



ROTARY:
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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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This Week's Program: September 21, 2017

Classification Talks

Next Week's Program: September 28, 2017

**Kennett Symphony Presentation
Speakers; Monica Buffington, Paul Merluzzi,
and Conductor Michael Hall**

MINUTES by Fran Luft

The meeting was opened by **President Mickey Hall**. **Sue Casso Rogers** gave the invocation reflecting on both hurricanes in Texas and Florida. We sang America the beautiful. **Brad Abel** gave us some words of wisdom concerning funerals. Visiting Rotarians included Glen, John Saling, and Assistant District Governor Alan Simbo. Our lone guest was Patty Biffin.

Howard Sundwell gave a happy dollar announcing Upton Speakers Services. Catherine Friedman was happy about the golf tournament and the first board meeting for the community warehouse project.

Jim Gasho extended birthday greetings to **Jeannie McGinn**. **Catherine Friedman** wished **Deb Sparre** a happy birthday. **Bill Friedmann** extended birthday greetings to **Ron Ginns** and **Andrew Stump** wished **Chuck Swope** a happy birthday.

Dates: 9/20 Farewell to **Bruce Beadle**, 9/8-Chili Cook Off ,10/12 meeting with Sunrise and WEGO (night meeting), 10/14- District fair, 12/14 no Rotary meeting, 12/15 Holiday Party 6/23-28 2018 Rotary International Convention.

Katie Martin thanked all the Rotarians who are assisting with the Chili Cook-Off. Please plan to attend the Restaurant Festival on Sunday, Sept. 17th between 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to promote the cook-off. **Diana Liberi** volunteer coordinator for the Chili Cook-off is in need of volunteers to sign up for jobs at our largest fundraiser. Please sign to volunteer on the 8th of October. Please email Diane if for some reason you are unable to volunteer the day of the event. We are in need of water containers with spouts for the cook-off. **Catherine Friedman** announced that tickets for the cook off may be purchased thru our website. Cost is 3 for \$30 or one ticket for \$12. Tickets may also be purchased at our Rotary meetings. There will be a poster part Friday night.

Carl Werner announced that the Rotary Leadership Institute will be held in February 2018. Laura Aloisio will be attending the leadership program in Chester County.

Bob Rogers announce the October Rotarian of the month is **Ron Ginns**. **Sue Casso Rogers** inducted **Mike Dunn** and **Ebbie Alfree** our two newest and most important members.

Sue Flynn for the Chester County Family Academy received a check from the proceeds of the 50/50. **Jack Wintermute** won the 50/50 but missed the queen.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos

Bob Frame introduced Waleska Gonzalez, a trooper for 11 years with the PA State Police, Troop J Embreeville. Trooper Gonzalez's topic was on Personal Safety.

We are responsible for our own safety. It is through awareness, reduction, recognition and avoidance that we can prevent being a victim.

Here are the tips she provided for us:

- Be aware of your surroundings and situations at all times.
- Maintain self-control- make sure you have a say in where you go and who will be with you. Have other transportation and or money available if you choose to leave a date.
- Stay in group situations.
- Let other people know your plans.
- Carry your cell phone and make sure the battery is charged.

Tips for home:

- Keep entrances well lit.
- Check ID of service people before letting them inside. When in doubt, call the company to verify.

- Never give the impression you are alone.
- Install peepholes and deadbolts on doors.
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed.
- Be aware of potential hiding places.
- If you come home and see open doors or windows, or signs of forced entry, do not go in. Call 911.

For the road:

- Keep your car in good working order. Make sure you have gas and it is filled up during the day.
- Look around and under your car while walking to it.
- Lock your doors immediately after entering your car.
- Ladies, make sure you have your keys in your hand when leaving malls, grocery stores, work, etc.
- Park in lighted public areas and always lock your car and look in your car when getting inside.
- Don't help strangers.
- If you get a flat tire, drive carefully to the nearest well-lit and well-traveled area before you stop.
- If you are in an accident, stay in your car until the police arrive if you don't feel safe about getting out.
- If you are being followed, go to the nearest police station.

On foot:

- Walk close to the curb, avoid doorways and alleys
- Don't walk alone at night.
- Avoid areas with few people or areas not well lit.
- Be careful of people who ask for directions. Keep your distance when answering so you can run or just tell them you don't know and keep walking.
- Always trust your instincts if you feel uneasy in a situation.
- If you are attacked, stay calm, think rationally, stay observant and alert so you can describe your attacker to the police. (i.e. which way did he go, type of car he drove)
- Only you can decide if you should resist. Do not get into a car...YELL, go for their eyes, do all you can to not be put into the car.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Volary are provided today by **Mark Sammarone** at Arthur Hall Insurance

FAREWELL TO BRUCE

Wednesday, September 20, 5 - 7 pm at Bar Avalon, 116 East Gay Street.

Join in as we toast and say Bon Voyage to our long time member, Bruce Beadle.



SAVE THE DATE

- Sept 20 Farewell to Bruce Beadle
- Oct 8 Chili Cook Off
- Oct 12 Meeting with Sunrise and WEGO
- Oct 14 District Fair
- Dec 14 Noon meeting cancelled
- Dec 15 Holiday Party

Calendar of events at

<http://www.westchesterrotary.us/clubcalendar.htm>

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

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