



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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Program: October 31, 2019
Classification Talks

Program: November 7, 2019
The Garage Youth Center in Kennett Square
Speakers: Kate Martin and Kristin Proto

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Matt Holliday opened the meeting.
Seamus Lavin gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarians included John Saling and Honorary Rotarian Claudie Brock. Our guests included Harry, John Abitabilo, Megan van Riet and CPC grant recipients.

Birthdays: **Catherine Friedman** sang happy birthday to **Cathy Palmquist** and **President Matt** did not sing, but wished Rob Malone a happy birthday.

The lone Happy Buck was offered by **Bob Poole** for the gratitude for the life of Brian Bratcher who passed away recently. Brian was originally the recipient of the funds raised in Brian's Run, a race which this Rotary club supported for years. The profits from this race support disadvantaged youth.

Dates to Remember: October 24, 2019 is world polio day. Dare to Dream will take place November 3, 2019 at Uptown Theater at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$45.00. Rotary Happy Hour will take place November 26, 2019. There will be no Rotary meetings on the following dates November 28, 2019, December 26, 2019 and January 2, 2020. Open house will be held January 4, 2020 at the Rogers home. Please see **President Matt** if you have any suggestions for Rotary's off-site meeting January 9, 2020.

50/50: The winner today was **Jesus Corraliza**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

The Community Philanthropic Committee was pleased to distribute grants to 14 organizations. Chaired by **Laura Aloisio** and **Rob Malone**, this committee of 13 members can use more members for next year.

Grants were accepted by the following organizations:
Home of the Sparrow – For 25 years they have

helped prevent homelessness for woman and children in Chester County.

Act in Faith- Established nine years ago as an initiative of the Interfaith Council, they provide gap services not provided by other agencies to the unemployed and underemployed. 65% of their referrals come from other agencies. This grant will be used to help buy groceries not covered by food stamps.

Safe Harbor- Providing shelter for men and women, this is the only shelter for single women in Chester County. 80% of their clients are homeless for the first time and 40% are 50 years and older. They provide a community luncheon and a pop-up food pantry.

Community Warehouse Project- In its second year, they provide furniture for people in need. They work with 38 agencies and need help transporting furniture and buying beds.

Friends Association for the Protection of Children- They helped 92 families in the past year with housing and homelessness prevention. Since they have 6 apartments, they are the only agency that can keep families intact

The Melton Center- In West Chester for 100 years, it was founded during a time of segregation so that the African American community could have a civic cultural and recreation center. They pair students with academic coaches to help with homework and skills such as leadership skills.

West Chester Public Library- For 131 years, they have not only provided reading materials but have programs to encourage preliteracy skills, so this grant will be used to but a specially programed early learning computer in both English and Spanish.

Laundromat Library League- For 5 years they have provided boxes of children's books to local laundromats for parents to read to their children and encourage children to read. Once each month they take new books to 190 sites. Books for distribution are stored at West Chester Friends School. The grant will purchase books in Spanish with multicultural characters.

West Chester Senior Center- This grant will help both the Seniors at the center and the students at the Chester County Family Academy learn about nutrition and provide food and emergency food. Last year they gave 500 seniors and 100 children food.

ARC of Chester County- For 67 years they have helped individuals from birth to their whole lifespan with disabilities. Founded by families to meet a growing need, they helped 250 families last year. The grant will help purchase wheel-chair accessible vehicles to provide an opportunity for their clients to get out and to provide relief to care givers.

Domestic Violence Center- They help victim survivors and their children through prevention and education. Purple ribbons recognize the issue of domestic violence. The grant will help replace playground equipment at a temporary shelter.

Salvation Army- For 155 years they have been in the borough. Providing clothing, food, and help for those released from addiction rehab. The grant will help establish a computer room for individuals to find jobs and do research.

Chester County Family Academy- A Charter school for Kindergarten through 2nd grade, they provide education for many students whose parents have been incarcerated and many single parents. Music programs, cultural events, and Shop with the Sheriff are some of the special programs they provide. Many speak English as a second language.

Chester County Children, Inc.- Last year youth and family services case managers provided referrals for 70 children to attend summer camp. They work with other agencies for after school programs for children up to the age of 21. The grant will provide tool kits for older children without family support.

It is heart-warming to see how our fund-raising events like the fruit sale and the Chili Cook-Off help these great agencies in our area!

NEW MEMBER

The following individual has been proposed for membership and have indicated her desire to become members:

Megan van Riet- Classification: Owner / Yoga Studio
Sponsored by **Sue Flynn**

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

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Howard Sundwall

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 3 Polio Plus Event @ Uptown
Nov 16 Community Warehouse- Downingtown
Nov 26 Happy Hour
Nov 28 No Meeting
Dec 26 No meeting
Jan 1 No meeting

Jan 4 Open House at Sue and Bob Roger's
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, November 16, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign up, please call **Jeannie McGinn** at 484-343-4577



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