 **The Rotary Club of Wilmington, Delaware**

 Celebrating over 100 Years of Fellowship and Service

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 **ENJOY YOUR FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**September 22**

**Robert Buccini, Buccini-Pollin Group**

***“Revitalizing Wilmington”***

***Program Chair:***  Will Minster

***Menu:***  Meatloaf Roulade with Roasted Red Peppers, Spinach,

 Fontina Cheese & Beef Gravy

**September 29 – New Castle County Executive Appearance: Matt Meyer/D and Mark Blake/R**

This will likely be one of the first head-to-head Joint Appearances between these two candidates for New Castle County Executive, Matt Meyer (who beat incumbent Tom Gordon for the Democrat nomination) and Mark Blake, the Republican nominee, will appear**. Questions for the candidates should be e-mailed for consideration to** SamWaltz@SamWaltz.com. The New Castle County Executive's office is Delaware's 2nd largest branch of government. The two major party candidates for Congress had been tentatively scheduled to appear, but timing issues around the primary campaign made that program impossible to confirm.

***Program Chair:***  Sam Waltz

***Menu:***  Pork Cutlet with Cranberry Demi

**October 6 – Terry Holt, Partner, HDMK**

**“An Election Preview, Trump v. Clinton and the World Thereafter”**

***Program Chair:***  Matt Beardwood

***Menu:***  Salmon with Champagne Mustard Sauce

**October 13 – Paul R. Flora, Research & Policy Support Mgr, Senior Economic Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia**

***Program Chair:***  TBD

***Menu:***  Eggplant Parmesan

**October 20 – John Aucott, Director, John Hopkins Lyme Disease Research Center**

***Program Chair:***  Matt Beardwood

***Menu:***  Pan-Seared Chicken with Lemon and Capers Sauce

As of September 15, 2016, there have only been 26 cases of wild polio in the world – 9 in Afghanistan, 14 in Pakistan and 3 in Nigeria – this compares to 41 cases at this time last year! In our continued effort to support Rotary’s **PolioPlus** program, District 7630 is again asking each club in the district to participate in “The World’s Greatest Meal to End Polio” during the week of October 19-23 or October 26-30. During the past two years our clubs have raised more than $31,000 participating in the WGM!

**Minutes for Meeting of September 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 “Star Spangled Banner” led by **Pete Booker** with **Bob Reed** on the piano. **Yair Robinson** provided the invocation.

 **Announcements:** **President Kai** welcomed several guests. **President Kai** called on **Dan Young** who provided an introduction of our newest Rotary member, Katie Loizeaux– W***elcome Katie***! **President Kai** called on District Governor **Clif Hutton** to recognize the following Paul Harris Fellows: PHF+1 – **Matt Beardwood** and Sue Hastings; and PHF+2 – **Gwen Sanders. President Kai** called on **Elizabeth Rhoads** who reminded us that Rotary Foundation is celebrating its centennial anniversary and she announced the Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Our District has 100 Paul Harris Society Members and our club has 16 members. Our club’s goal is to add five new members to this distinguished society. **Susan Polikoff** shared numerous updates relative to the Stubbs Elementary School Project and a communication will be emailed to everyone in the near future with the details of the opportunities available to us to provide assistance. We need 12 volunteers to assist with the Can Do Playground clean up on Saturday, October 8th. **Pam Cornforth** announced the District-wide Stop Hunger Now event scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at 8:30am. Our goal is to pack 37,000 meals and Sue will send a communication to all with more details. **Paul Bechly** announced there are still 5 available openings for Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, October 22 and our club will pay for the registration of 10 club Rotarians. Please let Kai or Sue know if you are interested in attending. **Samantha Diedrick** invited us to attend the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta from June 10 -14, 2017 and we have 12 club members registered to date. **President Kai** announced that next week we will launch our annual charitable giving drive to support our scholarship program and community projects as well as the Rotary Foundation in honor of its centennial year.  **President Kai** mentioned details of the next meeting; Robert Buccini from the Buccini/Pollin Group on September 22 – mark your calendars, please!

 **Program:** The program launched with a wonderful rendition of District Governor Clif Hutton’s favorite Rotary song, R-O-T-A-R-Y, led by **Pete Booker** with **Bob Reed** on the piano.  **President Kai** introduced **David Kubacki** who served as the Program Chair and **David** introduced District Governor, **Clif Hutton**. **Governor Clif** mentioned that our Wilmington Rotary club was the first one in the District and now our District has 42 clubs. He asked that we approach Rotary with a team spirit and effort because together we can accomplish more to achieve greater success. In July he and 29 District Governors from Zones 33 and 34 visited Jamaica where they presented one of the hospitals with an electronic microscope for eye surgeries on behalf of the clubs in the Zones. Each District donated $1250 and the funds were matched by Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation Scholarship. The microscope will allows eye surgeons to complete approximately 3,000 surgeries per year compared to 300 per year without the microscope. They built a peace garden in an orphanage that houses 91 girls (ages 8-18) with a local Rotary club and they also delivered school supplies, clothing, and bedding. **Governor Clif** outlined six goals for our district this year and he reminded us that the District exists to help the clubs do what they want to do to support their objectives. The six goals are: 1) increase membership by 10%; 2) connect with the community; 3) strengthen relationships between clubs; 4) connect with education at the club level; 5) continue existing district activities, projects, and fundraisers; and 6) have FUN through Rotary!

**Governor Clif** asked us to attend as many Rotary events that our schedule will allow. His closing remarks were that it ‘Takes A Team to Reach a Goal’ and he led us in a cheer: **Governor** **Clif**: “Who are we?” **Us**: “Rotary!” **All:** “Go Team!” The meeting ended at 1:30 pm. Committees to meet after the meeting: Hospitality; Membership *Respectfully submitted, Cindy Campanella*

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE**

 **October 08** Can-Do Playground Clean Up

 Contact Sue to sign up **(****office@rotarywilmington.org****)**

 **October 15** Strike Out Hunger, Newark, DE

 **October 22** RLI, North East, MD

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 **November 19** Rotary Foundation Dinner, Dover, DE

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS / DATES / EVENT**

**September 28 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 am, Hotel du Pont**

 ***Committee Chairs Invited: Centennial Park Programming, Youth Services***

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 ***RI President***