



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Barry Rassin, International President 2018-2019

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Programs: June 13,20 27, 2019
June 13 Presidential Gala
June 20 Pulled Pork Competition
June 27 Introducing New President Matt

Program: July 4, 2019
Happy Independence Day
No meeting

MINUTES from 6-6-19 by Charles Streitwieser
Visiting Rotarians: Jim Horn from the Rotary Club of Longwood.

Guests: Arlene Adam (proposed member from the Cocoa Factory), Brian Elliott, Paul Dougherty, Megan Van Riet (Achieve and Believe Foundation), and Rob Fisher – from **Rob Feenan’s** audit group

Sue Casso Rogers will participate in a fun – raiser to benefit The Hickman called the “Guest Bartender” event. She will be at the Ram’s Head Bar and Grill on Walnut & Market Streets at around 8pm on June 19th. Other guest bar tenders will be **Brad Abel, Katie Martin** and other Rotarians. All tips will benefit The Hickman.

Saturday, June 15th will be our West Chester Rotary Service Day at the Community Warehouse Project in Downingtown. Contact **Jeannie McGinn** for questions about donations accepted.

John Schwab showed off a 4-liter Beer Stein which will be auctioned at our Presidential Gala next Thursday evening June 13th at the Chester County Bar Association.

Matt Holliday solicited applications for the Leadership Chester County scholarship grant our club is offering for any club member to attend this eight month long non-profit board service training program. Our current recipient, **Kyle Rheiner**, is our most recent graduate! Email **John Schwab** or **Matt Holliday** if you would like to be nominated.

Steve Quigley announced our annual club golf outing at the Downingtown Country Club on June 24th. The cost is \$45 and there are 24 spots available. Fee includes drinks and food!

Sue Casso Rogers is looking for one more volunteer to support Alex’s Lemonade Stand on Tuesday evening, June 25th from 7 – 9 pm.

The Pulled Pork Throwdown will be held at **Deb Sparre’s** house in lieu of our regular meeting on

June 20th. \$15 is requested and will go to support Alex’s Lemonade Stand.

The District Governor’s installation will be June 20th at the American Helicopter Museum and Education Center at 6pm. Rotarian Peter Mardinly will be installed as the next DG!

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure of hearing **Nick Branton’s** Classification Talk.

Nick was born in Delaware County and raised in the town of Exton. He loves the area and couldn’t ask for a better place to live. While attending Bishop Shanahan High School, Nick was very active in sports. After participating in baseball and basketball, he realized that he liked contact sports the best – it provided him with an outlet for stress and anger! He excelled in football – his accomplishments include the winning touchdown for the 1st ChesMont league victory, being the 1st recipient of “Player of the Week”, and holding the single game rushing record. Nick forged friendships in his school years that continue to this day – even though this core group of friends have spread out over the country, they still visit with each other when they can.

Out of high school, Nick attended Hofstra University in New York, drawn in by the facts that it was 30 minutes from Manhattan and 10 minutes from the beach. After realizing that the school was too expensive, he came back to his roots and attended West Chester University and Delaware County Community College. Of the three schools that he attended, he found that DCCC had the most dedicated professors who were there not for the money, but to educate and nurture their students. He highly recommends that anyone considering a college education to begin with community college.

Nick opted for life experience over college and

has traveled to both France and Italy and has hiked the Appalachian Trail without a map! He has held a variety of jobs including bartending, construction, and landscaping. The experience of a lifetime awaited him when a friend recommended a career in maritime, which led him to getting his boating license and taking a job in Florida as an engineering assistant on a day's notice! While he enjoyed doing this, a wise man advised him that this is not the career for him if having a family is something that he wanted in his future. Being away for 90% of the time wasn't appealing to Nick so he had to decide what he wanted to do.

Through a connection with one of his friends, Nick was able to interview with Swope Lees Commercial Real Estate. During the interview, he was asked if he could survive at least 3-4 years without a living wage. When he agreed that he could, he was advised to get his real estate license and then come back. He did just that and now has been working for Swope Lees for 4 years now and he couldn't be any happier with this decision to go into commercial real estate.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Brian Andiaro, a senior at East High School, an Eagle Scout, a school and community volunteer, is the recipient of a 2019 Rotary scholarship. The \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Brian at a recent luncheon meeting by club president-elect, **Matt Holliday**, as Brian's parents and Rotarians looked on.

Brian says his community involvement made him an all-around better person, more aware, caring, understanding, vocal and outgoing. Among his volunteer activities, he organized a food drive for the St. Agnes Day Room, to address some of the needs of that community. He coordinated the advertising, logistics and communication with St. Agnes to prepare for the school-wide event, resulting in the collection of enough food to feed hundreds of families. A member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), he reached out to fellow students asking their support against drunk driving, suicide, and other destructive behaviors. His Eagle Scout project further involved him in helping his community. He refurbished a wooden train at the Goshen Friends School playground, which was a favorite of the students, but had deteriorated and become a danger to the children. This project involved planning and coordination with suppliers, volunteers and the school.

His high school and community volunteering and leadership made Brian a prime candidate for the scholarship, which he will use when he attends Penn State University. Brian is the son of Bill and Karen Andiaro.

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROJECT

Our next volunteer workday for the Community Warehouse Project will be Saturday, June 15, between the hours of 9 and 2. If you have a truck and/or are willing to help with furniture pickups and drop offs please let me know! To sign

up, click. www.volunteersignup.org/YQEL7

SAVE THE DATE

June 13	Presidential Gala
June 15	Community Warehouse Day
June 20	Pulled Pork Competition
June 20	DG Installation
June 24	Rotary Golf Outing
July 15	Rotary @ the Blue Rocks

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

Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us

GOLF OUTING

We have reserved six starting times at Downingtown Country Club for a Rotary Outing on June 21, starting at 3:00 PM. We plan to play 18 holes and then have refreshments and dinner at the club. The cost for the golf will be \$45.00 each, including carts. Drinks and dinner will be from the menu.

Please let **Steve Quigley**, quigsteve@aol.com, know if you would like to play. We need to confirm the number of players by June 14, so please let Steve know as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

Copies of the Votary are provided today by
Melissa Baxter of
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

THE ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTIAL GALA

This gala event will be held Thursday June 13, 6 - 8 PM at the lower level of the Chester County Bar Association, 15 West Gay Street. BYOB. We will be joining with the new Passport Club as they celebrate their first year and also change officers.

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