



# ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450  
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**Program: November 5, 2020**  
**DG Kevin Katarynick**

**Program: November 19, 2020**  
**TBA**

## MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

**President Michelle** opened the meeting, leading us in the pledge to the flag. **Doug Meis**, gave the invocation, noting that in view of the political season, we thank the Lord for our differences, as we move toward a mutual goal.

**Arlene Adam** noted lots of birthdays the last half of October, including, but not limited to, **Glen Sweet, Dwight Leeper, Diana Liberi, Kevin Quinn, Lyn Childs, Winnie Stroup** and **Cathy Palmquist**.

**Cathy Palmquist** kicked off Happy Bucks by inviting Rotarians to the virtual Candidates Forum tonight and Friday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Chester County and the West Chester NAACP. She also said she hoped everyone will vote in the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> election. **Rich Murray** was happy to announce that **Diana Liberi** is sharing his office, Trust Point Payroll. **Sue Casso Rogers**, filling in for **Jeff Spencer**, CEO of the local Boy Scout Council, announced the virtual fundraising event coming up, and urged Rotarians to reach out to Jeff for details. **Carol Hanson** had two Happy Bucks, noting that hers and Dennis' sailboat is back in the water after undergoing repairs for the past 3 years. Secondly, she reported on a grant to the book program "Hands Across the Sea," and then, read a moving letter from a young reader in the program.

**President Michelle** announced the Women's Roundtable of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring, "Women in Leadership." She noted the Resource Pantry at West Chester University is starting "Project Snow," collecting needed basic toiletries, winter attire, canned goods and fresh fruit for the homeless and foreign students who attend WCU. She also urged members to attend the Racism and Social Justice event being sponsored by the District. Information has been sent out by our

district governor. In addition, she announced that our District Governor will visit us on November 5<sup>th</sup>, and doing an induction, and urged all members to attend the meeting.

**Pastor Chris Franz** is looking for members to sign up to do invocations.

**Sue Casso Rogers** will send out a reminder. The Fellowship Committee will hold its next social gathering on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on the roof of the Chestnut Street Parking Garage. Earlier time is due to afternoons getting dark sooner. Social distancing, mask and refreshment guidelines continue to be observed.

The club received a thank you letter from our sister club in Tigre, Argentina, for the \$750 we sent them to purchase helmet type masks needed due to the COVID virus. **Cathy Palmquist** announced that the Rotary International member who heads up the polio eradication effort in Nigeria has been recognized as one of TIME magazine's 100 most influential leaders in 2020!

**President Michelle** covered some Historical Happenings of the 1940s, provided by historian, **Bill Friedmann**. In October 1941, the club celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dues were \$25, and the club added 5 new members. A fundraiser was a picnic at Tom Simmons farm. The club held a shooting contest with the Lions club and a clam dinner. Our club suspended meetings for a few weeks due to the war, but resumed meeting in 1942.

**President Michelle's** final thought for the day, "All of us light up a room – some when we enter, some when we leave."

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### **SPEAKERS REVIEW by Kyle Rheiner**

On Thursday October 15, 2020 - We had the opportunity to hear from Ernest Zlotolow regarding the incredible initiatives of our International Service Committee. This committee has been active since 2014 and has developed three programs, two of which are partnerships.

The first is VOSH or Volunteer Optometric Services for Humanity and the focus is on recycling & providing eyeglasses multiple times annually to those in need, and most often, these eyeglasses are going to Haiti to help their inhabitants lead productive lives. Since 2014, over 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses have been shipped!

The second partnership is with the Rotary Sisterhood of Argentina (Club de Tigre) near the Tigres River, (the widest river in the world) and north of Buenos Aires. This partnership has provided equipment such as kitchen freezers, water purification, AV Equipment, Propane Heating and other useful equipment to the School for the Deaf and Disabled. The focus of 2018 was Pre-Natal Service, the focus of 2019 was Neonatal Jaundice Lamps and 2020, providing COVID Ventilator Helmets.

Finally, established in 2015, is CORS or Charitable Orthopedic Rehabilitation Strategies. This is an all-volunteer philanthropic service division of Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation, a 501c3. This is a global initiative providing rehab, advocacy, education, and prosthetics to those in need via Shriners Hospital

for Children. The main countries we typically work with include Tanzania, Cuba, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

In addition, we heard from Carol Hanson regarding Hands Across the Sea, which is dedicated to raising literacy levels of Eastern Caribbean Children. We've learned that over 500,000 books have been supplied to 125,000 children of all ages to their schools. This group has been able to supply books to teachers, children and libraries to promote the positive change books and education can bring. Recently, we've collected \$6,000 in checks to send to the schools. This has inspired reading, improved literacy and even inspired a student to write his own Comic Book!

Great work everyone!

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Oct 24	World Polio Day
Nov 11	Fellowship Meet Up – Up on the Roof of the Chestnut St Parking Garage

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