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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
Shekhar Mehta, International President 2021-2022

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CLUB MEETING MINUTES

For May 19, 2022

By President Steve, Faith Woodward,
and Sue Casso Rogers

President Steve led the Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Ronayne did the Invocation.

Happy Birthdays were wished to **Michelle Venema**,
Joanne Tadeo, and **Don Neimitz**.

This date in history - 1980 - Mt. St. Helens erupted,
killing 57 people and destroying 200 sq miles of
pristine wilderness.

Announcements:

- Thanked **Mac Neilon** and the 25 or so people who
planted 100 trees on the 21st.
- Thanked **Carol Hanson** for another successful New
Member Social, and Patty for the
use of her lovely home;
- Saturday - Community Warehouse Project;
- June 5 - Turk's Head music Festival - we have a
booth;
- **Jeff Spencer**- Member Social - June 9 - Ice Tool
Museum;
- **Steve Quigley** - Upcoming golf outing. June 16.
Please sign up with Sue Casso Rogers

President Steve gave a Board update - 2022-23
budget will be approved at the June meeting, and
posted on the web site for the membership to see.
Strategic Plan will soon be finished, and **President-**
elect Melissa will go over that in July when she takes
office.

President Steve presented the Rotarian of the Month
for March to **Faith Woodward**.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 26, 2022

Speaker: Rotary Club member,
PA Senator Carolyn Comitta

June 2, 2022

Speaker: **Annette G. Myarick, ED**
Pennsylvania Chapter of the
American Academy of Pediatrics

Bill Ronayne inducted three new members –
Kate Diffenderfer (Sponsor **Laura Aloisio** and
Mentor **Mickey Hall**), **Christa Evans** (Sponsor **Sue**
Casso Rogers and Mentor **Phyllis Dunn**), and **Bill**
Macknis (Sponsor **Jack Ellis** and Mentor **Bill**
Ronayne)

Gary Hewitt won the 50-50 but didn't find the Queen
of Spades.

SPEAKER'S REVIEW

After a hiatus, **Rachel Barakat** is back with Rotary!
On Thursday, May 19th, Rachel gave her
classification talk and walked us through her
Lebanese roots to her family's journey to Havertown.

The youngest of 7, Rachel and her family learned
about hard work, entrepreneurship, and service. Her
father immigrated from Lebanon, didn't speak English
and married Rachel's mother in 4 months. Now,
"Barakat" is actually a popular first name in Lebanon,
but her father changed his name to Joseph Barakat to
sound more American. It paid off. He left school after
6th grade to pursue his belief in himself. He
eventually started a business as a government
contractor, fabricating metals for Army tactical
products.

Fast forward, Rachel attended Villanova and has a

degree in Marketing and Communications, and has been leading our hospital system for years. She followed her father's footsteps and went off to work on her own, becoming a consultant for a number of years, but has recently joined Jefferson Hospital as their Senior Marketing Director.

Being 1 of 7, she's an aunt to 14 nieces and nephews. She has 2 amazing daughters of her own. Her oldest is a registered nurse, and her youngest just graduated from George Washington University.

She enjoys family, hard work and travel. Every other month, her and her husband check a new location off their bucket list. They get outdoors as much as possible and enjoy tennis as well. Please welcome Rachel back when you see her!

EVENTS CALENDAR

May 27	CCPC grant applications due
June 1	Pub Crawl
June 5	Help @ Turks Head Music Festival
June 9	Rotary Social @ Ice Tool Museum
June 16	Rotary Golf Tournament
June 18	Community Warehouse Day
July 14	All WC Rotary Presidential Induction @ Barnaby's
Oct 9	Chili Cook-Off



COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, June 18 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

The Warehouse is always open for donations the 3rd Saturday of each month or by appointment any other time. Remember to get your furniture donations cleared first. Thank you Rotarians.

For complete information go to: communitywarehouseproject.com. Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

Contact: **Jeannie McGinn**; 484-343-4577 cell
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VOTARY COPIES

Thank you, **Randy Lindel** for printing copies of the Votary this month.

LYNMAR BROCK, JR ROTARY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE

Our own club member and Past Rotary International Director Lynmar Brock, Jr. passed away on December 17, 2020. He was Governor of then District 745 for the 1978-79 Rotary year. Lyn and his wife Claudie were also Major Donors to our Rotary Foundation.

To continue Lyn's generosity to our foundation, we present this challenge to all of our members! As you may know, your donations to the Annual Fund, End Polio Now, or an approved Global Grant help you to reach Paul Harris Fellow recognition and continuing advanced levels of recognition.

All donations (cash, checks or credit cards) to The Annual Fund of \$250 to \$1000 made between now and June 01, 2022 will be matched with an equal amount of points! That means your donation gives you twice the recognition. You can become a Paul Harris Fellow for a one-time donation of just \$500. Thank you in advance for your support of **The Rotary Foundation**, changing and saving lives around the world!

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