



IMAGINE ROTARY

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Jennifer Jones, International President
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IMAGINE ROTARY – Rotary International Theme 2022-2023

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada – RI's first woman president – has chosen "Imagine Rotary" as the organization's theme for her presidential year. "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference," she said. The theme graphic was designed by an Australian Indigenous artist to link with the 2023 RI Convention, which will be in Melbourne.

Minutes from April 20, 2023 Meeting By Faith Woodward

President Melissa opened the meeting

Pledge of Allegiance -**Jeff Spencer**

Invocation- **Gary Hess** read a poem he wrote

Visiting Rotarians – Dara Gans

Guests – Greg Nardi -Bar Assoc (**Bob Frame**), **Dan Wilson**. Brian Enright and Suzette Webb (**Sue Casso Rogers**) Pam Humphries (**President Melissa**) Cara Todd (**Sue Flynn**) and Ed Malet.

Did you Know? Today is Pineapple Upside Down Day and National Lima Bean Day (no fun facts). This week is National Stop Snoring Week and Volunteer Recognition, - High Five Day

This Day in History 1999 Columbine School Shooting

Birthdays

Carol Hanson to **Sue Flynn** (2 weeks in Hawaii and 2 cataracts) **Jim Gasho** to **Rob Feenan**. **Bill Friedmann** to **Dan Wilson**

Happy Bucks **Patty Jefferis** –(left Votaries at home) **Carol Hanson** (**Cristina Combee** and she on International Committee- Hands Across the Sea supported for 10 years, District matching Grant just submitted – Amanda, president will do Zoom at 7 AM next Wednesday 7 AM T Sunrise Club), **Katie Martin**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 27, 2023

Speaker: Nataliya DeMarco
Helping the People of Ukraine

May 4, 2023

Speaker: Josh Maxwell
Chester County Commissioner

(Went to Brickette and **Jim Gasho's** band playing, Free shred event at First Resource and donation to Community Warehouse) **Cristina Combee** (Thankful to **Carol Hanson** and to Carol's leadership with Hands Across the Sea. She will be in Costa Rica next 2 weeks visiting son) **Don Kohler** (This Saturday Brandywine Back Yard Barbecue Festival benefiting BSA. Would be glad to go to St Lucia to deliver check) **Dara Gans** (Derby Day at her barn- needs sponsors and attendees. Silent Auction, etc. Donate \$500 to our club)

Announcements

Rich Murray – Tonight is club Off -site meeting 5:30 to 7 at Ryan's Pub. Fellowship, Networking, Vocation Talk, Chili Cook Off)

Mac Neilon – Earth Day, This Saturday – Rotarians at Work at Marshall Square Park starting 8:30.

President Melissa: Million Dollar Quartet – April 27. she has some free tickets that she sponsored.

Jeff Cantwell and **President Melissa** will be co-chairs for Chili Cook Off.

Rotarian of the Month – **Phyllis Dunn** January recipient for work with Fellowship Committee

Sue Casso Rogers inducted **Andrew Scott** to our club. Twenty Reasons to join Rotary (Friendship, Business development, Nice People, etc) In Rotary, we are part of something bigger than ourselves (Eradicate Polio, build wells in Senegal, etc) Welcomed Andrew to Rotary International. Service Above Self. Attend meetings, give of time, talent, treasure. Gave him his grandfather's (**Craig Scott**)

Paul Harris 3-star pin. Check out Andrew's facebook posts.

Speaker:

Doug Meis introduced Mary Fischer-Nassib, President and Cofounder of Sow Good Now for Youth Sports Philanthropy.

There are only 500 Youth philanthropy organizations in our country.

In 2022 Sow Good Now:

500 children from diverse areas were engaged in 1:1 mentoring about charity in their lives.

435 Athletes volunteered and shared their talents and gifts.

480 items were collected and distributed to area youth.

1800 athletes engaged. Some of the youth then go on to play sports at the college level.

Teen anxiety and depression is growing and teen volunteerism is decreasing. Mary stressed that we should have a moral obligation to help our youth.

College or Professional Athletes are encouraged to volunteer to get involved with youth from challenged areas of Philadelphia or Coatesville through sports. Grant money comes from many different sources.

Please find them at www.sowgoodnow.org

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Winner was Suzette Webb but she found no Queen of Spades.

Definition of success- accomplishment of an aim or purpose. **President Melissa** feels success is knowing you did your best to become the best you can be.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Apr 27	Rotaplast Party @ Media Theatre
May 20	Community Warehouse Project Day
June 1	CPC Grant Applications due
Oct 8	Chili Cook Off

ROTAPLAST THEATRE PARTY

Guests attending the show *Million Dollar Quartet* at the Media Theatre are asked to dress up like in the 50's from greaser hairdos and motorcycle jackets to poodle skirts and ponytails. Contests for Best Costume, Elvis Impersonator, Hula-Hoop, Music & History Trivia, and more. *Lots more.* There will be pre-curtain complimentary food and cash bar to hang out with friends, and light dessert during intermission.

Tickets available soon. Orchestra seating at box office price - \$55.

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VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Patty Jefferis** of Whirlaway Travel for printing copies of the Votary for this month

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Our 3rd Saturday of the month Volunteer and Drop Off day will be 5/20/23 9a-1p. Text Jeannie for the address.

If any Rotarians have furniture, housewares or small appliance items that they would like to donate but don't know if we'll take or need help getting it to us, text, text a picture, or call Jeannie at 484-343-3577.

It's a great fellowship day and we bring in pizzas as a thank you. The West Chester Friars (college- age, young men) devoted to service and devoted to the mission of the Community Warehouse Project will also be there. They love to do all the heavy lifting!

New or Donated Items we could really use right now:

1. Dressers (nothing too long/heavy that won't make it up an apartment stairwell)
2. Lamps
3. End tables/bedside tables (for those lamps)
4. TV stands or Microwave stands
5. Large Bins with lids on them so we can deliver goodies to families.
6. A set of Dinner Dishes without metal on them (they cannot go in the dishwasher.)

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