

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 33 February 13, 2025

CLUB MEETING ~ January 30, 2025

Minutes by Matt McKeon

Glen Sweet checked us in this week.



Call to Order by

President Catherine Friedman

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dan Wilson**

An invocation was given by **Rita Brouwer-Ancher**

GUESTS

Nathan Miller, past president of a Pittsburgh, PA Rotary club.

Dana Moore, Communications Director for the Chester County District Attorney's Office.



NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY

What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary Club Banner has been displayed? Write your name and answer on a card and leave it at the speaker's table or email your answer to **President Catherine** at cfriedrotary@gmail.com – a drawing from all correct answers will take place at the last meeting of the month for a "fabulous" prize.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ February 13

Somanah Sikdar

Using AI in Business and in Life

NEXT WEEK ~ February 20

Club Business

Classification Talks: Ruby Abouraya & Ryan Dodds

~ PROGRAM ~

Christopher de Barrena-Sarobe

District Attorney of Chester County

The District Attorney (Chris) spoke to us about his role and his office, the Chester County District Attorney's Office. As District Attorney, Chris's work encompasses more than 46 police departments, the 538,000 + residents of Chester County, 759 square miles, and 57 Townships, 15 Boroughs, and 1 City.



Chris started by walking us through a broad overview of how cases in his office work, starting with the crime itself, the investigation, the arrest, a preliminary hearing, a pre-trial hearing, trial, and finally any appeal taken by either the defendant or the County.

As DA, Chris and his Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Chris then proceeded to outline the units of the DA's office and programs designed to reduce recidivism. The DA's office has specialty units for child abuse, drugs/organized crime, appeals, and juvenile crimes. Chris emphasized the importance of treatment courts, which are designed to divert defendants out of prison and into treatment and rehabilitation. If completed successfully, the offender's record will be expunged.

There are a variety of special purpose treatment courts, including mental health court, veterans court, drug court, recovery court, and Accelerated Rehabilitated Disposition.

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Meeting Minutes continued

HAPPY BUCKS

Deb Sparre for the Eagles in the Super-bowl – GO BIRDS!!

Carol Hanson for undergoing successful cataract surgery

Ernest Zlotolow for celebrating 60 years since his discharge from the Army.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mac Neilon is coordinating our **3rd annual Super Bowl football pool** fundraiser at \$25 per square. Contact Mac to buy your square - mac-neilon@gmail.com



Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary Trivia Night will be held Friday May 16 at the Goodwill Fire Co. from 6 to 9:30 pm.

We return to the West Chester Country Club on Feb. 13

ROTARY 4-WAY RAFFLE



50-50

The 50-50 drawing will be **on hiatus** until our meetings return to the WC Country Club.

District Attorney Barrena-Sarobe continued

Detectives in the DA’s office are divided into Major Crimes, Child Abuse, Drug/Organized Crime, and Forensics. Chris is especially proud of Chester County DA’s office close working relationship with the Children’s Advocacy Center, which is a child-focused center that coordinates a multi-disciplinary team during the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse.



Club member **ChrisZaccarelli** is the CEO of The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County. She works closely with the District Attorney and his office.



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