



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
K.R. Ravindran, International President 2015-2016
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This Week's Program: December 3, 2015
Speaker: Susan Campbell, Executive Director
Ronald McDonald House

Next Week's Program: December 10, 2015
TBA

MINUTES by Elizabeth Guman

President Katie called the meeting to order.
Pat Barron offered an invocation about love.

Visiting Rotarians: Efrin Andopoz (Penn Yan NY), Laurie Keen (Thorndale), Carol Baker (Wego), Dwight Leeper.

Guests: **Debra Sparre** introduced Debra McKenty, a lawyer in town; **Bunny Welsh** introduced Sherriff Alex Underwood from Chester County South Carolina; **Pat Barron** introduced "Scotty" Charles Scottoline; **Marjorie Wentz** introduced Spencer Dean, her business coach; **Chuck Swope** introduced Nick Branton; **Mac Neilon** introduced Jen Fiorello.

President Katie started the meeting with an update from the District Conference. Our club was nominated for two awards: a social media award and Club of the Year award. While we didn't win either, we received great vocal support from the crowd. **President Katie** thanked those who attended, said it was a great event and encouraged us to consider it next year. She then thanked the club members who came out for the yard clean up at **Christine Wildauer's**. They filled over 50 leaf bags!

For TBT (Throw-back Thursday) **President Katie** shared a picture from a past Sergeant of Arms award of **Bob Frame** with a different hairdo!

Dates: November 24 is the Ex-Sergeant of Arms awards at Side Bar (all encouraged to come!); December 6 is the Holiday Party at **Tom Mann's**; December 12 is the Bell Ringing; December 24 there is no meeting.

Happy Bucks: On Saturday December 5 is the Gift of Literacy event. **Andy Keen** was thankful for the opportunity to take a leadership role in the new International project. He told us he used to be nervous about speaking in front of groups and is now the point person for going to other clubs to speak to them to get support for our project! **Tamara Minnick** was grateful for the great support for Stocking for Soldiers project. **Phyllis Dunn** was happy about the Foundation drive and reminded us to give and consider the Direct program. **Carol Hanson** was very, very happy to have **Dave Wood** with us who had survived a terrible plane crash.

Birthdays: **Carol Hanson** wished **Elizabeth Guman** a happy birthday. **Gary Hess** wished **Jim Smith** a happy birthday. **Cathy Palmquist** wished **Winnie Stroup** a happy birthday.

Announcements: **Rob Feenan** announced that nominations for our club's board positions is officially closed.

Chuck Garfinkle won the 50/50 but did not win the pot of gold.

SPEAKERS' REVIEW by Glen Sweet

Sheriff **Bunny Welsh** introduced Chester County Deputy Harry McKinney who supervises the department's "four legged deputies". The K-9 program began in 2006 as a result of a bomb in the County Court House. Bomb sniffing dogs from neighboring municipalities were utilized but there was slow response time and as a result the court house was closed for an entire day.

The sheriff's office receives approximately 120 calls per year for the K-9 Unit. Ninety-nine percent of all calls are bomb related. Since initiation of the program, there have been only three live incidents.

The department now has three other types of dogs in addition to bomb sniffing dogs. They are narcotics dogs, an accelerant dog and a cadaver dog. The department plans to add one more dog to its corps, a companion dog that is trained to provide comfort and reassurance to victims of abuse or domestic violence.

The average work-life for a dog is eight to ten years or until they lose their drive. They live with their handlers who are the only ones that feed them. The dogs are acquired from an Ohio facility and are all German breeds. They are trained at the Ohio facility for six weeks, sixteen hours a day. There is also once a month training for sixteen hours.

All funds for the canine corps are provided by donations. The annual operating budget is approximately \$250,000 for eight dogs. There are sponsorships for food, veterinary care and other essentials.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following is the proposed Board for 2016-2017:

President- **Bob Rogers**
Past President - **Katie Martin**
President Elect – **Mickey Hall**
Vice President – **Bill Friedmann**
Secretary – **Sue Casso Rogers**
Treasurer – **Tim Walsh**
Sergeant at Arms – **Brad Abel**

Directors at Large - **Laura Alosio, Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda Hicks, Jim Smith, Andrew Stump, Michelle Venema, Ernest Zlotolow**

THANK YOU

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SAVE THE DATE

Dec 6 Holiday party at **Tom Mann's**
Dec 12 Ringing the bells for Salvation Army
Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

NEW MEMBERS

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

Dwight Leeper, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch.
Classification: Finance

Sponsored by **Wendy Leeper**

Jenna Fiorello, Owner- Pet Care Company,
Classification: Business

Sponsored by **Dan Zajac**

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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday December 6 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM

at the home of Tom and Lisa Mann,
1134 Kolbe Lane, West Chester 19382.

Tom and Lisa will supply a main dish
each club member will be asked to bring an
appetizer, side dish or dessert. AND
be sure to bring your favorite beverage - BYOB!
Sign up at any upcoming club meeting on email
Secretary Sue at shcasso@cs.com

THE ROTARY CLUB BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Katie Martin; President-Elect, Bob Rogers;
Vice-President,; Past President, Rob Feenan;
Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Treasurer, Tim Walsh;
Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Friedmann; Directors-at-Large:
Dave Barkasy, Judi Bell, Cristina Combee, Linda
Hicks, Matt Holliday, Jim Smith, Debra Sparre,
Marjorie Wentz, Denise Wine.

Chad Rosenberg, District Governor
Bronwyn Martin, Assistant Governor
Charles Streitwieser, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450
Robert Poole, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

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Marjorie Wentz