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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: May 31, 2018

**Speaker: Dwight Leeper
Pakistan Mission Trip**

Next Week's Program: June 7, 2018

**Pulled Pork Showdown at
Deb Sparre's**

MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Mickey opened the meeting and after the Pledge of Allegiance, **Cathy Palmquist** gave the invocation in memory of those who have given their lives fighting for our country. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was a fitting response.

Sergeant-of-Arms Catherine Friedman informed us of the facts of building of the Brooklyn Bridge for "This Day in History".

Visiting Rotarians were Jackie Tait (Concordville Chadds Ford) and John Saling (Sunrise).

Guests were introduced by **Patty Jefferis** (Laura Melfie); **Mickey Hall** (Maryann Parsons), **Jeannie McGinn** (Danielle Mortimer), **Glenn Sweet** (Brett Walker), and **Charles Streitwieser** (son Charlie).

Happy Bucks: **Catherine Friedman** (The Hickman is great and also enjoyed attending *Hamilton*), **Howard Sundwall** on behalf of **Steve Quigley** (Rotary Golf Outing will be June 15 at Downingtown Country Club), **Bunny Welsh** (recovered well from bilateral knee surgery, thanks for cards, prayers, and visits), **Cathy Palmquist** (Thank you to **Patty Jefferis** for arranging her trip to Ireland and to **Steve Bayles** for taking photos while she was away), **Paul Woodruff** (his wife Marcia's foot run over by their Lyft Driver but the tire pulled off her sneaker and left her foot free), Jackie Tait (Concordville Chadds Ford Rotary sponsoring *The Twisted Vintner* June 14, info and tickets www.twistedvintner.org and join a free SilverSneakers class at the Parkway Center. See Waymartialarts.com), **Matt Holliday** (Don't miss *Up on the Roof* June 2, 7-11 PM).

Happy Birthday was beautifully sung (of course) by

Catherine Friedman to Howard Sundwall.

Matt Holliday gave his VP Report on the School Supply Drive. So many kids can't afford to buy the supplies needed for school so through **Mac Neilon**, our club supports this program.

Laura Aloisio invited everyone to Happy Hour for the Chili Cook Off, June 24 at Kildare's. **President Mickey** gave us some dates to remember: June 23-27 RI at Toronto and June 7, the induction of the District 7450 Officers for 2018-19. **Bill Friedmann** encouraged us to buy a ticket for Rotary Night at the Phillies since \$24 of each ticket will go to Polio Plus.

Chris Franz shared a sign-up sheet for Invocations for the upcoming months. **President Mickey** thanked **Brad Abel** and **Cristina Combee** for helping to get a connection with Andy Keen in Guam last week. **Glenn Sweet** asked for items for the Live and Silent auctions at The President's Gala at Barnaby's on June 21.

Partners in Outreach was the recipient of our previous 50-50. Maryanne Parsons thanked us and shared that their mission is to help those at the St Agnes Day Room. Operation Easter provided Easter outfits and Easter baskets with books and personal items for 1232 kids, Summer Camp Partners provides swimming suits and supplies to children, and Partners in Literacy provides books and reading assistance. Please come out for "Laughs for Literacy" at Uptown the Friday before Thanksgiving.

We are still collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Chester County Food Bank. **Steve Bayles** will make our deliveries.

Don't forget that the *Pulled Pork Showdown* will be on June 7 at noon at **Deb Sparre's** house, 1104 Debra Way, West Chester. Your usual meeting charge of

\$15 would be a great donation to Project Healing Waters. Competitors will be **Brad “The Pig” Abel, Don “Donnie Brisket” Kohler, Mark “Deep Freeze” Berenato, Bob “Hunk-a-Hunk of Burning Rub” Rogers, Bill “Dr. Squealgood” Friedmann, Jim “The Meatmaster” Magee, Melissa “Miss Que” Baxter, and “Joey Baga Donuts” Fratoni.**

The 50-50 was won by **Katie Walker** but she didn't find the Queen of Spades.

SPEAKER REVIEW by Winnie Stroup

Glen Sweet introduced her friend Brett Anderson Walker who she described as a talented painter, sculptor, film maker, and recently turned author.

Brett shared that he first learned to draw when he was 4 as he watched his father draw cartoons. By age 5 he was teaching kids he knew at school to draw... for a fee. By 14, he was painting in oil, heavily influenced by German expressionism and Van Gough's post impressionism. By 18 he moved to pastels, becoming an advocate for pastel paintings. He points out that Old Masters oil paintings in museums have lines and cracks in the paint itself. By contrast Pastels survive well.

Brett lived in Paris for 3 years, Normandy for 1 year and Aix au Provence for another year. Once he moved back to the States, he and his wife Brigitte and son Shane spent most summers in France and still travel often. In the 90's he started writing screen plays. Fourteen years ago, he co-founded the West Chester Film Festival with Laura Barton. It's held the last weekend of April every year.

He was inspired to become an author when he heard a radio program that documented the Russian Mob kidnapping children and putting them into sex trafficking. He noted that the reality is so horrific that it's almost impossible to think about it. He thought that if he could create a novel that was fun to read, people could absorb bits and pieces of the reality. The result is *The Killing Name*.

Research into 2 Mob brothers, who lived in Nizhny Tagil, Russia, launched Brett's story line. The town that sets the troubling prologue to *The Killing Name*. In his novel, Brett has the brothers move to Paris. There he introduces Cubby Dillon, an artist who can never finish a painting but who is very good at finding people. Coby will also be the protagonist in Brett's next novel which is almost finished. A Parisian Police Inspector is another finely drawn character who

benefits from Brett's intimate knowledge of Paris and a personal experience with Black Market for art. He's also researched the Russian Mob's strategy of taking over local Mobs and infiltrating local governments. For example, the Israeli Mob was taken over by Russians posing as Jews.

Mickey Hall read *The Killing Name* last weekend and highly recommends it.

CONDOLENCES

The members of the Rotary Club of West Chester extend condolences to **Patty Roos** on the passing of her mother and to **Pat Henson** on the passing of her brother. Please keep Patty and Pat and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by **Faith Woodward** at Barclay Friends

SAVE THE DATE

May Bring PB and J for CC Food Bank
Jun 7 Pulled Pork Show Down at Deb Sparre's
Jun 21 President's Gala

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