



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020  
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**Program: February 20, 2020**

**Club Business**

## **MINUTES by Fran Luft**

**Past President Bill Friedmann** opened the meeting. **Rob Feenan** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Debbie Ferry** gave the invocation.

The visiting Rotarians included Bill M and Dennis Wallace. Honorary Rotarians **Mark and Ellen Moran** were also present. We had several guests, Josip Turk, our exchange student from Croatia, Michael, Don, Ronny, Mabel Massar and Claudie Brock.

Birthday greetings were extended to **Fran Luft** by **Jesus Corraliza** and **Sue Casso Rodgers** wished **Nancy Pine** a happy birthday.

Happy Dollars: **Steve Brown** is happy is was able to move his mother into assisted living. **Paul Woodruff** is happy that his granddaughter graduated from nursing school. **Don Kohler** is happy he was the district chairmen for the Boy scouts for 5 years. Dennis Wallace is happy his wife Carol is on a trip in Florida. **Mark Nelson** is happy about Valentine's day. **Patty Roos** is happy that her daughter will be performing at Uptown on March 6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. **Bill Friedmann** is happy he is going to be a guest bar tender for the Exton Chamber for Pints with a Purpose, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please support him in this event.

Announcements: **Ernest Zlotolow** announced that over 10,000 pairs of glasses have been sent to Haiti. Mickey Hall announced that the last day to place and order fruit is Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please sell fruit. **Past President Bill** announced that the club will be voting on the slate of officers at the meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Rotary Passport club will be having a birthday part on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

The 50/50 was won by **Eric Kuhn**.

**Program: February 27, 2020**

**Speakers: Amory and Derek Stedman  
from Better Angels  
Putting Civility Back into Civil Discourse**

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW Patty Roos**

The program began with Adam Karasch, a former exchange student in 1991 to Poland. He wanted to thank the Rotary for the sponsorship and opportunity to go over to Poland. Adam said that people like Rotarians changed his life dramatically. He sees Rotary as a club with like-minded people. After his original time as an exchange student in Poland, Adam went back periodically, met his wife who is Polish and has a business over there as well as here. So his life is eternally linked to Poland because of his time as an exchange student.

Josip Turk is an exchange student from Croatia. He spent his time telling us about life in Croatia as well as his experience here with his host family and going to school at Henderson High School. He is seventeen years old and lives with his mom and two sisters. One of his sisters was an exchange student to Michigan about five years ago. Some interesting facts about Croatia that he shared were that ties were invented there, it has 1200 islands and has the most developed coast after Denmark. It is a hot spot in the summer and the population almost doubles at that time of year due to tourists. Croatia has 4.3 million people. In 1991 they separated from Yugoslavia and after a five-year war, in 1995 gained their independence. Zagreb is the capital of Croatia and is referred to as Little Vienna. Public Transportation is the norm there and it is not designed for cars. The TV series Game of Thrones was shot in a town on the Croatian Seaside.

He mentioned that the educational system is completely different here than in Croatia. In Croatia, a student has no choice in the subjects they are allowed to take and the same students are in all your classes. It never changes. Henderson is very diverse with not only subjects offered but also his classmates are different in each class. His family took in an

exchange student from Canada who helped him improve his English and she has become an important part of their lives beyond the time she had with them. He misses his dogs Hela and Rori the most and one of the hardest moments for him was saying good-bye to his friends to come over here. He loves his host family and has learned to play soccer while over here. Some of the exciting places he has seen is Penn State University along with a Penn State football game, New York City, Baltimore, and a 76's pre-season game.

Josip has made some "friends for life" not only with his host family, but also with fellow exchange students. Josip feels Rotary brings people and lives together like no other experience and is very appreciative of our sponsorship.

### SAVE THE DATE

Mar 7 Pick-up of fruit at Duie Pye  
Mar 21 Community Warehouse Project  
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at  
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>  
Add events: [calendar@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:calendar@westchesterrotary.us)



### NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following slate of officers and directors for the 2020-2021 Rotary year:

President: **Michelle Venema**; President Elect: **Steve Brown**; Vice President: **Phil McFadden**; Treasurer: **Jack Ellis**; Secretary: **Sue Casso-Rogers**; Sgt-at-Arms: **Bob Rogers**; Immediate Past President: **Matt Holliday**  
Directors: **Glen Sweet, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Diana Liberi, Bill Winters, Carol Hanson, Ebbie Alfree, Melissa Baxter, Christine Scott**

Any concerns, objections, or further nominations must be made in writing to the Club Secretary no later than the start of the February 20 club meeting.

### THANK YOU

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### MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

**Community Warehouse Project Update:** Next date:  
March 21 from 9-2.



### FROM DISTRICT PRESIDENT-ELECT Kevin M. Katarynick

Greetings from San Diego!

I'm here at International Assembly working towards the completion of my Governor-Elect Training to help guide District 7450 into a fantastic 2020-2021 Rotary Year. It is an honor and privilege to be among the future District Governors, spouses, trainers and guests to hear Rotary International President-Elect, Holger Knaack, announce the 2020-2021 Rotary Theme.

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Matt Holliday; President Elect, Michelle Venema; Vice President, Steve Brown; Treasurer, Jack Ellis; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Sgt at Arms, Bob Rogers; Immediate Past President, Bill Friedmann

Directors-at-Large: Brad Abel, Laura Aloisio, Carol Hanson, Diana Liberi, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Glen Sweet, Bill Winters, Ernest Zlotolow

Peter Mardinly, District Governor  
Cynthia Rugart, Assistant Governor

Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450  
Dwight Leeper, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510  
Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450  
Lynmar Brock, Past Director of RI, P.D.G. '77-78

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