



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

**CLUB MEETING November 18, 2021**  
**MINUTES by Joe Driscoll**

**President Steve Brown** called the meeting to order.

- Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Paul Woodruff**.
- Invocation given by **Bob Frame**.
- No visiting Rotarians.
- Guests: Terry Seaman; Steve Devine; Kate Diffenderfer; Rachel Barakat.
- **President Steve** dispensed with the normal meeting format due to a busy agenda. (No birthdays; no Happy Bucks).
- **Bob Rogers** was presented with a certificate for Rotarian of the Month for October because of his dedication in getting the meeting room set up prior to the start of the meetings.
- **Michele Venema** announced the new slate of officers for 2022-2023, with a vote to be taken on December 16.

The slate of officers is as follows:

President: **Melissa Baxter**

President Elect: **Rich Murray**

Vice President: **Catherine Friedman\***

Immediate Past President: **Steve Brown**

Treasurer: **Yolanda Van der Krol**

Secretary: **Sue Casso Rogers**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Bob Rogers**

At Large Board Members: **Jack Ellis, Carol Hanson, Phil Bieg, Dave Wood, Christine Scott, Doug Meis, Nate Keisler\*, Kyle Rheiner\*, Mike Louis, Esq.\***

\* Indicates new board members

Announcements

- November is Rotary Foundation Month and each member is encouraged to make a suggested \$100 donation. Contact **Gary Hess** to make a donation.
  - November 20: Community Warehouse looking for donations, especially of Christmas decorations.
  - November 23: Happy Hour at the Sidebar starting at 5 PM.
  - December 9: Club's 100th Anniversary Party at Penn Oaks; members encouraged to submit their RSVPs ASAP.
  - December 11: Salvation Army's Bell Ringing: members asked to give one hour to ring bells at the donation kettles. Sign-up sheets were passed around at today's meeting.
- 50/50 Winner: **Bill Ronayne** who took home \$17.00.

# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
Shekhar Mehta, International President 2021-2022

[www.WestChesterRotary.us](http://www.WestChesterRotary.us)

**Bulletin # 20 December 2, 2021**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 2, 2021**

**Speaker: The Hugger, David Sylvester**

**December 9, 2021**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at  
Penn Oaks Country Club  
(no noon meeting)**

**President Steve** adjourned the meeting with his "ponderable:" What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner

Why have ONE holiday parade when we can have multiple weekends to showcase our amazing downtown restaurants, businesses and business owners?

The fine folks at the Greater West Chester Chamber have compiled a number of activities that'll allow you and the family to **"Sip, Shop and Dine."** On Thursday November 18th, we got to hear from Katie Walker (GWCC President) and John O'Brien (Exec. Director of the WC BID) about this year's pivot. The GWCC is reimagining what the holidays mean this year by launching the first-ever "Chester County Hospital Lights Up Holiday Weekends in West Chester." Transformed into a winter wonderland, the streets of historic West Chester are bathed in the glow of thousands of holiday lights every evening from November 26 to January 1. Each weekend features holiday festivities, shopping and dining, title sponsored by [Chester County Hospital](http://ChesterCountyHospital.org).

The WC Rotary Club is sponsoring 2 lamp posts, and guess what, the WC Rotary club is joining the Chamber!

Bring your family out to the shops, restaurants and visit your favorite places over 5 full weekends.

Beginning on Friday 26th, we're encouraging you to Shop Small and kick off with a Professional Gingerbread House Competition, caroling, free hot chocolate, a music series and of course, a visit from SANTA! Sunday, Nov 28th, we'll also have a Menorah Lighting.

The following weekend includes the Tree Lighting Ceremony, more caroling, the Gettysburg Address, a Holiday Market, home tours, more hot chocolate and Santa.

We'll have a weekend honoring our First Responders & Health Care Heroes, a Parent's Night Out while children enjoy crafts at the YMCA and plenty more. We're truly excited to showcase our wonderful town and attract new groups of people who may not have had the chance to experience our offerings!

Will there be a future parade? "We'll have to look at the data." - Decision to come in Early 2022.

Looking forward to seeing you in the borough!

For a full listing of events, visit  
[www.greaterwestchester.com](http://www.greaterwestchester.com)



### ROTARY CLUB 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Invitations are in the mail so Save This Date & Don't Miss Out - December 9!!! Thursday December 9 is our club's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Penn Oaks Country Club, 5:30 pm. Mark your calendars and all the details including an invitation with sponsorship opportunities and special guests will be coming soon. 100 Years of Service - truly a cause for celebration. This event will take the place of our

### VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Randy Lindel**, for printing copies of the Votary this month.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec 9	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Dec 11	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec 18	Community Warehouse Day

### COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, December 18 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

The Warehouse is always open for donations the 3rd Saturday of each month. Or by appointment any other time. Remember to get your furniture donations cleared first. Thank you Rotarians.

For complete information go to:  
[communitywarehouseproject.com](http://communitywarehouseproject.com). Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

Contact: **Jeannie McGinn**; 484-343-4577 cell  
[Rotaryjeannie@gmail.com](mailto:Rotaryjeannie@gmail.com)

### BOARD of DIRECTORS 2021-2022

President, **Steve Brown**; President Elect, **Melissa Baxter**; Vice President, **Rich Murray**; Treasurer, **Jack Ellis**; Assistant Treasurer, **Yolanda Van de Krol**; Secretary, **Sue Casso Rogers**; Sgt at Arms, **Bob Rogers**; Immediate Past President, **Michelle Venema**

Directors-at-Large: **Ebbie Alfree**, **Phil Beig**, **Carol Hanson**, **Diana Liberi**, **Doug Meis**, **Christine Scott**, **Yolanda Van de Krol**, **Bill Winters**, **Dave Wood**

**Charles Streitwieser**, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450  
**Dwight Leeper**, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510  
**Robert Poole**, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Votary Committee: Chair, **Faith Woodward**, 610-918-3432; [Votary@westchesterrotary.us](mailto:Votary@westchesterrotary.us) Web support: **Mark Sammarone**, **Randy Lindel**, and **Howard Sundwall**.  
[Webmaster@WestChesterRotary.us](mailto:Webmaster@WestChesterRotary.us)

Committee:, **Derek Chandler**, **Anne Driscoll**, **Joe Driscoll**, **Brian Fahey**, **Gary Hess**, **Michael Louis**, **Danielle Mortimer**, **Kyle Rheiner**, **Jill Stoltzfus**