

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 37 March 13, 2025

### CLUB MEETING ~ March 6, 2025 Minutes by Joe Driscoll

Call to Order by **President Catherine Friedman**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Dave Wood**  
An invocation was offered by **Chuck Heckenberger**.



### GUEST

**Diane Lovejoy**, hosted by  
**Miranda Reilly**

### BIRTHDAY

**Melissa Baxter** extended cheers to  
**Jeff Cantwell**



### HAPPY BUCKS

**Chelle Venema** happy for her niece's sports successes  
**Sue Flynn** happy for spending time with her three grandchildren in Savannah, GA

**Carol Hanson** happy for seeing **Bill Ronayne** advertising on Squawk Box

**Mike Louis** happy for his successful hip replacement

**Chuck Heckenberger** happy that **Steve Bayles** brought him special beer from Colorado

**Christine Scott's** grateful that her sister bought \$100 worth of Rotary Raffle Tickets

**Catherine Friedman** had a happy vacation

**Ernest Zlotolow** happy about his grandson's acceptance to a UK college

**Connell O'Brien** happy for Mental Health Awareness Month

**Miranda Reilly** happy for **Bill Ronayne's** words of wisdom



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**TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ March 13**  
**Rhoda Kahler**  
**Tile Art Installation in Nashville**

**NEXT WEEK ~ March 20**  
**Club Business**  
**Classification Talk: Alyssa Pennypacker**

~ PROGRAM ~  
**Bill Lockard**

### Working and Living in the Deaf Community

Bill Lockard, Program Director of DeafCAJ! (the Deaf Community Action Network) provided some valuable insight on how the life of a deaf person can be very isolating.

Thanks to Bill's early interest back in his college days, he learned sign language and eventually became the Dean of Students at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

He later married his wife Beth, who became the first deaf female Lutheran Pastor in the world!

Together, they have worked with and assisted many deaf people including the marginalized, homeless, prisoners, and immigrants. They have also served as advocates for citizenship applications.

At the end of his talk, Bill signed the 4-Way Test to the delight of all. [Ed. note: Connell O'Brien took a video of Bill signing the 4-Way Test. Maybe he'll show it at an upcoming meeting.]

Bill left us information about DeafCAN! – the West Chester-based organization run by his wife and him that provides a range of social service supports to the Deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind and late deafened people in need, especially the most vulnerable, who are often very reluctant to go to others for help because of their disability.

The organization's offices are at 730 S. New Street in West Chester. More information is at their website:

[www.DeafCAN.org](http://www.DeafCAN.org)



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### ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

The answer to the February Challenge was: Chicago Rotarian **Henry J. Taylor** authored the **4-Way Test** in 1932 for his business. Rotary International **adopted it in 1943**. Taylor later became President of Rotary International.



**Randy Lindel** won the drawing from correct answers to the quiz. His a “fabulous prize” was a Rotary magnet.

### ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

**When was the motto “Service above self” adopted?**

Email your answer to President Catherine at cfriedrotary@gmail.com for a chance to win another “fabulous” prize.

### RAFFLE REPORT

We didn’t have a precise count of tickets sold this week as many people haven’t turned in their sales. There will be table at each meeting for this - see the picture below. Please bring in your ticket stubs and money.

**President Catherine** opened the floor to ideas how the Rotary Raffle Challenge ticket sales could be increased. Ideas ranges from gift giving to social media blasts were offered.

Also, next Thursday, March 13, tickets will be sold at a Safe Harbor event at Ryan’s Pub from 6 to 8 pm.

The Raffle drawing is now less than a month away - April 4.



### 50/50

With a Pot of \$80, **Bill Friedmann’s** ticket was pulled netting him \$13.00. No Queen of Spades, however. Shucks!



## CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

Sue Casso Rogers presided over the election of Club Officers and Directors for the 2025-2026 Rotary year beginning on July 1.

The slate presented by our Leadership Development Committee was **approved unanimously**.

President - Kyle Rheiner

President Elect - Michael Louis

Vice President - TBD

Immediate Past President - Catherine Friedman

Treasurer - Diana Liberi

Secretary - Sue Casso Rogers

Sergeant at Arms - Bob Rogers

Directors:

Rita Brouwer Ancher

Chuck Heckenberger

Glenda Brion

Phil McFadden

Kate Diffenderfer

Miranda Reilly

Jack Ellis

Jeff Spencer

Sue Flynn



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2025

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Vice President . . . . . Jeff Cantwell

Treasurer . . . . . Diana Liberi

Secretary . . . . . Sue Casso Rogers

Sergeant-at-Arms . . . . . Bob Rogers

Immediate Past President . . . . . Rich Murray

Directors-at-Large . . . . . Phil Bieg, Rita Brouwer-Ancher,

Glenda Brion, Jack Ellis, Sue Flynn, Mike Louis,

Doug Meis, Jeff Spencer, Dave Wood

District Governor, District 7450 . . . . . Francy Cross

P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450. . . . . Charles Streitwieser

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

## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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