 **The Rotary Club of Wilmington, Delaware**

 Celebrating over 100 Years of Fellowship and Service

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**January 5**

**Charles Shattuck, Owner**

**Wild Birds Unlimited**

Charles Shattuck, owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Hockessin DE, is an expert on Delaware birds and will speak about the birds we will see this winter.  Through the feeding of birds, people and nature can come together for the benefit of both. Birds need us for food, shelter and water. We need the birds to brighten our days and life.

***Program Chair:***  Sue Knisely

***Menu:*** Pan-Seared Chicken with Pineapple and Mango Salsa

**January 12 – Governor Jack Markell MEETING HELD AT SHERATON SUITES**

***Program Chair:***  Sam Waltz

***Menu:*** Baked Atlantic Salmon with Creamy Dill Sauce, Rice Pilaf, Green Bean Almondine

**January 19 – James C. Thompson**

**“Painting America’s Portrait”**

***Program Chair:***  Sam Waltz

***Menu:*** Balsamic Grilled Flank Steak with Potatoe and Vegetable

**January 26 – Charles Allmond, Sculptor, Direct Carving in Stone & Wood**

***Program Chair:***  Lise Monty

***Menu:*** Pork Cutlets with Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable

**The Future of our Club Will be in Good Hands**

**2018-2019 President David Fleming**

**Assistant Secretary Meredith McAloon**

**Assistant Treasurer Nicki Pickles**

**2-Year Board Directors Sarah Brown, Greg Moore, Keith Kepplinger**

**NEW WEBSITE**

**We are building a new website that will be full of**

**great new content and easier to use**

**Please be patient with us until the new site is up and fully functional.**

 **(We expect to be up and running by JANUARY 20.)**

**There will be no charge payments taken at this time or**

**scanners for attendance – you will need to sign in.**

**We will keep you informed of the progress.**

**Minutes for Meeting of December 15, 2016**

 **President Kai Lassen** called the meeting to order at 12:10pm at the Hotel du Pont’s Gold Ballroom. The Club joined together in singing “America, the Beautiful” led by **Carrie Gray** with **Kathryn Jakabcin** on the piano.  **Patty Downing** provided the invocation.

 **Announcements:** **President Kai** made the following announcements – **Past President** **Anne Eidschun,** Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate for the 2018-2019 Officers and Directors. There were no further nominations from the floor, and on motion duly made and seconded, the slate was unanimously elected. Two new board members are **Sarah** **Brown** and **Greg Moore**, with a special election to be held January 2017 for the third board position; Assistant Secretary Nominee – **Meredith McAloon**; Assistant Treasurer Nominee– **Nicki Pickles**; and President Nominee – **Dave Fleming**. **President Kai** –asked for six volunteers to pick up 50 books each at Brandywine High School on Saturday, December 17 at 9:00 a.m. to be distributed to the children at Stubbs Elementary School. He asked volunteers to help stuff 360 Christmas stockings on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00a.m. at Stubbs and for volunteers to distribute the stockings on Wednesday, December 21st at 2:00p.m. at Stubbs. See **Susan Polikoff**  to sign up. **Ralph Marshall** – there will be a Connections & Outreach activity, Craft Beer Tasting, at Iron Hill Brewery in Wilmington on Wednesday, January 18th from 6:00 – 8:00p.m. **Jon Hickey** – referred members to the December Rotary Foundation newsletter for tips on year end tax planning and giving strategies, and thanked members for their support of the Rotary Foundation. **President Kai** – announced that we have a new Rotaract Club at the University of Delaware and an Interact Club at Freire Charter School. Rotary member **Jon Whitcomb** is the liaison for the Interact Club. Gateway Lab School is considering launching an Interact Club coordinated by **Tim Griffiths**. We have three Howard High School and two Freire Charter School students scheduled to attend RYLA from February 15-17, 2017. Our Howard High School Interact Club filled 24 Ditty Boxes for the Seamen at the Port of Wilmington for the holidays. Thanks to all who participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing.

 **Program:** **Bill Jeremiah** provided the introduction of the speaker, **Deborah W. Brooks**, Co-Founder & Executive Co-Chairman, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. **Deborah** titled her presentation, “The Power of Patients” and the foundation’s mission is to find a cure for Parkinson’s disease and to accelerate the next generation of Parkinson’s disease treatments. Collaboration with patients is key to this success so identifying and funding projects that are vital to patient impact is critical. She shared that nearly five million people worldwide are living with Parkinson’s disease, making it second only to Alzheimer’s disease in prevalence. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Parkinson’s disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States and the estimated annual economic burden of this disease is $14.4 billion. Approximately 60,000 new U.S. cases are diagnosed each year, and this number will continue to climb as more baby boomers reach retirement age. She mentioned that two thirds of Parkinson’s patients don’t see the right doctors and many physicians lack a fundamental understanding of the disease for accurate diagnosis. Today’s pipeline for disease prevention is in the best shape in decades yet so little funding is available to combat Parkinson’s disease. Roadblocks still exist that prevent patient participation in trials. She reported that 85% of all clinical trials are delayed for various reasons and 50% never get launched due to challenges with patient recruitment. It’s imperative to find patients and enroll them in trials so they can be tested and treated appropriately. There are currently 28 active trials within 50 miles of Wilmington and most patients can participate on-line. The meeting ended at 1:30 pm. *Respectfully submitted, Cindy Campanella, Secretary*

**CONNECTION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**BEER TASTING**

**JANUARY 18, 2017**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**IRON HILL BREWERY, RIVERFRONT**

 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS / DATES / EVENTS**

 **January 12 GOVERNOR MARKELL MEETING TO BE HELD**

 **AT SHERATON SUITES**

 **422 DELAWARE AVENUE, WILMINGTON**

 **Music, Rotary Foundation**

 **January 18 Connections & Outreach Event**

 **Beer Tasting, Iron Hill Brewery, Riverfront, 6 pm**

 **January 25 Board Meeting, 8:00 am**