

CLUB MEETING ~ August 20
Minutes by Michael Karwic

President Michael Louis opened the meeting
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Kyle Rheiner**
An invocaton was offered by **Sue Casso-Rogers**

VISITING ROTARIANS

Dennis Wallace and Natanya Sortland from Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary.



GUESTS

Past member **William Pasquale** (with **Chrissy Bowden**). **Lori Cunninham** and **Jen Mac** from Devereux, guests of **Rick Dunlap**. **Hiruy Berhane**, guest of **Michael Louis**. **Andrew DeWese** with First Bank, who found out about our club at the Melton Center's Community Day.



BIRTHDAY

Phil McFadden recieved best wishes from **Bob Frame**

HAPPY BUCKS

Carol Hanson had many blessing to be thankful for, including but not limited to appreciation for the assimilation committee and new member onboarding

Carol's Husband, **Dennis Wallace** gave happy dollars to cover Carol's time overage!



Natanya Sortland was thrilled to join us as a guest from WC Sunrise Rotary

Dave Wood gave thanks for his wife's successful spinal surgery

John Schwab gave thanks for the great work by **Glenda Brion**, and for the help with the community engagement at the Melton Center info table

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 27

Dr. Wendy Wallace

Care Center Foundation

NEXT WEEK ~ September 3

Marian Moskowitz

Chester County Commissioner

AUGUST 20 PROGRAM

Member Classification Talks

Anthony Southerland grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, the youngest of four, and made a name for himself on the basketball court with two state championships and an honorable mention All-American nod.



He carried that drive to DeSales

University, where he captained the team for two years and became the first in his family to graduate college, earning a degree in marketing.

His career has been rooted in human services ever since, moving through roles with the Boys and Girls Club, as a state social worker, in a migrant daycare, as a referee, and as a program manager, before landing in his current role as Supportive Services Coordinator at Friends Association.

Outside of work, he's drawn to family, travel, and sports, and he puts real time into volunteering with Kiwanis, Meals on Wheels, Read Aloud, and the Salvation Army. Leadership, mentoring, and community outreach anchor his values, backed by real strength in communication and teamwork.

And a couple of fun facts round him out: his two daughters share the same birthday five years apart, and he's a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan (But otherwise seemed like a great guy).



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Happy Buck continued

Kyle Rheiner had a lot to be happy about – Highlights from a Mediterranean cruise with his wife, and a women’s flag football team championship and coach recognition

Tim Kelly had 5 Happy Dollars for the \$5 bill he found in the Wawa parking lot. He paid to forward to our Rotary!

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

Safe Harbor baked goods collection moved to next week (instead of the third Thursday)

Habitat for Humanity sign up was VERY successful for October 14. 2 shifts, 3.5 hours each and we filled up the event with at least 10 volunteers per shift! We are



re-starting the **Rotary Readers Project** at East Bradford Elementary; complete state clearance needed, and sign up via the link IN News

You Can Use **Community Service Request:** **Tim Kelly** is looking for volunteers to help with food pickup the first Saturday of each month. You will pick up insulated bags from F4 on Bolmar St., drive to 11 Wawa stores and then back to F4 by 11am.

Holiday Parade: Anyone interested in helping out, please contact **Miranda Reilly**. Also, looking for a new home for the float



Murder Mystery Dinner to be held Wednesday, September 30, 6pm; Bierhaul in Thornton. \$65 pp, RSVP by 8/31/26 to Patty Jefferis or Phyllis Dunn

Concert Tickets: Notify **Phil mcfadden** asap! to reserve \$99 Rotary

group tickets for the December 6, 2pm Yo-Yo Ma & Emanuel Ax concert at the Kimmel Center in Philly.

TRIFECTA DWING

Susan Shirley won the \$49 pot today, but pulled the Jack of Spades, not the queen of spades that would have gotten her the big pot of \$836!



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Classification Talks continued

Laurie Ryan grew up in Havertown, the oldest of five in a Catholic school upbringing, before heading to St. Joseph’s University to study food marketing.



Her career began in Kellogg’s sales, but a life transition brought her to Phoenixville and a growing family, and she shifted toward volunteering and part-time work. It was a role at Wendell August Forge that introduced her to Rotary and chamber work, and from there she moved through Buca di Beppo and into ambassador and board roles with the Exton Chamber. That path led to nearly a decade as President of the Exton Region Chamber, and since last November she’s served as President of the Greater West Chester Chamber.

Outside of work, she and her husband Sean lead a blended family with children scattered across several states, including a daughter whose wedding this November falls just a month before the West Chester Christmas Parade.

Laurie also gives back as a greeter at Experience Christian Church and sits on the boards of West Whiteland Friends of the Parks and Brandywine Valley Active Aging, where much of her focus is on reducing isolation.

Through all of it, her throughline is the same: building belonging through relationships and staying deeply committed to community connection.

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