

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 5 July 31, 2025

CLUB MEETING ~ July 24, 2025

Minutes by Michael Karwic

Call to Order by **President Kyle Rheiner**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dwight Leeper**

The invocation was offered by **Chuck Heckenberger**

VISITING ROTARIANS

A houseful of distinguished Rotarians were on hand for our program from member and **PDG (2012-13) Dwuight Leeper**

Peter Mardinly, 2022-2023 District Governor and current District 7450 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (left)

Jeffrey Cadorette, 1998-1999 District Governor; 2018-2020 Rotary International Director (right)



Charles Streitwieser, (not a guest, but worthy of mention as our 2013-2014 District Governor!

Nick Polcini, 2025-2026 President of West Chester's Passport Club - shown here being presented with our club banner.



Davita Pray, financial planner from Longwood Rotary

Dennis Wallace, financial planner and frequent, welcome visitor from the Greater WC Sunrise club



GUESTS

Craig Scott, SCORE Volunteer and Longwood Gardens Volunteer

Frank Lorine, financial planner, guest of Kyle Rheiner



BIRTHDAYS

Despite the great attendance, no birthdays today!

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ July 24

Karen Slossburg

WC Green Team/Porch Fest

NEXT WEEK ~ July 31

Roy Smith's Trip to Africa

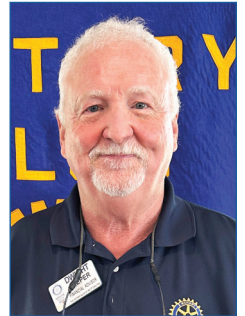
~ PROGRAM ~

PDG Dwight Leeper

Senegal Water Project Update

West Chester Rotarian **Dwight Leeper** gave an update on our Senegal Water Global Grant Project, featured in *Rotary Magazine* recently!

Dwight presented the history and milestones of this 5-year project, to address the great need and hardship faced by these rural Senegal residents in trying to acquire water for daily life.



The project used new and superior Life Pump technology to reach much deeper than prior wells. Though many "dry holes" were drilled at first, continuing effort has resulted in the installation of nine pumps now bringing fresh water right into the communities that were in desperate need. The pumps are easy to use, require low maintenance and are expected to have a lifespan of 30 years. The pumps were an amazing victory vs other technology as they were able to access water 3x deeper than the traditional wells being used in the region. A part of the project continues as solutions are sought to do the same for communities living on top of the 300-meter-high plateau, where water is proving even harder to access.

Congratulations to Dwight and his team for this great accomplishment!

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TODAY'S OBSERVANCES

- National Amelia Earhart Day
- National Cousins Day
- National Drive-Thru Day
- National Tequila Day

GRATEFUL GOLDFISH

... many happy Rotarians today!

Carol Hanson was pleased to see **Dwight Leeper** after too long an absence and her husband and guest Rotarian, **Dennis Wallace**

Rita Brouwer-Ancher is happy to host the Diamond State Concert Band Summer Concert at the Hickman on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 2:30–3:30pm

Matt McKeon is thrilled to have finally bought a house in West Chester on North Darlington Street

Katie Martin is proud that 1st Resource Bank was named By the *Philly Business Journal* as a Best in Philly Company!

Davita Pray is pleased to be presenting information on the Big Beautiful Bill at the Longwood Rotary's next meeting – unfortunately starting at 7am!

Don Neimetz is happy to have had his 2nd grandchild just two weeks ago. With 2 children and now 2 grandchildren he is still far behind **Paul Woodruff**, but hopes to compete someday! He is also happy to support an upcoming event at the General Warren Inn to support those in need in our community

Phoebe Kitson-Davis's daughter got her first job in the West Chester borough!

Alyssa Pennypacker announced that they are expecting their second child in February!

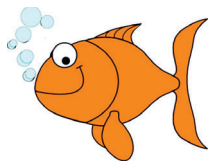
Chuck Heckenberger was happy to help the Indian Valley Library raise funds to operate, also thrilled for the recent Phillies win, and finally he was happy that **Dick (Richie) Allen** was finally elected to join the National Baseball Hall of Fame

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Nathan Miller joined our Board

Tonight, we will receive our award from the West Chester Chamber of Commerce at 9-Prime for the **best non-profit float** at the **2024 West Chester Christmas Parade**. ALSO, **Miranda Reilly** will co-chair the 2025 Float Committee. That committee is accepting volunteers now.



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Next week, July 31, **Karen Slossburg** will speak to our club about Porch Fest. The festival features live music performed on neighborhood porches, food trucks, children's activities, and participation from local organizations and volunteers, celebrating community and local talent

Fellowship Event to be held on **August 19 at 9 Prime**; 4:30-RSVP to **Phyllis Dunn**

A **Fellowship Survey** was sent out to all members. Please take the brief time to tell us what kinds of events we might host that are of interest to you!

50-50 DRAWING

Bill Ronayne, owner of Brandywine Valley HVAC went home \$15 richer, but sadly did not draw the Queen of Spades Better luck next week.



Kyle Rheiner's closing challenge to the group: Go out into the world and **"Pay it Forward"**. Do a small kindness, a random act for someone else, to bring some joy to the world (and feel free to report back on in next week!)

UNITE FOR GOOD

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