receiving a three-year grant, *Stewards of Children* offer programs targeted towards at-risk parents. All second graders will receive the program starting in the Fall of 2018. This age is best for retention of information. Stranger danger has now been changed because now family members and coaches have become a great source of sex offenders. By the age of eighteen, one in ten will be victimized by sex abuse. This program is aimed at giving children the knowledge to protect themselves.

Stewards of Children provides a 2-hour, county-wide on line or in person workshop. Seven hundred and fifty people have participated in the program that includes in-person discussions. Eighty percent of the cases occur in one-on-one situations. One example that Deb suggested was the piano teacher who would play tapes of piano playing to hide the sexual abuse

of their students while their parents sat outside the studio. It is suggested to have windows on all doors and video taping of one-on-one situations. Most schools in Chester County don't have Code of Conduct policies.

Workshops really make a difference. People are not comfortable discussing bodies and appropriate sexual behavior. Discussions include how to recognize the signs of children who have been sexually abused. These children are twice as apt to do drugs, become pregnant, and to self-medicate. In prisons, many people are survivors who have never dealt with their abuse.

Deb asked if any of us know of agencies that could host workshops. With each session a team learns more. Often the non-offending parent refuses to believe that their spouse is an abuser.

The program for second graders involves a puppet program by two performers. A pre-assessment and post-assessments are performed to show progress in the students. Parents should not assume that medical professionals are appropriate in their touching.

Unfortunately, there is no cure but pedophiles can learn to control themselves. The laws have changed regarding reporting of sex abuse. If someone is aware of sex abuse of children and doesn't report they will be fined. St Christopher's, Al Dupont, and CHOP are the only places in our area that are prepared to investigate child sex abuse cases.

For more information or to schedule a free training, please contact Deborah Ryan at debr@cvcofcc.org



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SAVE THE DATE

Aug 8 Board meeting at Senior Center
Aug 8 Pub Crawl for Chili Cook Off
Oct 14 Chili Cook Off

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