



IMAGINE ROTARY

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Jennifer Jones, International President 2022-
2023

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IMAGINE ROTARY – Rotary International Theme 2022- 2023

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada – RI's first woman president – has chosen "Imagine Rotary" as the organization's theme for her presidential year. "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference," she said. The theme graphic was designed by an Australian Indigenous artist to link with the 2023 RI Convention, which will be in Melbourne.

**Rotary District 7450
Joint President's Installation Meeting
July 14, 2022
Rotary Club of West Chester
Greater Sunrise Rotary Club
Westtown Goshen Rotary Club
West Chester Passport Rotary Club
Minutes by Sue Casso Rogers**

80 plus people were in attendance at the first ever Installation Evening of all four Rotary Clubs in the West Chester area. All in attendance enjoyed socializing over dinner, drinks, meeting other fellow Rotarians and supporting not only their respective clubs but all Rotary clubs.

The installation of incoming Presidents from the 4 West Chester Rotary Clubs was performed by new District Governor, David Houtz. David encouraged the clubs to continue to work together and rally others to your cause. The 4 West Chester Clubs comprise 1/6 of the District 7450 membership with a total of nearly 200 members. We are working to improve Rotary in the greater Philadelphia area.

Incoming Presidents are **Melissa Baxter**, Rotary Club of West Chester; Nipa Thekka, Westtown Goshen Rotary Club; Bob Eaves, Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club; Debi Friedmann, West Chester Passport Rotary Club.

Governor David reminded us that in over 35,000

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 21, 2022
Rotary Scholarship Students
President Melissa Begins Her Year**

**July 28, 2022
Alzheimer Association
of the Delaware Valley**

Rotary Clubs new presidents are being inducted. He encourages new ideas and leadership. He asked each of the Presidents if they are:

- 1) Willing to be extraordinary
- 2) Willing to fulfill Service Above Self
- 3) Willing to follow the principles of the Four Way Test

Melissa thanked everyone for sharing the joy of Rotary, thanked her husband and family and is looking forward to an exciting year. Bob Eaves commented that Rotary is like an extended family, thanked the Past Presidents and looks forward to working together. Nipa looks forward to continuing the legacy and teamwork. And Debi hopes to double the size of her club and have more service projects. The District was well represented with 7 Past District Governors in attendance.

The evening was full of great fellowship, greeting old friends and lots of great raffle items raising over \$800! Congratulations to the winners. And thanks to the organizers for a great evening.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL- Mission of Peace By Charles Streitwieser

Why is PEACE a central part of Rotary International's mission? How do we know what peace is? How do we attain it? How do we keep it alive when forces of division, political opposition and religious hatred are

its arch enemies? Because since its founding, peace is Rotary's DNA.

Consider some of Rotary history as our guide:

- About half of the founders of the United Nations were Rotarians. (True, the League of Nations preceded the UN but it was never as international.) World Peace was, and still is, its core mission.
- Only Rotary can easily cross forbidden lines – in Pakistan/India, Palestine/Israel, Russia/Ukraine and USA/Iran - where Rotarians help communities no matter what the barrier.
- The Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution are graduate programs whose graduates go on to work in the toughest places and link to each other globally via their own special intranet. <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-peace-centers-making-peace-reality>
- In the early in 1900's, the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, was a personal friend Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the (international) Boy Scouts movement. They travelled together frequently by train and boat christening local outposts of their vision along the way – in London, Chicago, Philadelphia and Seattle.

Peace is the glue of Rotary, you might say. Fellowship is its foundation along with an unwavering commitment to improving communities - no matter where they are on the globe. As members of Rotary International, we are truly members of a global community (35,000+ Rotary Clubs in over 148 countries). We use this network of Rotarians to reach out and help others wherever we are inspired. We are in more countries than any other international organization and we are the largest civil service organization in the world.

Rotarians do not endorse any political side or any religious point of view. All are welcome. Each year Rotary International has an international convention – and it is wonder of peaceful interaction, learning and sharing of cultures and ideals for a better world. (<https://convention.rotary.org/en>) This is where the new leadership of Rotary is established on all levels, every year. There is no sense of “tenure” in the Rotary world. Personally, I have never felt so at ease in any country than at these conventions. Everyone looks out for everyone else and seeks to find new ideas to bring back to their clubs. That is a wonderful hallmark of what Peace has to offer.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug 20 Community Warehouse Donations
Oct 9 Chili Cook-Off



VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Mike Louis** of MacElree Harvey, Ltd for printing copies of the Votary for this month

DUES ARE DUE

The annual Rotary Dues Bill was emailed to all members on Friday, June 10. Dues are \$230.00 and are due by June 24, 2022. The bills look a little different this year as Club Runner has changed the format. Any questions, let me know. Anyone not planning to renew your membership, please notify Sue Casso Rogers right away to avoid any financial obligations.

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