

Rotary Club of West Chester Quarterly Outreach - Spring 2024

Recent Club Events



The Rotary of West Chester proudly backs the Community Warehouse Project (CWP) of Chester County by facilitating drop-off donations and conducting deliveries every 3rd Saturday of the month. CWP plays a vital role in collecting and redistributing donated furniture and essential household items to families facing hardship in our community.

The holiday season was joyfully ushered in at the West Chester Golf and Country Club on December 14th, igniting camaraderie among RWC members and guests. The ambiance was enchanting, adorned with sparkling décor and tantalizing treats provided by the country club.

What a heartwarming sight it was to see the familiar Salvation Army aprons donned proudly at the annual ringing of the bells! This year brought a delightful twist as Randy Lindel showcased the NEW aprons, proudly bearing the "Rotary" insignia. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Communications Committee and the invaluable support of Jesus Corraliza, Captain of the local

Upcoming Club Events



With spring on the way, there are always a lot of events coming up.

In an effort to involve all the West Chester Rotary clubs, a new *Collaborative Initiative* is being proposed. It will involve volunteers from all the West Chester clubs helping at the West Grove Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in April. If this works out, there may be consideration in doing a quarterly collaborative project!

Of special interest - our club is preparing to help a family from Ukraine who will arrive soon, and be relocating to West Chester! Sign-up sheets are available, with descriptions of the various areas of needs, so club members can indicate where they can best provide help.

Also of special interest, the West Chester Borough is celebrating its 225th Anniversary with a number of events this year. An anniversary parade is planned for April 21st, and we plan to march in it! Have you gotten a Rotary visor or hat to wear? Rotary shirts are also available now through the end of March, so be sure to purchase one. Along

Salvation Army and a fellow club member, these aprons personalized our tradition of giving back to the community.

About 15 District 7450 Rotarians joined daredevils in rappelling down a Philadelphia building benefiting the Philadelphia Outward Bound School. Our own Kate Diffenderfer and Charles Streitwieser were among them.

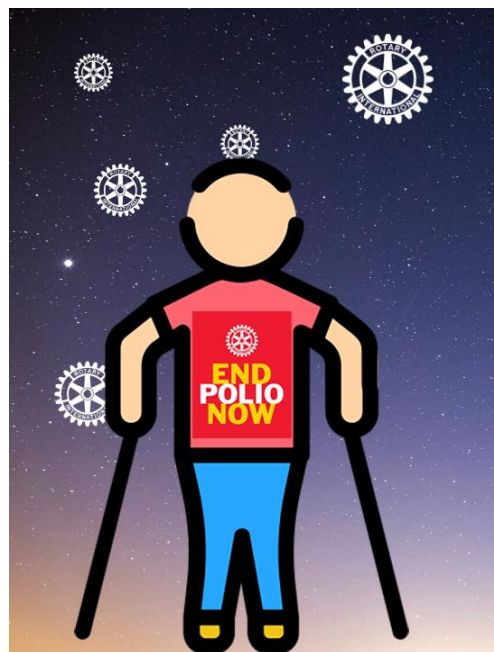
Written by Cathy Palmquist

with the parade, Rotarians will likely attend the Family Service walk/run, Turks Head Music Festival, and other activities. Many of these events are perfect opportunities for wearing our new Rotary gear!

Written by Rita Brouwer-Ancher



Club Member Personality



A Bit of Club History

In 1985, Rotary International launched the End Polio Now campaign. Here in WC, the club pitched in to do its part. We instituted a \$.12 per week/ per member “tip” that went to the Polio Plus fund. That fund was given a boost on August 28th when Past President Paul Woodruff presided over the meeting and promptly fined every member a buck for not wearing their pin. By the end of 1986, the club raised \$1225, enough to immunize 10,208 children. Concurrently, the club committed to raising \$150K over five years to fight polio. After the first year, we were at \$52K thanks to the generous pledges by 12 of our members.

In 1987, we kicked off the fruit sale- oranges were \$16/case and grapefruits were \$13. All proceeds benefited the WC Senior Center. On February 12, 1987, 26 Rotarians gave blood- it was noted that the club’s youngest member, Jim Gasho donated twice. Later in the spring, Rotarians volunteered to play a big part in the fourth annual Chester County Hospital May Festival and we raised over

\$6000 for the RI foundation with our Spring Auction.

The following spring, the dynamic changed as membership was opened to women for the first time in the club's 67-year history. Mel Josephs was inducted in March of 1988 followed a month later by Linda Hicks. Both ladies would later serve as club presidents.

1988-89 saw some interesting speakers visit our club including Jim Briggs who spoke of installing a new 911 call system in Chester County, Stephanie Seltzer, a Holocaust Survivor, Reggie Wilkes, former Linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Bruce Sellers, who spoke about a rapidly growing company that he believed would change the retail environment that was established right here in West Chester called QVC.

Written by Bill Friedmann

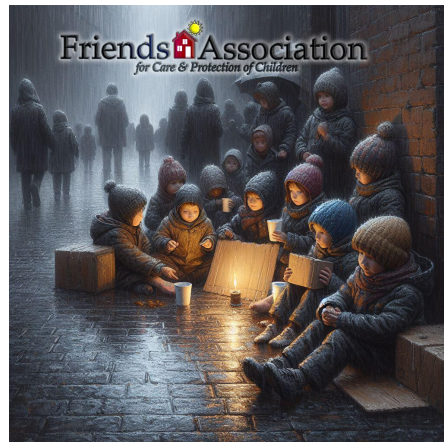


Cocktail of the Quarter

by Howard Sundwall

“Cheers”

I know that what the world needs now is NOT another mention of Taylor Swift. However, my friend and fellow Rotarian Catherine Friedman recently sent me a link to a story about a cocktail called the French Blonde, which has since gone viral because – you guessed it – the pop megastar recently ordered one in a bar in (of all places) Leawood, Kansas. My hat is off to the bar staff in Leawood if they knew this one, but it's all over the internet now. The required ingredients may not be at hand in your home bar, but I recommend you add Lillet (if you also want to make James Bond's Vesper) and the St Germain (for many



Non Profit of the Quarter

Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children

Friends Association was founded in 1822 on Quaker principles realizing the inherent value of each individual in our society. Friends is one of the agencies that has received funding from West Chester Rotary through our Commodity Philanthropic Committee. A stable home. A healthy child. A resilient family. A safe community. The agency takes a holistic approach to supporting families facing homelessness. Friends addresses the challenges of housing equity, providing programs and services to help families secure stable, permanent housing. It is unique in focusing on keeping families together

more delicious cocktails that call for it, like the French 77). I made the French Blonde and found it bright, refreshing and not at all boozy. You can call me a Swiftie now!

The French Blonde

1 oz London Dry Gin
1/2 oz St Germain elderflower liqueur
2 oz Lillet Blanc
2 oz freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
Several dashes of lemon bitters (optional)
Shake, strain and serve up with a twist of grapefruit peel.



during times of crisis, while connecting them with highly personalized case management, community resources and skill building.

All programs include skill development, health and wellness, healing and resilience, and child services and education. Preventing homelessness, their Housing First Emergency Family Shelter, keeps and strengthens whole families. They partner with families in collaboration with other county agencies to provide stability and promote systemic changes. Other programs include Eviction Prevention Case Resolution, Housing Navigation services, NIA House – SAFE Housing Network for women impacted by incarceration who are provided a safe and secure place to call home, and NIA Beyond, providing case management to justice-involved or formerly incarcerated women.

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**The West Chester Rotary Club
meets weekly on Thursday @noon
at the West Chester Country Club.
Visitors are always welcome.
Join us for lunch and see what we're all about!**

**Visit our
Website**

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will I build **goodwill** and better friendships?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

Rotarian Code of Conduct

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behaviors that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

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