



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: May 12, 2016
Induction
Speaker: Sue Casso Rogers
Trip to Seoul
Speaker: Andy Keen

Next Week's Program: May 19, 2016
Speaker: Dave Wood
Incident in Alaska

MINUTES by Matt Holliday

President Katie opened the meeting and **Matt Holliday** gave the invocation, which was a tribute to recently passed Rotarian **Dick Yoder**.

We had one Visiting Rotarian, **John Saling**. **Rabbi Sue Greenberg** introduced her son John who came all the way from Israel.

President Katie announced that May 19th, would be our club's Rotary Night at the Blue Rocks. See **Jack Wintermute** if you would like to purchase tickets. On June 22nd, **Bob Rogers** will have his induction ceremony/dinner at the Country Club. His installation ceremony will replace the normal Thursday meeting that week.

Gary Hess gave a happy buck for the Barclay Friends golf outing at Whitford Country Club, which will be held on June 13th. **Rachel Barakat** was happy that her daughter would have her art on exhibit during the gallery walk that Friday. **Carolyn Comitta** gave happy bucks for Mayor **Dick Yoder**, who she was happy to have known. **President Katie** gave a happy buck for all the Rotarians who turned out to Rotarians at Work Day, which was held the Saturday before.

Linda Hicks wished a very happy birthday to **Deborah Sahjwani**.

Glenn Jensen announced that the dictionary project was about to start and they need volunteers to help distribute them to all of our elementary schools. **Carl Werner** announced that the district was having a training assembly soon.

Bill Ronayne won the 50/50 drawing, but just barely missed the Queen of Spades. Our new charity going forward is the American Red Cross. March of Dimes, which was our charity last cycle, will receive \$373.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW by Laura House Kelly Don McNeal – Glen Mills School

Jeff Brown opened his introduction of today's speaker by sharing a conversation he had with Judge Sommers that caused him to take pause – Judge Sommers said that 75% of the cases he hears involve re-offenders. Our need to solve this problem and help get kids on the right track is critical.

Glen Mills School is a residential facility for adjudicated high-school aged boys. Don McNeal serves as the business manager and opened his presentation with a remark about the school's success rate: 80% of students who attend Glen Mills do not re-offend. The school was founded in 1826 by a group of Quakers who believed youth should not be housed with adult criminals. This thinking was ahead of their times – the first juvenile court would not be founded until 1899. Glen Mills was originally based on a farm model. The founders believed the primary youth offenders were kids who lived in the city and that an opportunity to labor in the country on a farm would teach them valuable skills and life lessons that ultimately would keep them from re-offending. The model has changed over time based on evolving research and theory about how to best serve adjudicated youth. Today's model includes career and technical training, alternative education, and a variety of community management services. As 16% of students enter with reading and math skills at only a 5th grade level or worse, educational and vocational training are important. The community management services include both residential and non-residential

programs for young men and women who are currently adjudicated, at-risk, or who have returned to the community and need continued support to maintain stability.

Glen Mills School has recently fallen on hard times. The downturn in the economy, "Cash for Kids" scandal, Jerry Sandusky trial, and an on-going challenge with how counties are financially encouraged to use more community-based programming for youth over large institutions like Glen Mills, led to a drop in enrollment and financial hardship. However, enrollment has begun to increase recently; expanding their model to include non-residential programming has helped build their base while providing additional care to the community. They have also begun working with an organization that is helping them better measure their impact. They currently have 520 residential students with additional students participating in their community management programs.

CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sadness that we offer condolences to the friends and family of **Dick Yoder** who passed away May 3. Visitation at St. Agnes will be Wednesday, May 11, 6-9Pm and Thursday 9-10:45AM. The service will at 11AM.

ROTARY AT THE BLUE ROCKS

Thursday, May 19, 2016
Wilmington Blue Rocks vs. Frederick Keys
5:30 Cash Bar 5:45 Buffet
6:35 Play Ball \$37.00 per ticket
See Jack Wintermute for tickets



THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Catherine Friedman of Friends Association

NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and has indicated her desire to become a member:

Dr. Laurene Grabill: Grabill Family Practice;
Classification: Dentist

Sponsored by **Chuck Garfinkle**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within three (3) days of this notice a date will be set for his/her induction.

SAVE THE DATE

May 19	Rotary at the Blue Rocks
Jun 22	Bob Rogers' Induction
Jun 23	No lunch meeting
July 19	Rotary Night at the Phillies

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

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