

September 19th from 9-1 p.m. Contact **Jeannie**



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MINUTES by Fran Luft

President Michelle Venema started the virtual meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Abitabilo** gave the invocation with the theme of Constitutional Day.

There was one visiting Rotarian Kate Martin from the Longwood club. We had no guests. Our two newest members are **Jill Stoltzfus** (CC Intermediate Unit) and **Tara Webber** (CC Family Academy).

Arlene Adam wished the following Rotarians a happy birthday- **Jeannie McGinn, Paula Ott, Randy Lindel, Mark Nelson, Chuck Swope, Brad Abel, Jenna Louis, Steve Brown, and Ernest Zlotolow**. I am sorry if I missed any other birthday names.

Happy Bucks: **Melissa Baxter** is happy that September is domestic violence awareness month. **Faith Woodward** is happy that her daughter gave birth to a boy September 11th. **Steve Brown** is happy he had lunch with **Jack Wintermute** and **Bert Volger**. Kate Martin is happy that our club monetarily supported the Garage at Kennett Square. The money was used for community learning pods.

Announcements: The fellowship event September 15th at **Patty Jefferis'** home was a success. Twenty members were in attendance. The next fellowship event will be held October 8th from 4-6 p.m. at Marshall Square Park. Meet near the gazebo. The rain date is October 12th. Bring chairs, masks, food and drink.

President Michelle announced that our club received two thankyou letters. County Commissioner Marian Moskowitz thanked the club for our acts of kindness and the West Chester senior center thanked the club for the \$700 donation which they used to help individuals in need of meals.

The community warehouse project needs assistance

McGinn. There will be a golf outing September 24th at the Downingtown Golf Club. Cost \$45 - 18 holes and \$30 -9 holes. Please contact **Steve Quigley** as they need a head count.

Historic happenings. **President Michelle** stated two happenings both from 1932. Christian Sanderson spoke on the Battle of the Brandywine and the district governor broadcast over the air.

President Michelle ended the meeting with a sunflower quote. "Rise, shine, hold your head up high- plant seeds of happiness."

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Cristina Combee introduced the speakers for our newest club project, our own **Dwight Leeper** and Sam Lowrey from the Huntsville Club. They presented the project "LifePumps for Senegal" and thanked our club for the support we have given this project, thanking **Paul Woodruff** and **Charles Streitwieser** for background information.

Dwight explained that this project has a global grant, the Dakar Rotary Club is the host of the project and our club along with the Huntsville Club are supporting the project as well.

Due to some technical difficulties with the video, Sam gave us a run down of the project that will provide 5 pumps to five communities who currently are without access to clean water.

Design Outreach, the creator of the hand pumps, has pumps in successful operation already in Senegal. After the newest pumps are installed, the project will be turned over to the local government,

These LifePumps go much deeper than the current piston pumps so that they can reach the water table and they last 30 years. Easy to operate by women and children, training programs are brief. The life

pumps can get water immediately as opposed to the usual piston pumps. Piston pumps usually fail in the dry season since they cannot reach the aquifers 50 meters down. Monitoring of the LifePumps is through satellite.

Working closely with the local government through the Office of Boreholes, five pumps will be shipped in a 40' container by Partners of World Health.

Questions by the group were answered:

- The budget for the project is \$126,250: each pump is \$22,000 and the cost of installation makes up the other half.
- Some of the pumps will be installed in existing wells and others will be in new sites.
- The deeper the pump, the more energy that is required to install it.
- Solar panels could be used to work a motor but a motor is not necessary to operate these hand pumps.

Elizabeth McClellan from Partners for World Health, the provider of the containers to get the pumps to Senegal, pointed out that there are so many problems with the currently dirty water that is affecting the health of children.

We will be hearing more about this important project as it progresses.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Oct 8 Fellowship Meet Up- Marshall Square Park 4:00pm to 6:00pm
- Nov 11 Fellowship Meet Up – Up on the Roof of the Chestnut St Parking Garage

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