Rotary Club of West Chester

VOTARY EXTRA

~President's Gala ~

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us Week # 2 July 9, 2026

Annual President's Installation Dinner, Raffle & Auction
West Chester Golf and Country Club
Meeting Notes by Michael Karwic

The cocktail hour was enjoyed on the terrace as the afternnon showers had largely dissipated. **Bob Rogers** and friends did their usual "soft sell" of 50-50 ticketss at the front door, while Susan Shirley, Anne Driscoll, Mac Neilon and others purveyed tickets to an amazing array of raffle prizes on the terrace.








Mistress of Ceremonies **Sue Casso-Rogers** opened the program began by leading the pledge of allegiance. An invocation was given by by **Joe Driscoll.**

PRESIDENTIAL INDUCTION

Our new **District Governor Carol Lerner**, from the NE Philadelphia-Cheltenham-Rockledge club, officially inducted **Michael Louis** as our club President for 2026-2027.

Michael thanked outgoing president **Kyle Rheiner** for all of his amazing work over the past year and Michael and Kyle exchanged President and Past President pins.

Past Club Presidents were invited to the stage – and there were many present! - to pass the gavel, symbolizing the transfer of leadership.










District Governor Carol Lerner shared her Rotary journey, which began in December 2017 when she was invited to attend a meeting. She highlighted a life-changing mission trip to Monrovia, Liberia, in August 2018 with Rotaplast International (https://rotaplast.org/). She joined Rotary shortly thereafter and really jumped in with both feet. The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" resonated deeply with her.

Carol's key values for thiss coming Rotary year are family and peace, and she is passionate about encouraging clubs to install Rotary Peace Poles in their communities.

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LIVE AUCTION AND RAFFLE

Realtor, lawyer and auctioneer **Bob Frame** led the live auction where some happy Rotarians went home with some amazing prizes, such as a custom whiskey cabinet by **Brad Abel** and an amazing golf quilt handmade by **Diana Liberi** with the Rotary logo that was practically fought over (**Sue Casso-Rogers** came out on top as the winner of the quilt. She wasn't taking no for an answer!)









Raffle items **were all enthusiastically awarded, and then the 50/50 Drawing was won by our own auctioneer – Bob Frame! ($281 to Bob, and the same going to the club)**

A grand night (and successful fundraiser)!











