ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week #20 November 14, 2024**

CLUB MEETING ~ November 7, 2024
Minutes by Michael G. Louis



Katie Martin checked us in today.

Call to Order by **President Catherine Friedman**

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Steve Brown**

Invocation offered by **Phoebe Kitson-Davis**

No Visiting Rotarians or Guests Today

BIRTHDAY

John Schwab wished **Cathy Palmquist** a happy birthday.



NOVEMBER ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

How many U.S. Presidents have been Rotaryians and who were they? Submit your answer in the box on the speaker's table or email it to Preident Catherine. A reandom drawing of all correct answers will be made at the last meeting of the month for a "great" prize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Catherine presented the September **Rotarian of the Month** recognition to **Jeannie McGinn** for all she does in the community and her recent assistance to **Patty Jefferis**.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ November 14
Mark Sammarone & Bill Ronayne
The Rotary Foundaion

NEXT WEEK ~ November 21
Club Business
Classification Talks: Ruby Abouraya & Brian Kramp

~ PROGRAM ~
Tim Phelps
Transportation Management of Chester County



Andrew Stump introduced the speaker, **Tim Phelps**, Executive Director of TMACC (Transportation Management Association of Chester County). He is a former West Chester Rotarian and President and Exec. Director of the West Chester Chamber of Commerce for years.

Tim has been at TMACC for the last 14 years. They are in charge of congestion mitigation and coordination. One goal of theirs is to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road. They work with communities to find alternative means of transportation. They operate two fixed bus routes other than SEPTA. One runs from Oxford to West Chester which is really the only public transportation from Oxford to West Chester. The other runs from Parkesburg to Coatesville and on to the Coatesville VA.

TMACC helps to connect people to jobs, food, housing, hospitals and recreation. Tim said that SEPTA needs more funds and it keeps people on public transportation which makes everyone else's drive easier. He said that people should try to carpool whenever possible, walk when possible or ride a bike. He said that Chesco Connect is a great resource. It uses an ambassador program to help seniors.

Tim told us that there are new bicycle boxes in the Chestnut Street Garage for people to lock their bike up so it doesn't get stolen when they come into West Chester. He said he is working with Caln Township concerning their train station to set it up so that you can walk there safely which you cannot now He said it is unsafe to put a bus stop somewhere if you cannot cross the street safely.

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Announcements continued

President Catherine announced that the **District 7450 One Summit** is Saturday, November 16th. **Membership, Foundation and Rotary Public Image** sessions will provide information and materials for these key club functions. Members involved in these areas are encouraged to attend. Register on the District website.

Phoebe Kitson-Davis announced that **Stockings for Soldiers** were collecting today and next Thursday and said that toothbrushes and small toothpastes are a great thing to bring in.

November 16th is a **Community Warehouse** work day.

Chelle Venema is still looking for people to march in the West Chester Christmas Parade. Email her.

December 19th is the **Club Holiday Party** at **Glenda Brion's**.

HAPPY BUCKS

Bob Frame was happy about the networking event at **Catherine Friddman's** house Tuesday night.

Suzette Webb was happy about the same networking event.



Cathy Palmquist was happy about the press release she prepared about **Mac Neilon's Citizen of the Year Award** at the West Chester Chamber of Commerce Dinner — it was on page 3 of today's *Daily Local News*.

Andrew Stump is happy because he went to Nashville and babysat his grandkids this weekend.

Steve Quigley is happy because this week is the Marine Corp birthday.

Steve Bayles is happy because his daughter turned 21 and didn't get arrested (like he did).

50-50 RAFFLE



Tim Phelphs pulled **Suzette Webb's** 50-50 ticket umber but she did not pull the Queen of Spades.

The pot is over $350 now!

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Speaker Tim Phelps continue

Tim also works with Trail Alignment such as on the Devault Trail Line to connect Phoenixville into the Chester Valley Trail. He said that they are working on a connection of the Trestle Bridge in Downingtown to the Chester Valley Trail to get connected and then connect to a trail in Lancaster. He said ultimately you will be able to ride your bike or walk/run from the Delaware River to the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg.

All in all it was a very interesting presentation on a non-profit that I never heard of or knew existed. Very informative.

MEETING PHOTOS









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