ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week # 28 January 8, 2026**

CLUB MEETING ~ December 18, 2025
Minutes by Michael G. Louis

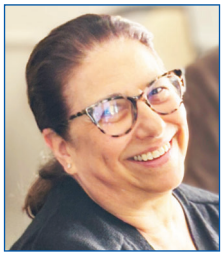
The meeting was opened by **President Kyle Rheiner**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Mark Sammarone**

Some Words of Thanks were offered by **Doc O'Connell**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Wim Riefel of Warnsveld, Netherlands was introduced by his brother-in-law **Randy Lindel**



GUEST

Mac Neilon instrouced his better-half, **Margaret Neilon**

BIRTHDAYS

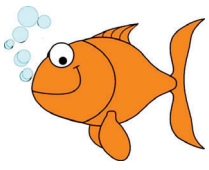
Jim Gasho wished **Gary Hess** a happy birthday.

Kate Diffenderfer wished **Miranda Reilly** a happy birthday.

GRATEFUL GOLDFISH

Doc O'Connell is happy his second grandson was born.

Joe Driscoll is grateful **Bill Ronayne** paid for the Brandywine Valley Symphony to come and entertain us today.



Jeff Spencer is happy for a Fixer Mixer for his non-profit, The Housing Partnership of Chester County, sponsored by **Bill Ronayne**.

Micky Hall is happy she went to Longwood Gardens with **Jeannie McGinn** and that night Jeannie became an aunt.

Miranda Reilly is happy for everyone who helped with the parade.

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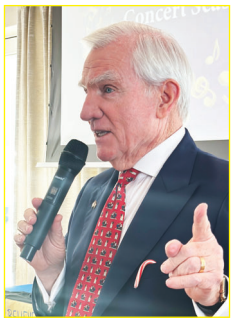
TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ January 8
Ryan Enns ~ Westside Community Center

NEXT WEEK ~ January 15
Ken Marx
Classification Talk and his Relief Mission to Jamaica

~ December 18 PROGRAM ~
Christmas Music ~ Brandywine Valley Symphony



Club members and guests were graced with a variety of Christmas music selections by a wind quartet from the Brandywine Valley Symphony Orchestra. The quartet, consisting of flute, clarinet, bassoon and oboe, played before the meeting and as our main program.

Orchestra spokesperson **Colin Hanna** told us that the Brandywine Valley Sympony, formerly the Kennett Symphony, is the only all-professional orchestra in Chester County. They are a non-profit organization and receive one-third of their income from ticket sales so the other two-thirds has to come from corporate and event sponsors.

Today's performance was sponsored by **Bill Ronayne** to whom we send grateful holiday thanks.

Grateful Goldfish continued

Patty Jefferis reminded to sighn up for thee Holiday Party by Jan. 8 – email Patty at pjefferis563@gmail.com

Alyssa Pennypacker is grateful for her health because she has had the flu for the last two weeks.

Mark Sammarone is happy for all of the donations to the Rotary Foundation.

President Kyle is happy to announce **Phil McFadden** has volunteered to be the Vice President. **President Elect Michael Louis** is happy for Phil as well.

Katie Martin is happy for all of the volunteers who rang the bells for the Salvation Army last Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Jan & 15 - Lunch Meetings at WC Senior Center!

Jan 22 - No Lunch Meeting

Jan. 23 - **Holiday Party at Mickey & Bob Hall's Home!**

Jan. 29 - Regular meetings resume at WCG&CC

IMPORTANT VISITOR!

As the Brandywine Valley Symphony musicians were concluding their performance, **Jolly Olde St. Nick** made a joyful appearance to greet us all and check his "naughty & nice list."

TRIFECTA DRAWING

Jim Gasho won the Trifecta. He did not pull the Queen of Spades but did pull the Queen of Diamonds. Close only helps you in horseshoes Jim.

TED LASSO SAYS

"Hold me closer tiny Dancer, Prancer and Vixen"."

AT THE MEETING

UNITE FOR GOOD

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