



ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 Mark Daniel Maloney, International President 2019-2020
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<p>Program: February 27, 2020 Speakers: Amory and Derek Stedman Better Angels Putting Civility Back into Civil Discourse</p>	<p>Program: March 5, 2020 Speakers: Linda Desantis and Eryn Sibley To Love a Canine Rescue, Inc.</p>
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MINUTES by Charles Streitwieser

Guests: Michael Larimer from Victory Bank, now a prospective member! Sumita Suresh, guest of Laura Aloisio.

Claudie Brock – Honorary Rotarian of our Club

Birthday wishes were offered by **Jim Gasho** for **Mac Neilon**; **Michelle Venema** for **Mark Sammarone** and **Steve Brown** for **Dave Biffen**.

Announcements: President **Matt Holliday** reported that the club maintained a strong desire (92% of respondents) to continue with the Chili Cook Off. There were 75 respondents to our Club Survey. The Club will focus on improving, not growing the event any larger.

Christine Wildauer reported that sales to date for the Fruit Sale were around \$4,000.

Laura Aloisio announced that applications were now available for non-profits to apply for our Community Philanthropic Grants funds. The deadline is April 30th. See the WC Rotary website.

Ebbie Alfree was awarded the Rotarian of the Month award for his tireless work finding corporate sponsors for our Chili Cook Off.

The Club voted to elect the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 20'-21' starting July 1st. Our President will be **Michelle Venema**; President Elect **Steve Brown**; Vice President **Phil McFadden**; Treasurer **Jack Ellis**; Secretary **Sue Casso-Rogers**; Sgt-at-Arms **Bob Rogers**; Immediate Past President **Matt Holliday**; Directors: **Glen Sweet**, **Rob Malone**, **Rich Murray**, **Diana Liberi**, **Bill Winters**, **Carol**

Hanson, Ebbie Alfree, Melissa Baxter and Christine Scott.

The 50-50 was won by **Doug Meis**.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Pat Barron

The State of the Club Address by Sue Casso-Rogers

The president's annual State of the Union Address pales in comparison to the thrilling and fact-filled address by the hard-working Sue Casso-Rogers' "State of the Club Address". I could hardly record my notes to preserve this address for posterity, because my hand was shaking with excitement...well, maybe I had too much coffee...same thing, right? This was a session devoted to discussing club business and Sue **DID** deliver a fact-filled and insightful talk on how our club is doing. Cut to the punch line...it is doing great!

It was obvious that Sue had devoted a lot of time to dissecting our club's membership profile in ways that are meaningful. (If you wish to see all the numbers, I'm sure that Sue would be happy to send you her really very excellent PowerPoint presentation.) Below are some facts and figures about our club, some of which may surprise you.

Our club consists of approximately two-thirds males and one-third females. The average age is 59. We have 30 members under the age of 30; 46 between the ages of 30 and 50; and 53 over the age of 50. The average number of years as members of our club is thirteen, which actually makes us a "newer" club. Fifty-nine percent of our members attend our Thursday meeting or submit a qualifying make-up. Almost twelve percent of our members never attend our Thursday meeting, but that is fine. Most live out of town and take pride in retaining membership in our

club. Two-thirds of our members attend over half of our meetings, so we are an "engaged" group. Thirty percent of our members are retired; sixteen percent are engaged in financial services; twenty-five percent are business owners; and eight percent work for non-profits. The rest (twenty-one percent) are lawyers, realtors, or work in government, religion, or education. So we have a nice, diverse set of skills among club members.

Ours is the largest club in the district by far, even though we do not have a formal recruitment program. We do lose members occasionally, but never because they lose interest in the club. They move, change jobs, etc. However, there are some classifications and major employers who are not represented in our club--West Chester University, Chester County Hospital, A Duie Pyle, CTDI, Krapf Buses, West Chester Area School District (except for Superintendent Jim Scanlon), and restaurants and retail. So, there is a recruiting opportunity there.

Thanks, Sue, for giving us such a great "State-of-the-Club Address".

SAVE THE DATE

- Feb 27 Chili Cook-off Happy Hour @
Saloon 151
- Mar 7 Pick-up of fruit at Duie Pyle
- Mar 19 Recruitment- Side Bar 6 PM bring a
prospective Rotarian
- Mar 21 Community Warehouse Project
- Check out the Rotary Calendar of events at
Add events: calendar@westchesterrotary.us



HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Votary Committee: Chair, Faith Woodward, 610-918-3432; Votary@westchesterrotary.us Web support: Judi Bell and Howard Sundwall.
Webmaster@WestChesterRotary.us Committee: Pat Barron, Brian Fahey, Gary Hess, Fran Luft, Danielle Mortimer, Cathy Palmquist, Kyle Rheiner, Patty Roos, Charles Streitwieser, Winnie Stroup

NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Nominating Committee is recommending the following slate of officers and directors for the 2020-2021 Rotary year:

President: **Michelle Venema**; President Elect: **Steve Brown**; Vice President: **Phil McFadden**; Treasurer: **Jack Ellis**; Secretary: **Sue Casso-Rogers**; Sgt-at-Arms: **Bob Rogers**; Immediate Past President: **Matt Holliday**

Directors: **Glen Sweet, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Diana Liberi, Bill Winters, Carol Hanson, Ebbie Alfree, Melissa Baxter, Christine Scott**

Any concerns, objections, or further nominations must be made in writing to the Club Secretary no later than the start of the February 20 club meeting.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Community Warehouse Project Update: Next date: March 21 from 9-2.



BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, Matt Holliday; President Elect, Michelle Venema; Vice President, Steve Brown; Treasurer, Jack Ellis; Secretary, Sue Casso Rogers; Sgt at Arms, Bob Rogers; Immediate Past President, Bill Friedmann

Directors-at-Large: Brad Abel, Laura Aloisio, Carol Hanson, Diana Liberi, Rob Malone, Rich Murray, Glen Sweet, Bill Winters, Ernest Zlotolow

Peter Mardinly, District Governor
Cynthia Rugart, Assistant Governor
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
Lynmar Brock, Past Director of RI, P.D.G. '77-78