



CLUB MEETING ~ October 1 Minutes by Joe Driscoll

President **Michael Louis** opened the meeting
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Liz Janoski**
An invocaton was offered by **Anne Driscoll**

GUESTS

Andrew DeWese, to be inducted into Rotary at our October 8th meeting; **Francesca McCray** of Doorlife, guest of **Mickey Hall**; **Steve Pomanh**, guest of **Kyle Rheiner**; and, **Dick Pomerantz**, guest of today's guest speaker, **Ken Rogers**.



MEMBER ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy Palmquist - 33 years

Mark Sammarone, 34 years

HAPPY BUCKS

Carol Hanson, **Katie Martin**, **Brad Abel**,
Connell O'Brien, **Kyle Rheiner** and
Brian Kramp were all happy today!



ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

President **Michael** pre-
sented a Rotarian of the
Month Award to **Anne
Driscoll** for her great
work for the club includ-
ing being our meeting
photographer and editor of
our Quarterly News-
letter.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ October 8 Josh Maxwell

Chester County Commissioner

NEXT WEEK ~ October 15

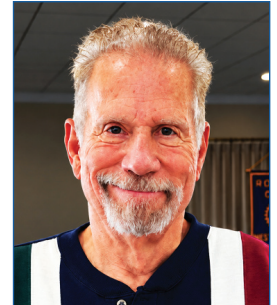
Lori Gostowski Classification Talk
Rotary Foundation Update

OCTOBER 1 PROGRAM

Ken Rogers

"Pedaling OnPurpose"s

Sue Casso-Rogers introduced a long-ago friend and co-worker from her Denny Rayburn days, **Ken Rogers** (no relation). Ken is the author of *Pedaling on Purpose*, a book he wrote on his historic 48 state bicycle ride he and a friend, **Steve Anderson**, set out on to bring awareness to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.



They were inspired by a Minneapolis/St. Paul radio talk show host, **Dick Pomerantz**, who promoted the foundation on his program.

Rogers and Anderson eventually raised \$25,000, resulting from their 902 city and town tour, cycling 10,000 miles, taking over six months to complete.

The reason he did this ride was that he felt an emotional connection to the family interviewed by Pomerantz on his radio show. Rogers wanted to help make a difference in others' lives. As Rogers stated, "If you can dream it, you can do it!"



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ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

President Michael presented a Rotary Citizen of the Month Award to Bill Friedmann for many things that he and Rotarian wife Debi do for our community which was duly recognized by the WC Chamber’s Business of the Year Award a couple years ago.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

October 11 – Chili Cook-Off will have both an info table and a chili table with chili cooked by Landhope. Need many volunteers.

Now collecting for Stockings for Soldiers. Please bring all items to October meetings.



We are bringing back Rotary Readers – please get your clearances and other information regarding the program from the News You Can Use.

Saturday, October 10 – Friends Community Fair in Downingtown

Saturday, October 24 – Pastor Chris Frantz of Advent Church announced a concert of flute and piano to be held Wigs for Kids.



Saturday, November 14 – the Friends Association, “No Friends Left Outside”, a family friendly event

Friday, December 4 – West Chester Christmas Parade – Susan Shirley announced that we will not have a float this year, but that all four WC Rotary clubs would “walk” with signs and banners. A sign-up sheet is being circulated at meetings.



Saturday, December 12 – Club Christmas Party at Mickey Hall’s home.

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Speaker Ken Rogers continued

Pedaling On Purpose is available through Amazon and Goodreads.



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WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

President Michael Louis presents a contribution of \$2,500 from our club’s President’s Initiative Fund to Westside Community Center’s Executive Director Ryan Enns.



TRIFECTA DRAWING

Sue Flynn had the winning ticket, but did not draw the Queen of Spaces. Better luck next time!



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