



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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**This Week's Program: January 24, 2019
At WC Golf and County Club**

**Speaker: Skip Torreson
The Stewardship Group- Uganda**

Next Week's Program: January 31, 2019

**Speaker: Gaspar from Chile
Rotary Exchange Student**

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Bill Friedmann opened the meeting in an upstairs room of Uptown! Entertainment, and **Chris Feryo** gave the invocation, focusing on the upcoming Martin Luther King Day celebration. He spoke of King's struggle for and journey toward justice, and his call to celebrate diversity. Rick Stevenson from the Sunrise Club, and former West Chester Rotarian Tom Mann, now president-elect in Florida, were our visiting Rotarians. Debbie Berry was the guest of **Patty Jefferies**, and Yolanda Van de Krol was a returning guest.

Catherine Friedman kicked off Happy Bucks by inviting Rotarians to a special musical event at Uptown! on February 3rd, featuring 12 singers, including her. **Phyllis Dunn** was happy to report on the great time that 18 guests had at the Speak Easy dinner hosted by **Deb Sparre** and **Catherine Friedman**, one of the auction items from the presidential gala. In addition to the great music, of which Catherine was a contributor, there was also a delicious dinner. **Steve Bayles** was happy to report that his 15 year-old daughter, who has raised over \$219,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand charity, is being considered for recognition as one of 30 Women Under 30 by *Mainline Today* magazine. **John Schwab** was happy to babysit his granddaughter, and Rick Stevenson was happy to announce the Sunrise Club's annual "souper bowl" event. There are just a few seats remaining. There is also an opportunity to buy into a football pool.

Jack Wintermute presented a check to the director of Campabilities charity from proceeds of our weekly 50/50. The funds will go to the 14th annual camp

program for 30 plus blind or visually impaired youth. The director noted that about 90 students give up their Memorial Day holiday to help with the camp. **Sue Casso** announced there is a card circulating for **Mickey Hall**, who had hand surgery for the second time, since the first surgery did not correct her carpal tunnel problem. Sue still has a few items left at her home from the holiday party. **Jeannie McGinn** announced the next workday at the Warehouse Project is this coming Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The project has many needs, so please consider donating unused items from your home. Address of the warehouse is 520 Lincoln Ave., Downingtown.

Phil McFadden gave an update on the Rotary Foundation, noting that some members have not yet contributed. Regardless of the amount, we would like 100% participation. **Dwight Leeper** announced the newly formed Rotary Passport Club, which now has 30 members, will celebrate its first anniversary on Feb. 7th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Side Bar. Join them for the celebration!

President Bill announced that 5 Rotarians showed up recently to help spread mulch at one of the housing sites of the Domestic Violence Center, which DVC had requested. He then reminded members we will return to the country club next week, and announced the upcoming meetings. **Christine Wildauer** closed out our meeting by reminding members of the deadline for the fruit sale, which is Feb. 18th. The online site will actually close down at midnight on the 17th. So, if you have additional orders after that time, call her directly on the 18th.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

Last Thursday we had the privilege of having our meeting hosted by the Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. They provided a great space for us to have our "Speed Dating" Expo for our WC Rotary Committees. During this time, we had 6 representatives give us quick overviews of what's available to our club.

- **Rob Malone** heads up our PR/Marketing Committee which strives to 1) Obtain New Members and 2) Make the Community aware of the services we provide. They're pushing more Social Media and putting an ad in the WC Press Monthly.

- **Matt Holliday** runs our Service Committee and was gracious enough to provide us a calendar of events for the year. **Noteables:** Feb/March: Fruit Sale! May: Pulled Pork Challenge Aug: GWCC Bike Race

- **Christina Combee** shed some light on our International Service Committee - Our duty here is to sponsor projects that do good in the world. 6 Main Focuses: Peace & Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention/Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Education/Literacy and Economic & Community Development - (CORS, VOSH)

- **Michelle Venema** represents our Club Leadership team - "We Are Rotary" - Main goal here is to increase the Membership team. We have 125 members, but 1 person who runs this committee now - We'd like 1-2 more volunteers (expect 1-2 hours of time per quarter)

- **Brad Abel** is running with our Chili Cookoff Committee - The cookoff benefits STEM, ARC and other NPOs. We're looking for more teams and more sponsors - Slight decline the last 2 years. Any ideas on incentives to bring in more folks?

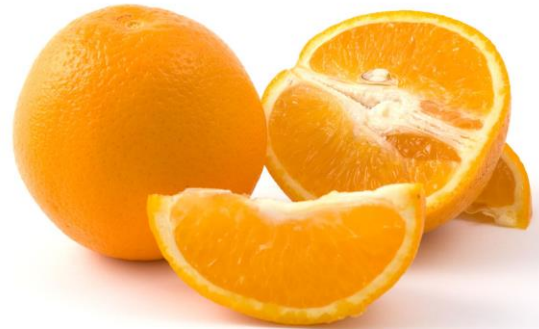
- **Bill Friedman** - Spoke to us about Youth Services and discussed Rotary in High School and College. Bill also showed us a picture of 5 Handsome Gentlemen... standing with Brad Abel.

All in all, we need your support! Please think about joining a committee above, we'd love to have you!

THANK YOU

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SELL FRUIT



SAVE THE DATE

Feb 16	Community Warehouse Day 9AM to 2 PM. Volunteer through Jeannie
Feb 17	Website closed for fruit sales
Feb 18	Last day for fruit purchase
Mar 2	Fruit pick up

Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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