

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Holger Knaack, International President 2020-2021

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Program: December 3, 2020

Kate Martin

The Garage Youth Center in Kennett Square

Program: December 17, 2020

Chester County Family Academy

Holiday Program Video

MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Michelle opened the meeting. The invocation was given by **Kyle Rheiner**. The theme was from written material by Henry Van Dike. Thankful for all the blessings we have.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Guests at the meeting included Maura Roberts, Sue Long, Chris Pirelli Ed Malet, Rachel Barakat and Amara S.

Birthday greetings were given by **Glen Sweet** to **Sue Greenberg**, **Jill Stoltzfus**, **Christine Wildauer**, **Seamus Lavin** and **Bunny Welsh**.

Happy Dollars: **Katie Martin** is happy that some Rotarians have volunteered for the Salvation Army bell ringing December 12th. **Catherine Friedman** is happy that she is co-owner of Principle Money Management. **Carol Hanson** is happy that 20 boxes of tulips have been sold. **Sue Flynn** is happy her daughter in law was involved in the Pfizer vaccine trials. **Melissa Baxter** is happy about working on the grant applications. **Phyllis Dunn** is happy about the meet up at the garage in Chestnut St. Thirty Rotarians attended the event.

President Michelle announced that **Phil Mc Fadden** has stepped down. **Melissa Baxter** is on the board and has accepted the VP slot. **Yolanda Van der Krol** is now the assistant treasurer.

Pastor Chris announced that volunteers are needed for the invocation.

President Michelle stated that in August 1945 the Rotary Club, celebrating our 25th Anniversary, had the first peace time meeting since the war ended. The club assisted soldiers returning from war. Harry S Truman was made an Honorary Rotarian.

Please read the *Rotary News You Can Use* emailed by **Sue Casso Rogers**. This email details information about 11/21 warehouse workday, 12/12 Salvation Army bell ringing and 11/23 pie baking guidelines and drop off.

Veterans day was November 11th. **President Michelle** thanked all the club veterans for their service to our country.

President Michelle ended with a quote of from Tchaikovsky, "Inspiration is the guest that doesn't willingly visit the lazy."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to each and everyone.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Dwight Leeper gave a talk and showed a video about polio eradication. Polio is not yet defeated. The World Health Organization was established in 1988 when there were 350,000 new cases. There are currently 74 cases.

In August, Africa was declared polio free. COVID is now providing problems since Pakistan cannot vaccinate.

Please consider giving a donation to eradicate this disease. We have an anonymous donor from our club who will match donations! **Sue Casso Rogers** will be emailing instructions on how to donate to this cause.

Phil Bieg, one of our newest members, gave his classification talk.

His three main points were Family, Purpose, and Rotary.

Getting to Know Phil- He loves video games, TV shows, entertainment, music, and the outdoors. He loves giving to the community and was a firefighter for

Good Will Fire Co. He grew up in Dilworthtown and wanted to travel but met a local woman, Marie, who is now his wife. She loves to work with children and they decided to stay here with their dog and any future family.

Professional Education Organization- Phil has been a consultant for Employee Engagement, with a Degree from WCU in Communication studies, a Master's for St. Joe's in Organizational Development and Leadership. He has supported some Rotary members.

Proven Experience: Phil worked at energage, a "Best place to work", consulted with Moderna, and now, has his own company, Organizational RND. He teaches leadership development. Through executive coaching he can help people reach inspirational leadership.

Jack Ellis invited him to our club. Phil is joining Rotary because, as someone who believes in serving others, it makes sense. He wants to stay in West Chester and grow as he and Marie start a family.

NOVEMBER - ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

The Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and provides grants for the projects that Rotary supports around the world. The primary mission of the Rotary Foundation is the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Disease prevention is the #1 line item in the Foundation budget. We automatically think of polio, but Rotary is also tackling other killer diseases like malaria and dengue fever. In 2018, the Foundation awarded total global grants of \$86,677,399. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided grants of over \$4 billion. These dollars come from individual contributions from Rotarians around the world, like you.

To give to the Foundation, please email Gary Hess at ghessx@gmail.com to find out about the various options.



Dec 12

EVENTS CALENDAR

Salvation Army Bell Ringing



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Dwight Leeper, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510

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