



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: June 25, 2015
NO LUNCH MEETING
Presidential Gala and
Induction of New Officers
at Oakbourne Manor 6-9 PM

Next Week's Program: July 2, 2015
To Be Announced

MINUTES by Helen Flanders

President Rob Feenan introduced **Elizabeth Guman** to do the invocation. Elizabeth read a psalm written by her late father in honor of his 84th birthday, which would have been last week.

Visiting Rotarians included John Saling from Sunrise and David Hoopes from Wantastica, N.A., a small town near Londonderry. David presented a flag to the club.

There were five guests. **Jeannie McGinn** brought Jane Helen. Jane is a Rotary prospect. **Ernest Zlotolow's** guest was Dr. Larry Miller, a retired dentist and Rotary prospect. **Shauna Yeldell** shared that Nicole Wiley, this year's Honorary Rotarian, was with us. **Elizabeth Guman** brought her summer Intern, Erin Wheeler to the meeting. **Joe Polito** introduced the group to his son Chris Polito. **Matt Holliday** wished a very happy birthday to **Jim Gasho**, "the nicest guy in the club." The group seemed as happy as usual though there were only two Happy Bucks. **Jeannie McGinn** is proud of her nephew Mikey who won the California Golden State Tour Golf Tournament. This was his first win since he went pro. Jeannie also shared that there will be a Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange at Fulton Bank on June 30 at 5:30 PM.

President Rob opened announcements with the news that the WC Rotary Club won the Presidential Citation this year.

Sue Casso Rogers asked that club dues must be paid by the end of the month.

Jeannie McGinn passed the club flag around for everyone to sign for Rob, as this is his last meeting as president. Rob reminded everyone that there is no lunch meeting next week due to the evening Gala to induct **Katie Martin**. The event will take place at Oakbourne Manor, 1014 S. Concord

Pike in Westtown Township. We are still looking for auction items. **Glen Sweet** announced the Chateau in Brittany, France has been donated for the Gala auction again this year. The week may be redeemed in 2015, 2016, or 2017. It will house eighteen, but no young children are allowed due to many valuable antiques. The chateau belongs to **Bob Frame's** wife's ex-husband's family. Glenn is still collecting auction items for the Gala.

Jim Scanlon won the **50/50** but sadly drew the queen of hearts instead of the queen of spades. There is now \$695 in the pot and only 11 cards left in the deck. The next drawing will be at the 7/2 meeting.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Pat Barron

HONORARY ROTARIAN

Shauna Yeldell introduced this year's Honorary Rotarian, Nicole Wiley. Nicole's four year old daughter started a food collection and distribution effort with a goal of collecting 20,000 pounds of food to benefit those in need in our local community. So far 16,300 pounds have been collected.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Nattily attired in a dress shirt and tie, **Steve Founds** announced our club's latest Paul Harris Award recipients. He was ably assisted by the always cheerful **Phyllis Dunn**. Despite Steve's stern warning, spontaneous applause erupted while Steve read the names and Phyllis delivered the pins. Awards went to **John Schwab, Dick Yoder, Sue Greenberg, Burt Vogel, Dan Knueppel, Jack Wintermute, Rob Feenan, Jim Gasho, Mack Neilon, Laura Alosio, Bruce Beedle, and Phyllis Dunn** herself.

ROTARIANS OF THE YEAR

President Rob announced dual Rotarians of the year. The always shy **Bob Rogers** contributes in so many ways to our club, including leading our most successful Chili Cook off yet. The lovely **Linda Hicks** worked very hard in selecting scholarship recipients and worked diligently with RYLA.

PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN REVIEW

President Rob gave a brief but heartfelt thanks to all the special people who made his year as club president so successful, then rang his year one last time.

SAVE THE DATE

June 24	District Governor's Installation
June 25	Induction of New Officers and Presidential Gala
July 1	Membership Dues are Due
Aug 4	Rotary Night at the Phillies
Oct 11	Chili Cook Off

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 **Chris Franz** of Advent Lutheran Church

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AIDS DOCUMENTARY

A [documentary film](#) produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 [Telly Awards](#).

The prestigious awards are given annually to the finest film and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

"What we tried to accomplish with the film was to get the good news and the good deeds out there so that the non-Rotary world can see it," says producer Andrew Chudzinski. "It was a great collaborative project."

The film documents the tremendous burden HIV/AIDS places on African families and communities. It covers the journeys of two women: South African grandmother Me Maria, who is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS, and Bunch, from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who became a global advocate for AIDS prevention and the inspiration for [Rotary Family Health Days](#) after she lost her son to the disease.

"Because of that one single tragedy, my life's journey changed dramatically, from a very engaged businesswoman to a warrior on AIDS and advocate of human rights," Bunch told senior White House staff in October, when she was honored as one of 10 [Rotary Women of Action](#) for 2014. A member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Bunch is the founder and CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a group of members that collaborates with Rotary clubs and districts on health-related projects.

The Rotary Health Days project, now in its fifth year and supported by Rotary clubs in Africa, has grown to deliver free basic health care, including HIV/AIDS screening and other preventive services, to underserved communities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda. It began in 2010, when Ugandan Stephen Mwanje, then governor of District 9211, asked Bunch if the Rotarian group would organize a multisite, comprehensive health event.

"The tremendous burden on the families of those infected by HIV/AIDS -- particularly for older people caring for their terminally ill children and raising their grandchildren, and for children orphaned by this disease -- is incalculable," says Bunch. "This is a story of people coming together to help fight this global killer and other preventable diseases."