

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 19 November 7, 2024

CLUB MEETING ~ October 31, 2024

Minutes by Brian Fahey



Call to Order by **President Catherine Friedman**

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Steve Bayles**
Invocation offered by **Miranda Reilly**



GUESTS

Jeannette Barr, our program speaker. Jeannette is a former Rotarian.

Paul Woodruff introduced **Bob Zink**. Bob is a resident at Hershey's Mill.

NO BIRTHDAYS TODAY

OCTOBER ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

What are the seven pillars of Rotary? (also known as Rotary's Areas of Focus) They are:

- Peacebuilding and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Protecting the environment

Our speaker drew the winner from a number of correct answers submitted. Congratulations **Charles Streitwieser**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Casso is happy to report about the possibility of companies hosting networking events through the **Chamber of Commerce**. Local businesses are encouraged to participate.

Downtown West Cheser is having a **Turkey Trot** on Thanksgiving morning. They are looking for volunteers.

Stockings for Soldiers is underway and is collecting leftover Halloween candy and other items: flyers on the tables.

November 16th is our next **Community Warehouse** volunteer day. Christmas decorations are appreciated.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ November 7

Tim Phelps

Transportation Management of Chester County

NEXT WEEK ~ November 14

Mark Sammarone & Bill Ronayne

The Rotary Foundaion

~ PROGRAM ~

Jeannette Barr

PA Institute of Technology

Paul Woodruff introduced **Jeanette Barr**, of the PA Institute of Technology (PIT). Jeannette is the Director of Development of the college. She has been in Chester County for the past 28 years and has spent over 30 years in the non-profit sector.



The PIT was founded in 1953 as a for profit entity and later become a non-profit. It was founded by Walter Garrison, focusing on engineering and science. It started as a two-year college and now has some four-year programs. The college has added health care programs recently, including nursing.

85% of students are from neighboring counties and the rest are from out of state. The college was mostly discovered by word of mouth but recently has engaged in marketing, which has led to significant growth.

Many students are low income and over 80% are women. A large percentage of the students have children living at home. About a third are first-generation students and the majority of all students are people of color. The students are nontraditional and often need help with housing, finances and basic necessities. Thus the student services department is robust and of great importance. The school offers significant scholarship support and some financial support for other needs. The school raises funds through foundations and private donations.

The graduation rate is 58%, the transfer rate is 11% and the job placements are consistently at 100%.



Announcements continued

Tuesday, November 26 is our **Thanksgiving Week Happy Hour** at the Side Bar.

Chelle Venema is still looking for people to march/walk in the **WC Christmas Parade**.

Our club **Holiday Party** will be on December 19th, at **Glenda Brion’s** home.

November 16th is the **District 7450 Summit**, an in-person event.

HAPPY BUCKS

Michael Louis is happy to welcome his new granddaughter to the family, and to earth! She was born on October 30th.

Phyllis Dunn is happy to be recuperating from her recent knee replacement.

Chelle Venema is happy to have gotten together with Rottrians last night.

Catherine Friedman is happy about her “Dine About” engagement at **Amna Salahuddin’s** house.

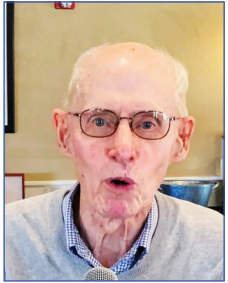
Michael Karwick is happy about his daughter’s 21st birthday today.

Glenda Brion was happy to have attended the Home of the Sparrow dinner.

Gary Hess is happy about his daughter’s recent wedding.

Steve Quigley is happy about his wife’s niece, who published a book recently and won a prestigious prize. Her book is called “Native Nations”.

Jennette Barr is happy to be here and speak to us.

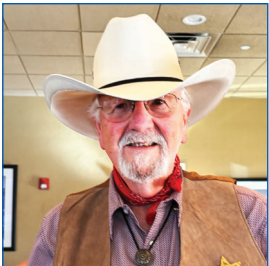


50-50 RAFFLE

John Schwab, the pirate, purchased the winning ticket, but did not draw the Queen of Spades. **Arghhh!**



STRANGE PEOPLE AT OUR MEETING



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P.D.G. ’12-13 District 7510 Dwight Leeper

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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