



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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Program: October 17, 2019

Speakers: County Commissioners - Terrence Farrell, Michelle Kitchline, Kathy Cozzone
State of the County Discussion

Program: October 24, 2019

Community Partners Committee
Presentation of Grants

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

After **President Matt Holliday** opened the meeting, and **Melissa Baxter** lead the pledge of allegiance, **President Matt** called on **Cathy Palmquist** to give the invocation. **Cathy** gave a reading on building community, taken from Romans 12 in the Bible, then wished our Jewish friends "Chag sah-may-ach" (Happy Holiday) as they celebrated Yom Kippur this past Monday, the most important day in the Jewish calendar. We welcomed a Rotarian from out of state and several visitors. **Melissa Baxter** and **Jeannie McGinn** were among those who introduced visitors. We welcomed back **Lynmar Brock's** wife, **Claudie**, and **Cathy Palmquist** introduced **Charlot Barker**, who is newly retired, and visiting Rotary for the second time. **Bill Friedmann** extended birthday greetings to **Steve Bayles**, who **Bill** said took an outstanding photo of him.

Bob Poole donated the first Happy Buck as he urged Rotarians, their families and friends, to attend the upcoming "Dare to Dream" documentary on November 3rd at UPTOWN Knauer Center, a special showing of an amazing feature about the efforts to eradicate polio, and how the effort has become the single biggest public health success story in history. The ticket price of \$45 will be matched two-for-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and provide vaccines to save 225 children. This project demonstrates the power of Rotary. **Catherine Friedman** was happy to announce that a performance of one of her UPTOWN Knauer groups in Phoenixville will get marquee support at the theater there! **Don Kohler** was happy to experience the energy in the room generated by members of this club.

President Matt is happy that he and **Catherine Friedman** will be wearing their chili hats at the cook-off on Sunday, and urged others to get hats and wear them on this festive day. **Paul Woodruff's** happy buck was to share that his family took him to an Eagles game for his birthday, but that it was a **very** long way to walk, both going and coming, despite the use of an elevator at one point. **David Wood** was happy because **John Schwab** gave him a box of over 200 fishing flies. **Jesus Corraliza** was happy to be back from his recent trip to Israel, during which he walked 25,000 steps. He also invited members to contribute to the Salvation Army food drive.

President Matt then introduced Cook-off chair **Brad**

Abel and his team leaders, who were all standing and were recognized. **Brad** also recognized **Cathy Palmquist** for getting a large photo and article about the cook-off on the front page of the Daily Local News this week. **Brad** urged members to give any time they can on Sunday, and specifically recognized **Chuck Swope** and **David Wood** for making significant monetary donations to the cook-off. Anyone who has not yet signed up to help should contact **Diana Liberi** for an assignment. **Brad** also announced we have \$40,000 in sponsorships – a banner year!

In announcements, **President Matt**, reminded members to help with the October 24th World Day of Polio event on the old courthouse steps under the statue, to hand out information and talk to folks walking and driving by about Rotary's efforts to end polio. The planning committee, **Dwight Leeper, Carol Hanson and Cristina Combee** only need two more volunteers to help. That is a regular Rotary day, so a few members will miss the meeting because they are helping at the courthouse between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Pres. Matt** also reminded members to attend the "Dare to Dream" documentary that **Bob Poole** mentioned. The Side Bar Restaurant, which has been so supportive of our club through the years, will give 25% to our club for any Rotarians who eat at Side Bar before or after the showing of the film on November 3rd. In other announcements, **Jeannie McGinn** reminded members to help at the upcoming Warehouse Project site on the 19th, and to bring in *The Rotarian* magazines you have read so they can be shared with new Rotarians. **Rob Malone** put out another call for Rotarians to loan large coolers with spouts for use at the cook-off. Please contact him.

Charles Streitwieser won the 50/50, but missed the queen. **President Matt** closed the meeting with a quote about kindness.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

On October 10th, we were lucky enough to have Executive Director Mark Butler and his team from "Family Service of Chester County" provide us some insight about their service role right here in our backyard.

Family Service of Chester County was founded in West Chester, Pennsylvania in 1947 by a group of community members with a vision to provide professional and affordable human services to Chester County

residents.

Today, over 70 years later, they are one of Chester County's most trusted providers of counseling and specialized support programs for families and individuals. They place a special emphasis on serving people of all ages, backgrounds and income levels.

Family Service has a number of programs to support our community, such as:

- Counseling for stressors: Job loss, family conflict, divorce, child-rearing and traumatic events.
- Exchange Club Family center for child abuse & neglect
- Project ONE for those living with HIV/AIDS
- Familias Unidas (United Families) supports Hispanic families with youth aged 12-17
- ConnectPoints is a helpline and resource center to help find shelter/homes for those in need. They work with the Decade to Doorways program
- ZOOM is a big part of what they do, and what we can assist with the most. It's a volunteer transportation program that connects local drivers with Chester County residents who need help getting to appointments at partner non-profits. The public transportation could take hours to get from Phoenixville to West Chester and we can really cut down that time for the residents. They've foregone the government support because they're confident they could raise more funds on their own. Transportation can be one-way or round trip. This program began 3.5 years ago. They have 35 drivers – and need more - They have an online platform with schedules to review so you can work these into your schedule. It's much quicker than Rover.

Let's donate a driver or two! More info here:

<https://www.familyservice.us/>

610-696-4900 info@familyservice.us

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been proposed for membership and have indicated their desire to become members:

John Abitabilo: President of ACT & C LLC; Classification - Business Owner;

Sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**

Jessica Reilly: Family Counselor, Philadelphia Memorial Park; Classification - Counselor;

Sponsored by **Jeannie McGinn**

Phil Bieg: CEO Organizational Research and Development; Classification - Business Owner;

Sponsored by **Jack Ellis**

Randy Lindel Senior Director - Westport Consulting Group; Classification - Director/Consulting

Sponsored by **Sue Casso Rogers**

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within ten (10) 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

- Oct 19 Community Warehouse- Downingtown
Oct 24 World Polio Day Event @ historic courthouse
Nov 3 Polio Plus Event @ Uptown
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, October 19, 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

END POLIO NOW

This October 24th is World Polio Day. You are invited to help with an awareness and fund-raising event at the historic courthouse at High and Market, in front of the "Old Glory" statue. The goal is to inform the community about Rotary and polio, the risks to children here and abroad and collect donations to finish the fight. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact **Dwight Leeper**, **Cristina Combee** or **Carol Hanson**.

There will be some pre-event work to collect materials. Setup of the event would begin at 10am and consist of tables with literature relating to Rotary, polio eradication and vaccinations generally. We will approach passersby with information about Rotary and polio, while offering an opportunity to donate to our cause. Other Rotarians will politely and safely approach stopped cars with information about Rotary and polio, while offering an opportunity to donate to our cause as well. In the latter case, purple buckets will be offered for change, similar to the Penn State campaign. The event will conclude by 3pm. There will be some post-event cleanup.

Thank you for your service to Rotary and Rotary service.

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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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