

<b>Program: September 17, 2020</b> <b>Speaker: Dwight Leeper</b> <b>Life Pumps for Senegal</b>	<b>Program: October 1, 2020</b> <b>Penn Medicine Hospice</b>
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**MINUTES by Faith Woodward**

**President Michelle Venema** opened the virtual meeting and led us in the pledge of allegiance. **Cathy Palmquist** gave the invocation as a tribute to the suffragettes who have helped women obtain the right to vote.

Guests were: Jill Stoltzfus from CCIU (**Matt Holliday** is her sponsor) who is in the cue for membership and Tara Webber, CEO of Chester County Family Academy. We're hoping the children can give us a virtual concert this year!

**Glen Sweet** announced birthdays for **Cristina Combee, Rich Murray, Rob Fisher, and Deb Sparre.**

Happy Bucks:  
**Joanne Tadeo** (Thanks to **Bill Friedmann** for making Rotary signs for our "Meet-up" on Sept 9 and almost all 35 club committee chairs have responded to her requests as Club Committee Coordinator.  
**Sue Casso Rogers** (she won the Women's Golf tournament two times and she and **Lynn Childs** won at another event)  
**Carol Hanson** (**Steve Quigley** recently left the Assimilation committee after serving for 17 years.  
**Deb Sparre** is joining and a thank you to **Patty Jefferis** for serving)  
**President Michelle** (She was able to spend time with her brother in Virginia Beach)  
**Paul Woodruff** (He spent a week with his two younger brothers in Upper Michigan).

**President Michelle** announced that for the next three months, we will continue to have virtual meetings every first and third Thursday. All are welcome to join the Board meeting at 7 AM. Thank you to **Mac Neilon** for working with WCASD to provide school supplies that will be delivered 9/9.

Reporting for the Fellowship Committee, **Phyllis Dunn** invited club members to join in monthly mask-to-mask, social Meet-Ups. All attendees will be required to wear a mask, bring their own lawn chair, their own food and drink, and follow safe distancing guidelines. She announced the first Meet-Up will be held Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m. **Patty Jefferis** has graciously offered the yard at her home, 111 Avery Place, West Chester 19382, with good parking available. Rain date is Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The second Meet-Up will be held Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 p.m., at Marshall Square Park in West Chester. Meet casually near the Gazebo. Rain date is Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The third Meet-Up will be "Up on the Roof," November 10<sup>th</sup>, on top of the Chestnut Street parking garage in downtown West Chester. No alcohol will be permitted at either Marshall Square Park or the Chestnut Street Garage. Neither location will have bathroom facilities available.

Historic Happenings from **President Michelle** (provided by Club Historian **Bill Friedmann**): In 1930, President Henry Schramm and our club welcomed RI President Alman Roth as their speaker. He was given a set of golf clubs as his thank you gift and then decided to stay for a round of golf!

**President Michelle** awarded Rotarian of the Month for September to **Steve Quigley** for his 17 years of service to the Assimilation Committee.

Future meetings will have Dwight Leeper as the speaker (Sept 17), Penn Medicine Hospice (Oct 1), Classification Talks (Oct 15) and Kevin Katarynick, District Governor (Nov 5),

**President Michelle** wished us a safe Labor Day and gave us this parting quote from Henry David Thoreau, "This world is but canvas to our imaginations."

## **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Brian Fahey**

Bruce Mowday is a local writer who got his start as a writer in high school, covering sports for the Coatesville Record. He later worked for the Daily Local News, eventually becoming the managing editor. While at the Daily Local he was also a courthouse reporter, leading him to write a book about the infamous Johnston Gang. He has also written a book titled "Stealing Wyeth", about the theft and return of a trove of Wyeth paintings. He has written numerous books covering history, sports and true crime.

Currently Bruce is working on a book about Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. At a time when George Washington's Continental Army was struggling, Lafayette, age 19, was eager to join forces against the British. Washington had decided not to use foreign officers any longer, but Lafayette had already been recruited and was organizing his trip. He bought his own ship as a means of getting to The Colonies and he brought several other French officers with him. He spoke very little English at the time and studied hard on the trip over. He also brought along officers who could translate for him.

Despite his enthusiasm, Lafayette, whose ambition was to be a General, got a chilly reception from other Generals when he first arrived. He wanted to lead men into battle, despite his lack of experience, but Washington saw his appointment as honorary. At the Battle of the Brandywine, Lafayette spent the day with Washington but did not fire a shot. As the battle intensified, he asked Washington's permission to join Sullivan's forces, which were near the Birmingham Meeting House. While there he was shot in the leg. Being wounded had the effect of convincing his fellow soldiers that he was serious about wanting to fight the English and it also spurred the French to support Washington and his army. Without the help of the French, the Continental Army would have been hard pressed to prevail. Lafayette also played a key role in the ultimate surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He was sent south to Virginia shadow Cornwallis and badger his troops, while waiting for Washington to arrive. Lafayette's troops were able to preoccupy Cornwallis as he was trying to build his defenses in the Chesapeake. Lafayette's efforts left Cornwallis weakened when Washington arrived.

Lafayette was lauded in the United States but did not receive the same treatment when he returned to France, which was in the throes of the French Revolution. Lafayette was jailed and nearly beheaded. His wife also received harsh treatment. His son, George Washington Lafayette remained in

the U.S. There is some controversy about how much the U.S. did to help Lafayette get released from prison. Bruce's book is called "Lafayette at Brandywine: The Making of an American Hero" and will be out in about a year.

## **ROTARY GOLF OUTING**

A Rotary Golf Outing has been arranged at Downingtown Country Club for the afternoon of September 24. Times have been reserved at ten-minute intervals beginning at 2:20. The early times will be used for players wishing to play 18 holes, and those wishing to play 9 holes will be scheduled near the end of our block of times.

We will be able to enjoy refreshments and dining on the patio, after golf. The cost will be \$45 for 18 holes, or \$30 for 9 holes. Food and drink will be on a cash basis. The course has blocked ten starting times for us. We need to provide a fairly accurate number of players to them as early as possible. Please respond as soon as feasible if you would like to play, to Steve Quigley, [quigsteve@aol.com](mailto:quigsteve@aol.com). You will then be assigned foursomes and specific times.

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Sept 24	Golf Outing
Oct 8	Fellowship Meet Up- Marshall Square Park 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Nov 11	Fellowship Meet Up – Up on the Roof of the Chestnut St Parking Garage

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