



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 John F. Germ, International President 2016-2017

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This Week's Program: November 3, 2016
Speaker: Bill Richards
Reading Fightin' Phils

Next Week's Program: November 10, 2016
Speaker: Bruce Mowday
New Book on West Chester

MINUTES by Marjorie Wentz

President **Bob Rogers** opened the meeting at 12:22. We started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **Jim Gasho's** invocation. Jim couldn't find anything interesting about this particular date so he read an Irish Halloween blessing. We then sang "God Bless America".

Sergeant at Arms **Brad Abel** told one of his ridiculous jokes and then introduced the following visiting Rotarians: Reese Reynolds was visiting from the Longwood club, John Saling from the Sunrise club and Charles Streitwieser who will be transferring back to our club soon. We had three guests attending the meeting: Lynn Child's a personal shopper was introduced by **Patty Jefferis**, John Markle a coworker and guest of **Joanne Tadeo**, and Maggie Miller, wife of **Larry Miller**.

Happy Bucks were kicked off by **Patty Jefferis** who is happy to be co-chairing warm coats with **Winnie Stroup**. **Catherine Friedman** announced the Friends Association Charity Ball is coming up on Saturday, Dec 3. **Pat Barron** is happy that Charles Streitwieser is rejoining our club. **Ken Hickman** announced that he went back to work last week which was very exciting for him. John Saling was happy to get his wife a Mustang convertible as she is courageously fighting breast cancer and they will be driving it to Florida tomorrow for a vacation.

Some upcoming Rotary programs of interest are:

- Nov 3 - The Rotary Foundation
- Dec 15 - Membership
- Jan 26 - Gundaker

Bob Poole wished a happy birthday to **Cathy Palmquist**, an aggressive woman in a puppy dog kind of way.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

Nov 22 - Ex Sergeant at Arms Awards

Dec 1 - Talbots Shopping Night Fundraiser from 3PM -8PM. 10% of purchases will be donated to our Rotary Club. **Sue Casso Rogers** will be sending out additional information.

Charles Streitwieser announced that the District is looking for people interested in becoming District Governor in 2018-19 and 2019-20 Rotary years. If you are interested, please let him know.

Marjorie Wentz announced that we are looking for a second host family for our exchange student, Gabe. He needs to remain in the Henderson School District.

The 50-50 was won by **Christine Wildauer**, but she didn't find the Queen of Spades.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW By Glen Sweet

International Service Committee Report – Children with Amputations Rehabilitation Strategies (CARS)

Ernest Zlotolow, CARS Committee Chairman, began by introducing Lance Harms, Director of Orthotics and Prosthetics at Shriners Hospital Philadelphia. He also introduced Elissa Montanti, founder and chairman of Global Medical Relief Fund (GMRF) of Staten Island, New York. With Ms. Montanti were five children: four from Rwanda who will be receiving prostheses; and one small girl from Ethiopia who will have an ulnar transplant.

Ernest explained that Shriners and GMRF are key players in the CARS program. Additionally, CARS works with Under the Same Sun (UTSS) of Vancouver, British Columbia, to assist persons with albinism in Tanzania, Africa. Individuals are brought to the U.S. and fitted with prostheses that will hopefully facilitate a more normal and productive life.

The West Chester Rotary CARS committee has

raised in excess of \$85,000 to support its mission of helping children with amputations. The primary source of funding has been the Powell Family Foundation but significant contributions have also been received from Rotary District 7450, Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians.

Mr. Harms and Ms. Montanti then spoke briefly and answered questions. Ms. Montanti said GMRF started 18 years ago as a result of her trip to Bosnia. To date, their organization has helped about 200 children from 30 countries with approximately 1,100 visits. GMRF arranges documentation and passage to and from the U.S. It provides food, clothing and shelter at a GMRF house. They transport the children to and from Shriners Hospital Philadelphia. GMRF generally brings each child back to the U.S. annually for refitting or a checkup until they are 21 years old.

Mr. Harms described more about the prosthetics. He said children are usually walking within two to three hours of being fitted with a dynamic prosthesis. He stated the devices are fairly simple: no electronics and low maintenance. Shriners makes certain the prosthesis will fit for a year. The average cost ranges from \$7,500 to \$10,000. All costs related to the prosthetic fabrication, fitting and follow up care are paid by Shriners Hospital.

FUNDRAISER

We have a great new Fundraiser coming up which will benefit our own West Chester Rotary Club Foundation!

Talbots Store in Downingtown is having a "Shop for a Cause" event and our Club Foundation is the recipient! The event will take place on December 1, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Talbots will donate 10% of the proceeds from that shopping time. Talbots is located in the Wegman's shopping center; the store is at the corner of Rt 30 and Quarry Road.

Watch for more details as to how you can support this event and great ideas for wish lists, Christmas ideas and more.

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4. Participation in the Sponsors Reception with RI President John Germ
5. Sponsor signage at event and name in the Rotary Press Release (highest sponsor level)

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Faith Woodward of Barclay Friends

SAVE THE DATE

Nov 22 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms "Awards"
Dec 1 Fundraiser at Talbots

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

EXCHANGE STUDENT

Gabriel Bay from Rafaela, Argentina
Attending Henderson High School
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