

Rotary Club of West Chester Quarterly Outreach - Summer 2024

Recent Club Events



Rotarian weekends are action-packed! A large group of Rotarians gathered at Marshall Square Park in West Chester for mulching. This has become a spring tradition that provides as much joy as it gives. Under the direction of our service coordinator, Mac Neilon, over 20 Rotarians, plus several family members, participated. President Rich Murray brought his son, offering a great way to introduce youngsters to charitable service activities.

Rotarians joined hundreds of residents, businesses, and organizations to march in the parade celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Borough of West Chester. Despite cloudy skies and cool weather, over 30 Rotarians, bundled up and carrying Rotary banners, showed up for the parade. What a milestone!

Rotarians from the four West Chester Rotary Clubs collaborated on a Rotary Day of Service at the project C.U.R.E. warehouse of Dansko in West Grove. C.U.R.E. (Commission on Urgent Relief and Equipment) works to address staggering

Upcoming Club Events





UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS
Spring and summer provide multiple activities for Rotarians!

Look for our bright tent at upcoming community events such as the Turks Head Music Festival in Everhart Park, and the Restaurant Festival in the Borough of West Chester. Note the NEW colorful string of banners that show some of the many Rotary clubs that our club members have visited when vacationing or traveling for work! Some of us will take time for a golf outing, and perhaps join Rotarians from other clubs to watch the Phillies baseball team, tailgate, and raise funds for our RI polio program.

Our big event this time of year is our presidential induction at the West Chester Golf and Country Club, where we meet weekly for our lunchtime meetings. The evening event always starts out with a social hour and silent auction, which includes spouses and guests, followed by dinner and a lively live auction. Then we say “thank you” to our outgoing president and board members, and “welcome” to our new club president and board members, committing to assist them this next year. This same activity is replicated throughout the world in thousands of clubs with 1.4 million members, leaders and problem solvers, as well as at

shortages of medical resources around the world due to natural disasters and societal crises. Rotarians' mission is international as well as local! Rotarians are grateful to fulfill their mission by serving those near and far. Each event reinforces our commitment to making a positive impact, at home and abroad!

Written by RitaBrouwer-Ancher

the international level.

Written by Cathy Palmquist



Club Member Personality

Rotary Profile: Patty Jefferis

Patty Jefferis is from our quaint town of West Chester, where she graced the halls of St. Agnes Elementary School and then onto high school at West Chester Senior High. Oh, the memories of those days she spent on West Biddle Street, right next to the Elks Club! Yes, there were barns and cows in her backyard, a sight to behold.

Her parents, Anthony and Ann Stancato, raised her alongside her five siblings in their charming home. They later moved to West Ashbridge Street, a stone's throw from West Chester Country Club, during her college years. Her father and father-in-law were both esteemed members of the Rotary Club, a legacy she carries with pride.

After a brief stint as a case worker for Chester County Board of Public Assistance, she decided to embark on a new adventure in the hospitality industry. From United Airlines to Duitch Travel Agency, her journey eventually led her to owning Kingsway Travel, rebranded as WhirlAway. Travel has always been her passion, stemming from her love for Geography and History. The Summer Olympics in Tokyo with her father sparked a wanderlust that has taken her



A Bit of Club History

On July 3rd, 1941, The Rotary Club of West Chester kicked off its 20th year. Newly elected President Dewees Mostelleer presided over a membership of 73 that included 6 charter members. Dues for the year were $25. During the first six months of that year, we would add 5 new members including Dr. Elwood Spellman who would go on to be the pillar of the West Chester education community as well as a District Governor.

The year started on a tragic note. On July 24th, members noted that Edgar Eachus, was not present at the weekly meeting. It was unusual as Edgar had not missed a single meeting since November of 1934. He was stricken on his way to the meeting, rushed to the hospital where he passed away that evening. Obviously, the entire club was shocked and saddened.

On a lighter note, the big fundraiser that summer was a picnic benefiting the Boys Work Committee that was held at Tom Simmon's Farm in Westtown on August 21'st. The highlight of the evening would be a "Corn Eating" contest.

On October 11, we hosted a Shooting Contest and Clam Bake with the Lions Club at the WC Gun Club. For $4.50, you got 50 shells, targets and all the clams you could eat. As the Votary proclaimed-

to 33 countries and counting.

With her beloved husband, Jeff, she shared 36 blissful years until his untimely passing from brain cancer in 2015. Her children and grandchildren bring her immeasurable joy and keep her on her toes. Volunteering at Chester County Hospital and dedicating her time to Rotary fill her days with purpose and fulfillment.

Horses and horse racing hold a special place in her heart. From steeple chase to thoroughbred racing. With her husband, Jeff, they indulged in the thrill of the sport together. Reading, needlepoint, long walks with her loyal dog and companion, Buddy, and a good party are just a few of her favorite pastimes. Life is a whirlwind of joy and adventure, and she intends to savor every moment to the fullest. Safe travels, Patty, and continue to enjoy those adventures!!!

Written by Anne Driscoll

"On Saturday, we shoot Lions"

The final meeting of the calendar year was held on December 4th, as the world changed 3 days later when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Meeting were suspended for a few weeks and resumed in early 1942. In February Rotary International issued a statement that the Rotary Ideals can "only be achieved in in countries where there is liberty of the individual, in freedom of thought, speech and assembly, freedom of worship, freedom from persecution and aggression, and freedom from want and fear. Where this liberty does not exist, Rotary cannot live." Rotary International then revoked the charters of those clubs operating in countries controlled by the Axis powers.

Written by Bill Friedmann



Cocktail of the Quarter

by Howard Sundwall

"Cheers"

Here is a cocktail that is very popular throughout all of Europe and which deserves to be better known in the US. Created in Italy sometime in the 1950s, the Aperol Spritz is a delightfully light and refreshing quaff that can be (and often is) enjoyed all afternoon in sidewalk cafes across the EU. It's distinct orange color comes from Aperol, an Italian bittersweet liqueur made from herbs and citrus fruits. It's a



Non Profit of the Quarter

The Housing Partnership of Chester County (HPCC) mission is to improve the quality of life for low to moderate income people in Chester County. Since 1988 HPCC has been providing essentials for successful home ownership to county residents. A private non-profit organization, HPCC works to improve housing and quality of life in our community.

Providing tools to secure and maintain decent and affordable housing, HPCC offers a diverse catalog of programs

more friendly (i.e. less bitter) cousin of Campari, to which it's often compared. The Spritz formula adds a sparkling wine component like Prosecco, Cava or Champaigne, plus more fizziness from club soda. If you don't have Aperol in your home bar, I urge you to get a bottle and give it a try; this drink will make an excellent low-ABV complement to your next backyard barbeque. So go ahead, drink like a European! (The 3-2-1 recipe below is one that can be varied endlessly according to your tastes; I often do not measure at all, but just pour.)

The Aperol Spritz

3 oz dry sparkling wine, like prosecco
2 oz Aperol
1 oz seltzer or club soda
Pour all into a goblet or wine glass with ice; stir and enjoy.



and services related to housing and home ownership, including *financial literacy,* and *credit counseling*. Using a holistic approach to solving problems, staff integrates programs with multi-stepped curriculum that advocates for, and empowers the clients.
Programs include First Time Home Buyers, Credit Counseling, Home Modification (Access), Senior Citizen Home Maintenance, Housing Rehabilitation, Know Your Money, and through donations to HPCC, a Fuel Assistance program in the winter.
HPCC has coordinated 420 settlements for first time home buyers, representing $3 million in financial assistance, and completed $5.6 million in repairs for homeowners.

Rob Malone, Director of Programs for HPCC, is a member of the Rotary Club of West Chester, as is Andrew Stump. HPCC board member. HPCC has been a recipient of funds from the Community Philanthropic Committee (CPC) on behalf of the club.

Written by Cathy Palmquist

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!

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The following members of the Rotary Club of West Chester contributed to this newsletter: Cathy Palmquist, Anne Driscoll, Bill Friedmann, Howard Sundwall, Rita Brouwer-Ancher, and Jeff Cantwell

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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