ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week # 24 December 11, 2025**

CLUB MEETING ~ December 4, 2025
Minutes by Anne Driscoll



The meeting was opened by **President Kyle Rheiner**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Cristina Combee**

An invocation was offered by **Mike Louis**

GUESTS

Richard Powell, guest of our International Service Committee, **Elycia Tiffa**ny from the Powell Family Foundation, and Honorary Member **Tracy Sammarone**







BIRTHDAYS

Sue Casso congratulated **Anne Driscoll**

Randy Lindel congratulated **Rita Brouwer-Ancher**





PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS

Club Foundation co-chair **Mark Sammarone** presented Paul Harris pins tow two two members:

Phil McFadden - PHF w +3

Brian Krampf - PHF +2



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ December 11
Club Business
Communications Committee ~ New Fundraiser

NEXT WEEK ~ December 18
Christmas Music ~ Brandywine Valley Symphony

~ December 4 PROGRAM ~
Ernest Zlotolow ~ Tigre, Argentina Project Update



Ernest Zlotolow updated us on the remarkable work taking place in Argentina through the joint efforts of the International Service Committee and several Rotary Clubs, including the Rotary Club of West Chester, the Tigre Rotary Club, and other partnering clubs.

A century ago, Argentina had one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world. Today, many regions are in great need of support. Sixteen million people live in the areas where Rotary is ac00tively providing assistance, focusing on clean water, medical services, food preparation, and education.

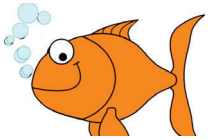
Significant progress has been made in local schools, including the installation of generators, upgrades to kitchens and food-service areas, water purification systems, and more. These achievements are possible only through the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors, especially the ongoing commitment of individuals like Richard Powell and the Powell Family Foundation. The team hopes to continue this important work, with renovations at School No. 12 expected to be completed in 2026.

Ernest concluded his impressive presentation with a video showcasing the work being done, including striking before-and-after photos that highlight the impact of these efforts. It was truly inspiring.



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GRATEFUL GOLDFISH



Cristina Combee - grateful she is home and for such a warm welcome. She will always be a member from afar. Also grateful for the support for all the work abroad - Tigre, Costa Rica, Armenia, etc

Carol Hanson - Grateful for all the work abroad and thanks to **Richard Powell, Elycia Tiffany**, **Ernest** and **Cristina**. Also, thanks to **Catherine Friedman** and all the people involved in the French Night Gala. Thanks for the wonderful choclate turkey she won last week- thanks **Mike Karwic**!

Jeff Cantwell - Grateful to Miranda for all the Christmas parade preparation and her work on instagram



John Schwab - Grateful for any help with the Communication Committee especially posting our Rotary signs - any input is appreciated in getting it done, from securing permission, etc.

Bob Frame - Grateful that **Chuck Heckenberger** is always welcoming and ready at the door at for those who need assistance



Katie Martin - Grateful for husband, Chris, for helping raise money for after school program….and decorating the house for Christmas.

Tom Rowlands - Grateful for West Chester University community connection

Paul Woodruff - Grateful for his family bringing Thanksiving to them this year - so much od!

Catherine Friedman - Grateful for the success of the French Dinner and thanks to **Phyllis** and **Deb**….and her husband

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Shellia Coleman - Grateful for the sucess of the bake event last week for Safe Harbor

Dec. 5 - Christmas Parade meet at 6pm with socials after at Market Street Print (thanks to **Tim Kelly**) and/or Knights of Columbus

Dec. 13 - Ringing of the Bells. Volunteers still needed

Dec. 18 - Brandywine Valley Symphony here at our meeting sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**

Jan. 8 - Club Meeting will be at the WC Senior Center

Jan. 15 - Club Meeting will be at the WC Senior Center

Jan. 22 - No Club Meeting

Jan. 23 - Club Holiday Party at **Mickey Hall's**

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDED



Richard S. Powell was awarded Honorary Membership in the Rotary Club of West Chester in recognition of his philanthropic work, generous contributions, and dedicated efforts with the Tigre Development Project. He accepted this honor with kindness, grace, and genuine humility.

TRIFECTA DRAWING



The Trifecta was won by **Phil McFadden,** but he did not pull the Queen of Spades.

TED LASSO SAYS

"Isn't the idea of 'never give up' one of them things we always talk about in sports? Shouldn't that apply to people too?"

UNITE FOR GOOD

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