

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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### CLUB MEETING ~ September 14, 2023

Minutes by Anne Driscoll



Taylor Kassel and Carol Hanson greeted us at the check-in desk.

Call to Order by President Rich Murray in team uniform

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeannie McGinn

Invocation by Carol Hanson, prepared by Sue Flynn



### GUESTS



Bob Rogers introduced Matt Morley who is in the membership queue. Kyle Rheiner introduced his guests Christine Hawkins and Dimeji Gisanrin (above).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Melissa Baxter** —Flowers to anyone who wants some from her successful fundraiser. Her only request is “pay it forward.”

**September Bonus Meeting / Happy Hour!!** September 21 at Sterling Pig, 5:30 and Sponsorship Opportunity. Contact President Rich for sponsorship details.

**Community Warehouse** accepting donations on 9/16 from 9AM to 12PM - volunteers needed.

**Restaurant Festival**, West Chester is Sunday 9/17 12PM to 5:30PM.- volunteers needed to man the Rotary table.

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### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ September 21

**Jolene Wilson-Glah**

Ex-Pat in Equador

### NEXT WEEK ~ September 28

Presentation of  
Community Philanthropic Grants

### PROGRAM

**Bob Portnoy**, President of the Board of the the **Marshallton Conservation Trust**, presented a lovely overview of what his trust does:

Since 2009, the Trust has worked to preserve and improve the Marshallton community through initiatives focused on promoting the history of the village, maintaining its sense of place, and protecting the open space and natural resources of its environs. Through these efforts, the Village of Marshallton will largely remain a small, unique, historic community today and for future generations.

Anyone that has ever walked or driven through the Village of Marshallton will tell you that they felt as though they had stepped back in time. A “working man’s village,” Marshallton’s rich heritage, rural character, and bucolic charm seeps through every corner of this historic community. Its unique sense of place is embedded deep in the culture of its residents, who are as passionate as they are determined to protect this important connection to the past and honor the legacy of its founding father—the village namesake—Humphry Marshall. Protected by the open spaces that surround the village proper, the boundaries of Marshallton have been remarkably preserved through conservation efforts that help maintain this quaint village setting and safeguard its natural resources for future generations.

He concluded his talk with a video of some of the locals reminiscing about the way it was 50 or 60 years ago. It was informative, interesting and humorous – who will ever forget the “Bird Man” of Marshalltown?



## Announcements continued

District Governor visit is October 4 at the Bierhaul, Thornton 6PM to 8PM

A focus of our club this year is on National Suicide Prevention Awareness with **attention to mental health**. We are hoping to have a focus group with volunteers and ideas.

Text **Charles Streitwieser** at 610-347-1114 for information

**Chili Cook-Off update:** It's a GO! We still need volunteers! Tickets are on sale as well as sale of peppers for the Pepper Drop. Next committee meeting on 9/21 @ 5:30PM

## BIRTHDAYS

**Sue Casso Rogers** wished Happy Birthday to **Deb Sparre**  
**Glenda Brion** wished Happy Birthday to **Jeannie McGinn**  
**Austin Aimone** wished Happy Birthday to **Randy Lindel**

## HAPPY BUCKS

**Melissa Baxter** happy her fundraiser was a success

**Glenda Brion** happy for the Community Warehouse this Saturday

**Sue Casso Rogers** happy for **Paul Sookiasian's** successful Spooky West Chester tours

**Deb Sparre** happy **Jim Gasho** did not wear Rotry pin and she did

**Rita Brouwer-Ancher** happy her youngest is 21

**Bill Winters** happy to be 3 weeks out of surgery and happy for **Jim Gasho's** successful surgery

**Jim Gasho** happy to be back at Rotary just one week after surgery

**Steve Quigley** happy for nice turn out for former Rotarian **Alvey Kelly's** funeral and happy **Bob Frame** was successful selling their house very quickly

**Steve Bayles** happy for the success of his daughter's lemonade stand

**Mickey Hall** happy to soon be eating Maine lobster

**Dan Wilson** happy to finally receive payment from a client after 2 years

**Kyle Rheiner** happy to pay 1cent for every mile of his 100 mile bike ride last weekend

**Paul Sookiasian** happy his Spooky Tours was mentioned in a local magazine

## 50-50

\$13 to winner **Bill Winters** – no queen of spades drawn.

## CHILI PEPPER DROP

Use this QR code to buy Pepper Drop peppers. Take a picture of it and forward to friends for them to buy!



## CHILI COOK OFF

The 2023 Chili Cook-Off is our biggest event of the year. We need your help.

On October 8, 2023, our club hopes to entertain 8,000 people in a massive street festival called the West Chester Chili Cook-Off. This will be the 21st time our club has hosted the event and we can't do it without you.



The CCO support pieces are started, but far from finished. Some of the jobs are small and can be done from your home. Others put you shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow Rotarians, their families, their friends, and our friends from other clubs (Rotary, the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry, local service organizations and non-profits). Experience is not required, only a desire to serve.

Please reach out to Jeff Cantwell (cantwell3d@gmail.com or 484-678-4441), or Melissa Baxter (melissabaxter2@gmail.com) if you would like help deciding where your talents and desires can do the most good.



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