



**ROTARY:
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DIFFERENCE**

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Ian Riseley, International President 2017-2018

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This Week's Program: May 3, 2018

Speaker: Joe Fria
Top Dead Motor Club
Collecting Antique Cars

Next Week's Program: May 10, 2018

Speaker: Ellen Williams
Angel Flight, Volunteer Pilots for
free-transport of patients

MINUTES by Pat Barron

President Mickey Hall called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. at the West Chester Country Club and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jeff Brown** delivered the invocation. Former First Lady Barbara Bush passed away last week. Jeff recalled a humorous story that President George H. W. Bush told about their relationship, which spoke well of them both. The group observed a moment of silence for Mrs. Bush's passing and said silent prayers for Mr. Bush, who currently is hospitalized. President Mickey led us in singing our National Anthem.

- **Sergeant-at-Arms Deb Sparre** reminded us that the so-called Millennial generation is also known as Generation Y. Okaaaay....
- We had no visiting Rotarians, but we did have some guests, which included Mark Yoder, president of the West Chester Area Chamber of Commerce, and his young son John.
- **Phyllis Dunn**, leader of the Fireballs Trivia Team (who knew?), invited everyone to form a team and participate in the Trivia competition at the West Chester Area Senior Center, Friday, May 11 from 7 to 9 p.m.. It's a BYOB food and beverage event. The cost is \$25 per person.
- **Jeff Brown** informed us that Neighbors, Fire Fighters, and Employees of Barclay Friends will be honored Saturday, April 28 at Henderson High School from noon to 2 p.m.. This free food and beverage event is hosted by Jimmy John's, Carlino's, The Social, and Spaz Beverage. The event honors those who performed heroically during the Barclay Friends fire.
- **Carol Hanson** invited everyone to attend a fundraiser (suggested donation \$100) at The Abbott's Barn, Shady Grove, 315 North Creek Road, West Chester from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 6. The event supports West Chester's Middle and

High School Girls' participation in Outward Bound's Leadership Expedition. Carol's husband Dennis Wallace is organizing the event. RSVP him at dmwallace1@comcast.net. Dennis will not repel down a skyscraper this year as in the past. We all probably remember Dennis shedding his pants last year to reveal tights, apparently more functional for repelling. We will miss this spectacle...I think.

- In his Vice President's report **Matt Holliday** reminded us of the many endeavors supported by Rotary's Hands Across the Sea program.
- **Glen Jensen** thanked everyone who came to the comedy club on April 21st at the Quality Inn. The event raised \$1,000 for Rotary's dictionary project.
- **Sue Casso Rogers** invited all to Blues and Brews at the Uptown! on May 25th. Go to <https://app.artspeople.com/index.php?show=86186> and enter BREWS for a ten dollar ticket discount.
- **Christine Scott** and **Sue Flynn** celebrated birthdays.
- **President Mickey** thanked all for understanding why Rotary was cancelled last week in order for the Country Club to host a funeral reception. She gave special thanks to **Steve Brown**, who stayed at the club that day to direct members who may not have gotten the cancellation message.
- **Mac Neilon** and **Dan Cosgrove** ran the Boston Marathon. Yeah...big deal...any of us could do that...if we really wanted to...right? Well, OK, it is a BIG DEAL!!!! Congratulations, guys!!!
- In support of the Chester County Food Bank, we Rotarians are asked to bring one specific canned good item per member each month. Next month we are asked to bring either peanut butter or jelly.
- See **Jack Wintermute** for information on attending a Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game with fellow Rotarians.

- Pulled Pork competition on June 7th at **Deb Sparre's** house. Yum! No noon meeting that day.
- The Chili Cookoff committee will meet at Blue Dog Printing on May 14th.
- President's gala/change of command will be held on June 21st at Barnaby's. No noon meeting that day.
- **Joe Fratoni** won the 50/50 drawing, worth thirteen dollars, but he failed to win the big pot.

President Mickey closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Patty Roos

Jake Michael, AICP, a Senior Demographer with Chester County Planning Commission spoke today about Millennials. There are no precise dates for when this cohort starts or ends; demographers and researchers typically use the early 1980s as starting birth years and the mid-1990s to early 2000s as ending birth years which would put them between the ages of 15-34 years of age. They are a quarter of the population and make up about 24.3% of Chester County. Millennials (also known as Generation Y) are overall happy with their quality of life and find walkability, bike lanes and public transportation important. They highly value different customs and backgrounds and a large amount have low income status due to educational debt.

The idea that Millennials prefer to live in the city is not true and they can be found almost equally between city and suburbs. The reason a lot of Millennials have stayed in cities is because the rent was cheaper, but that is now changing. The average amount Millennials want to pay for rent is \$925, but the average rent in the suburbs is \$ 1192 and does not necessarily offer the walkability or public transportation that is important to them. Whereas Generation X had expectations of owning a single family home, Millennials are fine renting. The challenge for planning commissions is how to provide affordable homes out in the suburbs. Median home prices in Chester County are around \$ 300,000.

There is an increase in Hispanic and Asian Millennials in Chester County but 45% people of color might be either sending money back to their families in another country or supporting parents here.

Options for long term solutions that involve public transportation in Chester County are: The Exton Train Station Improvement Project, Kennett Square Mixed Use Development, Phoenixville Trails and Streetscapes and Downingtown Station Bike Racks.

Since the Millennial age ranges from 15 to 34 years, one should not try and stereotype because the age range includes teenagers to adults in their 30's.

CAROLINA LEAGUE ACTION

The Fellowship Committee presents
The 25th Annual
WC Rotary Night with the Wilmington Blue Rocks
Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Wilmington Blue Rocks (Class A Affiliate of the
Kansas City Royals)

vs.

Frederick Keys (Class A Affiliate of the
Baltimore Orioles)
Cost \$37 per ticket
See Jack Wintermute for tickets

SAVE THE DATE

May	Bring PB and J
May 14	Meeting for Chili cook Off at Blue Dog
May 29	WC Rotary Night with the Blue Rocks
Jun 7	Pulled Pork Show Down at Deb Sparre's

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
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