



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Ian Riseley, International President 2017-2018

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This Week's Program: November 2, 2017

**Speaker: District Attorney Tom Hogan
Opioid Epidemic in Chester County**

Next Week's Program: November 9, 2017

**Speaker: Bryan Brockson
Locust Lane Craft Brewery**

MINUTES by Winnie Stroup

President **Mickey Hall** opened the meeting. **Justin Sochovka** gave the invocation based on a quote from Elizabeth Kubler-Ross focusing on the only true emotions: Fear and Love

Guests: **Chuck Swope** introduced his very special guest, his new son Simon. Simon is 4 years old and arrived home with his new family from China last Friday. He had been abandoned at an orphanage within hours of his birth. The Swopes have spent more than a year working to bring him home. Jeff Chamberlin, chiropractor also attended and is in the queue for membership.

Announcements: **Matt Holiday** announced that in light of the Opioid Epidemic there will be a color run/walk on November 4th to support local programs. The goals are to get OD victims to a hospital and into a program. **Linda Hicks** wished a fond farewell and good luck to **John Olszewski** who is moving to Chicago. But John had already left the premises. **Jane Helen** is working on a Delaware County project to deliver gifts to children during the holidays. Anyone interested in sponsoring a child can contact Jane. **Carol Hanson** is proud that 3 Rotarians rappelled down a building to fund girls for Outward Bound.

Birthdays: Many Club members celebrate birthdays in October. **Jim Gasho** congratulated **Dan Cosgrove**. **Sue Casso Rogers** congratulated young **Rob Malone**. **John Schwab** noted **Jeff Brown's** "Insurmn" license plate and birthday. **Glen Sweet** wished a happy birthday to me [**Winnie Stroup**] and **Ernest Zlotolow** congratulated **Cathy Palmquist**. **Patty Jefferis** congratulated fashionista **Lynn Childs**.

President Mickey reminded us of upcoming dates: Hold November 18th for the kick off of the Community Warehouse project where we can have a hands-on

effort to deliver donated furniture to people who need it. More details to come. The ex-sergeant at arms awards will be held November 21st beginning around 5:30 at SideBar. Dawn DeFuria, will join our meeting on November 30th for her first official visit since becoming District Governor. There is a District Seminar on November 4 at Montgomery Community College. And November 7th is the District dinner for women. **Carol Hanson** will be honored for her accomplishments in health care.

Linda Hicks reminded us that the boxes collecting items for soldiers for the holidays will be available in the back of the room until November 14. We have already surpassed last year's donations. *Stockings for Soldiers* has a new addition this year. They are including embroidered stars from American Flags that have been decommissioned and turned over to boy scouts for disposal in as many stockings as possible. If anyone can provide a no longer used flag, it will be much appreciated. It must have embroidered, not printed stars.

Patty Jefferis reminded everyone that Talbots in Kennett Square will donate 10% of their proceeds for Friday October 27th to our Operation Warm project. I just entered the order and the school has asked for coats for 14 more children than last year and we can greatly use the additional funds. **Bob Rogers** announced that nominations are open for next year's slate of club officers. See him, **Katie Martin** or **Bill Friedmann** if you are interested.

Steve Founds updated us on the Rotary Foundation. He congratulated **John Olszewski** for his Paul Harris +8, **Cathy Palmquist** for her Paul Harris +1 and **Catherine Friedman** for her first Paul Harris. He noted, and read, a long list of club members who have given generously and have +1 thru +8 Paul Harris awards. **Phyllis Dunn** described this year's goal as \$11,460 up from \$10,000 last year. She and Steve are sending letters to new members

describing the process and ways to donate.

President Mickey ended with a list of our service projects by month.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Patty Roos

Our speaker was Meg Swanson, Job Trainer and Jill Stoltzfus, Vocational Specialist with Chester County Intermediate Unit Discover.

Discover is a comprehensive work-based learning approach program that prepares high school students with disabilities to transition from school to adult life with primary emphasis on employment. Services include formal vocational assessment, vocational exploration and supervised competitive employment. One of the largest obstacles to finding employment for individuals with disabilities is that they lack experience, training and job skills. Through services provided by Discover, in collaboration with our community business partners, these obstacles are being eliminated to the benefit of students and employers alike.

Discover Services include:

- Formal Vocational Assessments
- Vocational Exploration - Group and Individual Internships as well as Job Shadowing and Work Based Learning Experiences through support of Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Work experience: Assistance with matching student with appropriate competitive employment
- Job coaching to provide guidance, support and training according to specific businesses or worksites

Vocational Exploration Placements are in 6 regions in Chester County. There are over 212 community partners throughout Chester County and the surrounding areas. Placements typically begin in student's freshman or sophomore year, following the assessment which guides planning.

Studies confirm that hiring workers with disabilities makes good business sense. Workers with disabilities are able to contribute to the overall profitability of their companies in a variety of ways. Co-workers also seem to vest an interest in the success of these individuals, leading to social integration and cooperation among co-workers. Students are supported by highly trained and educated CCIU job training staff to assure that the outlined job tasks are completed to company standards at no cost to the community partner, while the students learn to develop meaningful work skills for future employability.

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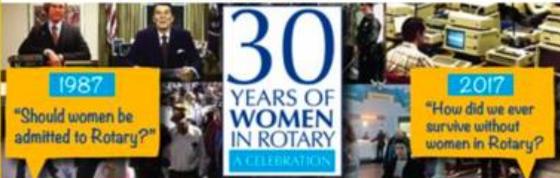
Rotary Districts 7450 and 7640
November 7 - A Night of Celebration
Benefitting the Rotary International Foundation
Celebrate the Impact of 30 Years of Women in Rotary

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
5:30 to 9:00 pm,
Springfield Country Club
400 W Sprout Rd., Springfield, PA 19064

The fast paced and energetic program includes conversations with Jennifer Jones, Past RI Vice President & Dean Rohrs, Current RI Vice President and will celebrate the contributions of 14 Distinguished Award Winners

Honorees: District 7450 Dara Gans Woman in Business and Professions Anne Hansen Woman in Education Carol Hanson Woman in Health Carla Chieffo Woman in Non-Profit Mary Ann Schrader Lifetime Sandra Costanzo District Governor's Award	Honorees: District 7640 Karen Hagerman Woman in Business and Professions Pamela Fisk Woman in Education Renuka Desai Woman in Health Kathy Ross Woman in Non-Profit Judy Bailiere Lifetime Achievement Bernadette Jennings District Governor's Award
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Registration is OPEN: Individuals reservations are \$55 per person until October 15th and \$65 after that. For Information, Reservations or Sponsorship Opportunities:
<http://rotarydistrict7450.org/wir/>



1987 "Should women be admitted to Rotary?"
30 YEARS OF WOMEN IN ROTARY CELEBRATION
2017 "How did we ever survive without women in Rotary?"

SAVE THE DATE

- Nov 7 Thirty Years of Women in Rotary
- Nov 18 Furniture Project pickup and delivery
- Nov 21 Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Awards
- Nov 30 District Governor Dawn DeFuria's visit
- 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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Alan Simbo., Assistant Governor

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