# ROTARY VOTARY

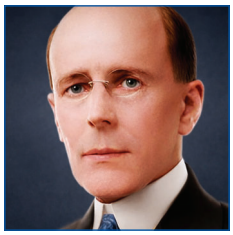
The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us Week # 37 March 12, 2026


## CLUB MEETING ~ March 5, 2026
## Minutes by Susan Shirley

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Susan Shirley**



In lieu of an invocation, **Sue Casso-Rogers** presented A Thought for the Day discussing **Paul Harris** who founded Rotary on February 23, 1905, and the differences he may have encountered if he had actually founded the Club in 2026.

### GUEST

**Anthony Southerland** of the Friends Association

### NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: BILL RETTEW

**Sue Casso-Rogers** conducted the induction of **Bill Rettew** of the *Daily Local News* as our club's newest member. Bill was sponsored by **Glenda Brion** and will be mentored by **Phil McFadden.** Welcome Bill!




### CONGRATULATIONS

President Kyle took a break from Famous Events on this date in history to congratulate the **St. Joseph's Girls Basketball Team** for winning 2nd place in the Finals!




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### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ March 12
**Karen Kofalt**
**Community Volunteers in Medicine**

### NEXT WEEK ~ March 19
**Club Business / Classification Talks**

## MARCH 5 PROGRAM
### Karen Kofalt
### Community Volunteers in Medicine



CVIM is a non-profit that provides free health care to uninsured members of the community, low-income workers and neighbors in need. Because they are 100 percent funded through philanthropy, patients eligible for their services have to be between 138 and 300 percent of the poverty level. Lower than that, they are eligible for Medicaid, and CVIM will assist them in receiving it so their programmatic partners who provide free services won't lose funds. Paoli and Chester County Hospitals are two of the entities that partner with CVIM to provide free services.

CVIM has four dental locations, three medical locations, and provides primary care, determining whether a specialist is needed; dental care, including oral surgeries, orthodontia and endodontics; free medication, which amounted to $5.6 million in 2025; health education, provided by three bilingual counselors; behavioral health counseling and social services to combat housing and food insecurity. They have three full-time physicians and one nurse practitioner who work along with 332 volunteers including retired physicians, nurses and laypeople. The community they serve provide an environment that patients feel safe in.

In 2025 CVIM saw just shy of 5,000 patients in over 45,000 visits and encounters, and gave 40,000 prescriptions. They have microsites and treat patients not only from Chester County, but also Delaware and Montgomery Counties. Their patients are their best marketing tool along with hospitals.

Karen thanked Michael who she met at a business meeting who came to their site to fix their floors.

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### BIRRTHDAYS

**Bob Rogers** wished **Joe Driscoll** Happy Birthday

**Bob Frame** extended birthday wishes to **Jeff Cantwell**

**Steve Brown** wished Happy Birthday to **Chris Feryo**

### GRATEFUL GOLDFISH



**Mike Louis** grateful he attended the President Elect Training where he met several other Rotary president-elects with whom he hopes to collaborate with in the upcoming year.

**Don Niemetz**, Director of North Star, announced their upcoming 5K fundraiser to help guide single working parents to financial stability.



**Paul Woodruff** grateful to be back after missing two meetings while he enjoyed being in Florida for his granddaughter's wedding at which one of his great granddaughters was an adorable flower girl.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25 - **Community Warehouse Project event** to be held at the History Center

April 18 - **Designer Bag Bingo** held at Senior Center.

April 24 - **50-Year Anniversary** of the **West Chester Senior Center** Rockin' the 50s party

April 25 - Rotary information Tent and table at the **SPCA Walk for Paws** event

May 15 - **Sunrise Rotary Club Trivia Night**

### HANDBAG BINGO EVENT PROGRESS

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| Tickets Sold: | 102/150 |
| Tables Sold: | 8/10 |
| Purses Collected: | 11/14 |
| Funds Raised: | $8,500 |

**Things Needed:** 4 Purses, Sponsors, Tie Breaker Prizes, Raffle Basket Prizes, Raffle Basket Builders, Princess Table Items (table cloths, wine)

**People Needed:** Logo & Blurb Collectors, Brochure Builders. Bakery Dessert Pickups, Room Putter-Togetherers, Check-In Table, 50/50 Sellers During Event

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## *CVIM continued*

CVIM tries to find volunteers because their operating expenses are approximately $6.5 million to be raised annually. Karen's job is to connect with people to see if they are inspired by what they do. Their opportunities are mostly clinical, but they need plenty of laypeople that do a lot of work at CVIM.

More information and details about volunteering can be found at **cvim.org**

Karen thanked the club and noted she never expected to have so much fun.

***UNITE FOR GOOD***

## *Meeting Minutes continued*

### TRIFECTA DRAWING

**Laurie Ryan** held the winning ticket and drew the Four of Diamonds.



### TED LASSO SAYS



"I gotta say, man,
sometimes you remind me
of my grandma with
the channel hopper.
You just push
all the wrong buttons."

### BOARD of DIRECTORS 2025-2026

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### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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