ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us Week # 34 Febuary 19, 2026

CLUB MEETING ~ February 12, 2026
Minutes by Brian Fahey

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Glen Sweet**

An "always ready" invocation was offered by **Michael Louis**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Former club member and past president **Linda Hicks** joined us. She's now a member of the West Chester Passport Club.

GUEST

In addition to today's speaker, **Katie Martin** also hosted **Liz Janoski**, a digital marketing specialist at First Resource Bank

GRATEFUL GOLDFISH

Steve Bayles Is grateful to have skied over 100 miles last week

Jeff Spencer is grateful for our membership for participating in the recent **Fixer Mixer** benefitting the Housing Partnership

Linda Hicks is grateful to be here

and to be celebrating her son's 34th birthday

Chris Franz is grateful to be planning Feb. 28 Bingo 5 PM at Advent Lutheran Church

Doc O'Connell is grateful for his granddaughter's lead role in ***Annie*** at the Media Theater. Also that **John Schwab's** car won best of show at Hershey's Mill Parade

Bob Frame is grateful for the recent Fixer Mixer event, and he is also grateful that he was able to help **Jeff Cantwell** sell his house.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ February 19
Club Business - Classification Talks
Mark O'Neil and Shellia Coleman

NEXT WEEK ~ February 26
Community Partner Presentation ~ F4

FEBRUARY 5 PROGRAM
Katie Lemon - First Resource Bank
Fraud Prevention and Scams

Katie Martin introduced her colleague, **Katie Lemon**, from First Resource Bank who works in fraud prevention. First Resource is a community bank with locations in West Chester, Exton, and Wayne, PA.

Katie encouraged us to learn about fraud and scams and then share what we learned with friends and family.

Katie monitors transactions and ensures that fraudulent transactions do not flow through customer and bank accounts. As she said, "I get to be nosy and be paid for it?"

In 2024 there were 2.6 million fraud reports to financial institutions with $12,5 billion in losses due to fraud and scams. Impostors, online shopping, job opportunities, investments (crypto) and internet services are among the most common types of fraud and scams.

Who's being targeted? Businesses who rely on "trusted" employees, Seniors – often targeted by people in their inner circle, Students who are naive and and are often under financial pressure and eople seeking relationships are vulnerable when trying to find love.

Katie's rule of thumb: If you have not smelled the person, do not give them money.

Questions to ask:

1. Have you met them in person?
2. Have they asked for money to help pay medical expenses, to help them get out of trouble or for travel expenses to come visit you?
3. Have they asked you to lie to your bak or your family?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

William Pasquale announced that the Communications Committee will be handing out a quick survey at next week's meeting to gather information about the media that members use to get local news.

SUPER BOWL POOL WINNERS

1st Qtr: Jeff Cantwell $200 / 2nd Qtr: The Twomey's $200
3rd Qtr: "Jerry Jones" $200 / Final: Charles Streitwieser $650
After 4 years of this annual football pool, we have raised $5000 for our Rotary Club.
Thanks to **Mac Neilon** and well-done Rotarians!

NEW CLUB APPAREL

John Schwab showed this year's club apparel offerings personalized with The West Chester Rotary logo. Details and a web site link will be in Monday's *News You Can Use.*

DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO FUNDRIASER

Our Handbag Bag Bingo event is on Saturday, April 18 at the WC Senior Center. Tickets are going fast. Volunteers needed for many tasks. Contact **Nate Miller. Steve Bayles** or **Kyle Rheiner.**

TRIFECTA DRAWING

Howard Sundwall had the winning ticket, but did not draw the Queen of Spaces. Rats!

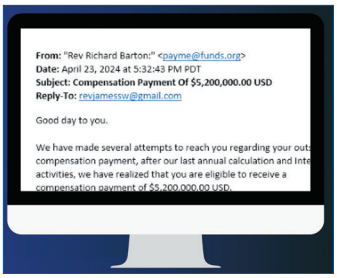
TED LASSO SAYS

"You know how they say youth is wasted on the young? Well, I say don't let the wisdom of age be wasted on you"

4. Is there a sense of urgency in the request?

Grandparent Scam: Scammers pose as panicked or hurt grandkids ans will express a sense of urgency in helping them You will be asked not to contact anyone, including their **par**ents of the police. You will be asked from money in some way (bail, attorney's fee, etc.).

Online Phishing Scams



- Does the email address look legitimate?
- Have you done business with the entity in the past?
- Are you being asked to respond urgently by callin or clicking on the link?
- Do you even have an account with them?
- Are there grammatical errors in the email?

Pause / Ask Questions / Don't Click / Delete the email

Protect Yourself

- Never give out personal information, pins, etc. over the phone
- If a trusted person or organization calls with a sense of urgency, end the call and call them back
- Never send money without doing your own research

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