

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 11 September 11, 2025

CLUB MEETING ~ September 4, 2025

Minutes by Joe Driscoll

The meeting was called to order by **President Kyle Rheiner**

Rita Brouwer-Ancher led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by **Carol Hanson**

GUESTS

Susan Shirley, introduced by **Anne Driscoll**

Mark and Anne O'Neil - Mark's membership application is in the queue.



BIRTHDAY

Brian Kramp with greetings from **Sue Casso-Rogers**



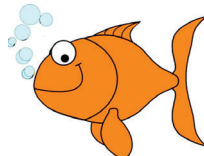
GRATEFUL GOLDFISH

Leah Reynolds grateful for the opportunity to promote the WC area Senior Center and shared an interesting bit of sports history – during WWII, due to a lack of team players, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers combined to become the Steagles.

Rita Brouwer-Ancher gave a "Go Birds" shout out.

Jeff Cantwell is looking for a chili team to participate in this year's Cook-Off.

Brad Abel provided six bucks to tout the number of Super Bowl wins had by the Steelers.



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ September 11

Raffle Beneficiaries: Home of the Sparrow, Safe Harbor, Community Warehouse Project

NEXT WEEK ~ September 18

Club Business - "Doc" O'Connell Classification Talk
Committee Chair Reports

~ PROGRAM ~

Chaz Brogan & April Locke
Good Fellowship Ambulance

Chaz Brogan, Executive Director, Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute, assisted by Outreach Director **April Locke**, spoke about the history and scope of this vital emergency response organization.



From humble beginnings in a tavern located on North Walnut Street in West Chester to now a 501(c) (3) non-profit, Good Fellowship is the largest and busiest EMS agency in Chester County, averaging 25 calls per day.

Services are provided by a combined total of 89 full-time and per diem employees along with 162 volunteers, addressing everything from basic life support to community outreach and public education.

Chaz pointed out something everyone should consider is an annual insurance policy to cover emergency medical care and transport, since most medical insurance does not cover.



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Grateful Goldfish continued

Jim Gasho is grateful he got his unused furniture moved to CWP but then turned around and pulled fines on all present without their Rotary pins.

Diana Liberi is looking forward to her European trip.

Brian Kramp is grateful for his fourth newborn granddaughter.

Glenda Brion is gratified with all the various contributions to the Community Warehouse.

Steve Quigley got to visit a 94-year-old, **Bob Bielski**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Club is hosting an information booth at the **Restaurant Festival** on Sunday, September 21st. See **Jeff Cantwell** to volunteer for a time slot.

Steve Quigley announced another Rotary group **golf outing** is planned on Sept. 26 at DCC; also, in the works, a rematch between WCRC and Kennett's Club sometime next Spring 2026.

TRIFECTA DRAWING

Not only did **Bill Ronayne** have the winning ticket, but he also pulled the elusive Queen of Spades, with a pot of \$391.

He graciously donated all his winnings to today's speakers, the Good Fellowship service



On-the-spot Treasurer **Diana Liberi** presents a check to our speakers for \$391.

How great!



Good Fellowship continued

In addition to their life saving transport services, Good Fellowship also conducts an accredited EMS Training Institute, attended by 3,000 students annually.

Chaz also cited the financial challenge of an annual \$6 million operating budget but with an operating loss of over \$2 million. He suggested some of this can be addressed only by community action, calling on local elected officials for government financial assistance, along with donations and the purchase of ambulance insurance subscriptions.



SCHOOL BACKPACKS



Members of West Chester Rotary, Sunrise and Passport clubs recently presented backpacks and school supplies to the West Chester Area Schools.

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