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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: February 1, 2018
Classification and Reclassification Talks
Speakers: Brian Fahey and Paul Woodruff

Next Week's Program: February 8, 2018
Update and Review of New Tax Laws
Speaker: Rob Feenan

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Mickey Hall** opened the meeting. **Steve Quigley** led the invocation. Sergeant-of-Arms **Brad Abel** had a joke about the sock drawer (enough said.)

Guests: Reese Reynolds was, as he so often is, a Rotarian guest. **Michelle Venema's** guest was Melisa Baxter who is with the Devereux Foundation. Ken Klein was the guest of **Bill Friedmann**. **Fran Curtin** brought his wife Judy, who he calls Doctor. **Katie Martin** introduced **Mac Neilon** who has been missing since December. **Steve Quigley** welcomed Jerry Andrews from the YMCA

VP report: Matt Holliday congratulated Friends Association, under the able leadership of **Catherine Friedman**, for the \$215,000 they raised at their recent charity ball.

Announcements: Christine Wildauer commented that a few fruit orders had been turned in. We need to get busy. The deadline for orders is February 19 and pick up will be March 3. She was also glad to announce that the trio of fruits that were so popular last year is now up on the web site. Although we missed our Food Bank tour in January due to snow, **Mickey Hall** assured us that our donations had been delivered and were just enough to fill packs they were planned for. We will visit later in the year.

Birthdays: Bob Frame had nothing but praise for **Bill Winters** including his Marine Corp career and his passionate but pathetic golf games. **Bob Rogers** is impressed by **Mark Berenado's** multiple careers in manufacturing, Rita's and Real Estate and wished him a happy birthday.

Happy Dollars: Bill Friedmann described the delivery he made as part of the Community Warehouse project last Saturday. He delivered a dining room table and 3 beds to a family who had nothing at all in their apartment. The five-year-old announced that it was the best day of her life. He also

announced that Comedy Night at the Quality Inn in West Chester on Friday Jan 26 would benefit the Chester County Children's Organization. **Catherine Friedman** announced that after Bill left, a second delivery was made to "Lady Mirabella's" that included a couch, chairs, and chests for the bedrooms. What an amazing difference this Community Warehouse is making in the lives of five-year old's and their families.

Jack Wintermute announced that Major Wintermute had just retired from the Marines. **Steve Bayle's** 14-year-old daughter just raised over \$200,000 for Alex's Lemonade and spoke in front of 900 people. A very proud Father. **Paul Woodruff** has just welcomed his 6th grandchild... or was it great grandchild? **Carol Hanson** attended the *100 Women Who Care* event and is proud that the Chester County Family Academy run by **Sue Flynn** was the recipient of the funds.

Mickey Hall reminded us of upcoming dates: The Sunrise Club will be hosting their Souper Bowl event on Feb 2nd. See her for additional information. February 9-11 will be the RYLA conference and February 21 will be the District Chinese New Year Celebration at Margaret Kuo's restaurant in Wayne. April 6 -22 the Patagonia Club has room in their trip to New Zealand. April 20-22 is the District Conference and Mickey needs at least one club member to attend with her. June 23-27th is the Rotary International Conference in Toronto. Upcoming meetings will highlight:

Feb. 1: **Brian Fahey:** classification talk and Paul **Woodruff** reclassification talk

Feb 8: **Rob Feenan:** the new tax law

Feb 15: **Bob Hall** classification talk and Club Finance review by **Sue Casso Rogers** and **Tim Walsh**.

Feb 22: Dr. Paul Morgan, WCU, Sustainability

Bob Rogers won the 50-50 but did not pull the magic card.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Chris Feryo

Our Speaker on Rotoplast, Paul Quintavalla, was introduced by **Christina Combee**

The mission of Rotoplast is to provide corrective plastic surgery to children with cleft lip and cleft palate in areas of the world where the surgery might not otherwise be available.

Cleft lip and palate usually occurs in the 1st trimester of pregnancy and is caused often by lack of folic acid due to diet or because of a hereditary defect. It affects 1 in 650 births and can happen to anyone.

Cleft lip surgery usually takes about ½ hour while the cleft palate surgery is much more complicated and can even take multiple surgeries to correct.

Paul recently completed a mission to the capital city of Myanmar, Naypyidaw. There were 22 other Rotarians on the mission with him. The Rotarians brought much of their own equipment for the 3 surgeons completing the operations. Burn victims were also treated as part of the mission. Many of the 100 children treated came with their whole families including fathers and siblings. They often travelled a great distance to see the doctors. While the cost per child varies greatly based on numbers, on average each surgery costs \$1000. Paul informed us that volunteers are always welcome. The requirements are that the Rotarian participates in a mission and is willing to go out and spread the word about Rotoplast through speaking engagements.

To end the program, **President Mickey** presented Paul with a \$1000 check on behalf of the club.



SAVE THE DATE

Feb 22 Fruit Orders Due
Mar 3 Fruit Pick Up @ Duie Pyle

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

THANK YOU

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

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Beneath the emotional scars of living in a Ukrainian war zone, Mykyta Berlet flashes the same mischievousness of any other 12-year-old boy headed to camp.

He wants to laugh, play pranks and on the last night of camp “we will cover everyone with toothpaste,” he says excitedly.

Mykyta and 25 other Ukrainian youths headed to the resort town of Zakopane in the foothills of southern Poland are naturally focused on fun. But their two-week respite organized by Rotary members has a higher purpose: To help the children heal and cope with the trauma they may encounter when they go home.

Each camper has a parent or sibling killed or injured in the fighting in Ukraine. Psychologists at camp will guide them along the way during an itinerary that mixes escape and therapy.

Olga Zmiyivska, a member of the Rotary Club of Kharkiv Multinational in Ukraine, has brought children to the camp for two years and has witnessed its impact.

“After the trip, they are more willing to make contact and open their hearts,” she said.

Read more at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarians-help-kids-traumatized-war>

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