

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 29 January 15, 2026

CLUB MEETING ~ January 8, 2026

Minutes by Doc O'Connell

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Michael Louis**

In the absence of invocator **Brian Fahey**, **Carol Hanson** gave a thoughtful message, whereupon Brian arrived and delivered an inspirational invocation.

GUEST

Bill Rettew from the *Daily Local News*, **Maryanne Santitoro** and former WC Rotarian **Rick Dunlap** were our guests. All are potential new club memers. Welcome, welcome.



WELCOME

West Chester Senior Center Executive Director (and new WC Rotary member) **Leah Reynolds** welcomed the club to their facilities. She noted that over 150 Senior Center member come to the center each day for a wide range of program. She encourage Rotarians to learn more about the Center and their wide-ranging programs.



ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH

President Kyle presented Rotarian of the Month certificates to Program Committee Co-Chairs **Bob Frame** and **Glenda Brion** with our thanks for a full calendar of interesting, informative and entertaining meeting programs.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ January 15

Club Business ~ Ken Marx Classification Talk

NEXT WEEK ~ January 22

No Thursday Club Meeting

Friday, Jan. 23 - Holiday Party at the Hall's

PROGRAM

Ryan Enns, Executive Director
Westside Community Center

The Westside Community Center's mission includes providing families and students with robust after-school programs.

The Center estimates that a full 30% of youths need someone to talk to, and helps these parents raise them.

The youths have their choices of "electives" twice-a-week plus dinner if desired. Ghe center could use some financial assistance here!. These electives include cooking, photography and re imaging themselves. Summer projects include pottery, art, STEM, soccer, communiuty gardens and skating. As if the above were not enough, through West provides legal and immigration services, advocacy , and education for underserved families "so they may thrive while lving out their dreams!"

All this is provides from the oldand refurbished Italian Social Club and adjaacent properies on Hannum Avenue.

West Chester Rotary is pleased to send regular contributions from our Trifecta to the Westside Center.



Meeting Minutes continued

GRATEFUL GOLDFISH

Doc O'Connell was happy for the birth of his 2nd great-grandchild.

[Missed the name] was grateful that his grandson solved his computer problem when neither the Apple Store or the computer store could. (Total cost was pizza and beer money!)



Connell O'Brien was happy that mental health was the cover story and lead topic on this month's *Rotary Magazine*.

William Pasquale was happy that his daughter moved into her first apartment.



Patty Jefferis announced that today is last call for Holiday Party reservation – and about 8 members raised their hands and got included on the spot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

"No Mo Venmo!" – a credit card machine will replace it when we return to the Country Club on Jan. 29.

Super Bowl Pool. **Mac Neilon** will again run the club pool (\$25 per square). He'll accept cash, checks and Venmo.

Next Week - Jan. 15 - at the Sr. Center - Club business and Ken Marx Classification Talk.

Jan 22 - No Lunch Meeting

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

Jan. 29 - Regular meetings resume at WCG&CC - program will be Estelle Tracy, Chocolate Sommelier

TRIFECTA DRAWING

No Trifecta until we return to the Country Club.

TED LASSO SAYS



"A lot of times, the right idea is just sitting behind a couple of wrong ones."



TODAY

NATIONAL DAYS TODAY (JANUARY 8)

Career Coach Day
Winter Skin Relief Day
English Toffee D
Joygerm Day
Argyle Day
National Bubble Bath Day

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS TODAY

Lowell Mason
Fanny Bullock Workman
Evelyn Wood
Elvis Presley
Bob Eubanks
Robby Krieger

ON THIS DAY

1790 – George Washington delivers 1st State of the Union Address in NYC

1828 – The Democratic Party is formed in the US

1835 – President Jackson announces the national debt is \$0

1867 – Congress passes a bill to allow Black men to vote in DC

1918 – Mississippi is 1st state to ratify 18th Amendment

2002 – President Bush signs the No Child Left

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