

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 16 October 17, 2024

CLUB MEETING ~ October 10, 2024

Minutes by Kyle C. Rheiner

Call to Order by President **Catherine Friedman**

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Catherine Friedman**

Invocation offered by **Joe Driscoll**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Dennis Wallace from Greater West Chester Sunrise

GUEST

April McKenzie - Community Warehouse Project volunteer



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Frame wished Happy Birthday to **Paul Woodruff**

Carol Hanson wished Happy Birthday to **Mickie Hall**



OCTOBER ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

What are the seven pillars of Rotary? Email your answer to President Catherine to be eligible a "great prize" drawing at our last meeting of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Fundraiser at Barnaby's Restaurant - Use the Coupon (in *News You Can Use* email) for 20% Rotary Contribution every Tuesday!

Michelle Venema announced that Rotary will have a float in the Dec. 6th **Christmas Parade** for the First time! Want to walk in the parade? Sign up with Michelle!

Linda Hicks shared that **Stockings for Soldiers** has begun. Provide supplies now through Dec 5th

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ October 17

Club Business / Classification Talks -
Phoebe Kitson-Davis & Mark Lucas

NEXT WEEK ~ October 24

Jamie Jones / Whirlaway Travel

~ PROGRAM ~

Amanda Sherlip
Hands Across The Sea

Carol Hanson introduced **Amanda Sherlip** - Executive Director Hands across the Sea - who joined us via Zoom.



Did you know that more than 100,000,000 children will fall below the minimum proficiency level in reading due to the impact of the global pandemic (UNESCO)? A 2021 report anticipates that 2 of every 3 students in the Eastern Caribbean and Latin America will not be able to read at age-level due to the impact of school closures.

Amanda shared many more stats about the illiteracy in these regions but also shared the difference that the US Peace Corps and Rotary are making! Our club is an integral part to improving the learning situation in these areas.

Initiatives include: Read Alouds and training, adding librarians, book giveaways, story writing competitions, literacy camp and plenty more.

The students are truly enjoying reading and we're able to be a part of that. Amanda showed images of bland rooms that became vibrant libraries, all thanks to the Peace Corps and Rotary!

Our West Chester Rotary Club has been supporting Hands Across the Sea for 8 years now and instead of it being a program, it's become a MOVEMENT!

Amanda was gracious enough to field questions from our members as well. Thank you to all involved in setting up the Zoom! And thank you Carol for making such an impact!

Announcements continued

Carol Hanson mentioned a scholarship fund for **Jack Wintermute** - see the weekly emails!

There's a **Rotary Fundraiser** for those affected by **Hurricane Helene** (and probably Milton) - visit [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

Our **Chili Cookoff Rotary Team** took **2nd place** in the Non-Profit category!

HAPPY BUCKS

Kyle Rheiner - The rebuilding of his home has begun!

Carol Hanson - happy about today's program, **Jeff Spencer** running the Foundation meeting

Phil McFadden - happy about our Chili Team and the North Star event this weekend

Rich Murray - happy about chili cookoff, the turnout, and the cause.

John Schwab - happy about the Rotary club banners being sewn together by **Glenda Brion**

Catherine - for **Miranda's friend Gabriel Z** who was on the show The Voice

Steve Quigley - happy for car horns and avoiding a fender bender!



50-50 RAFFLE

Paul Woodruff was the winner but The Queen of Spades was not chosen. So sad.

There's \$283 in the pot! Get your tickets!



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Rotary International President **Stephanie Urchick** of McMurray, Pennsylvania embraces her 2024-25 presidential theme of "The Magic of Rotary" and calls on Rotary members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly this past January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."



WC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

Katie Walker, President of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce presented the Chamber's Outstanding Citizen of the Year award to Rotarian **Mac Neilon** in recognition of Mac's volunteer work in the community. A number of Rotarians attended the Chamber's Annual Banquet to salute Mac on this honor.



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