ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week # 19 November 13, 2025**

CLUB MEETING ~ November 6, 2025
Minutes by Brian Fahey

The meeting was opened by **President Kyle Rheiner**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Chuck Heckenberger**

An invocation was offered by **Bill Ronayne**

VISITING ROTARIAN



Laurie Ryan from the West Chester Passport Club, new President of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce



BIRTHDAY

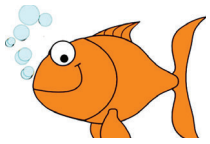
John Schwab wished happy birthday to **Cathy Palmquist**

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



President Kyle recognized **Miranda Reilly** as November's **Rotarian of the Month**.

GRATEFUL GOLDFISH



Chelle Venema is grateful for the fashion show benefitting The Home of the Sparrow, and for **Jeannie McGinn**, who did a great job of modeling. She is also grateful for the attendance of WC Rotary members at the recent Chamber event; and lastly, she is grateful to see that **Andrew Stump** is again growing facial hair.

Phyllis Dunn is grateful for all of the people who have signed up for the Dine Around program.

Kyle Rheiner is grateful for having been able to dress as Ted Lasso at a volleyball tournament and for Halloween.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ November 13
Bill Friedmann
Recent Trip to Normandy, France

NEXT WEEK ~ November 20
Club Businness - New Member Inductions
Classification Talk ~ Ken Marx

~ NOVEMBER 6 PROGRAM ~

Chester County CEO David Byerman



Bob Frame Introduced **Daviid Byerman**, CEO of Chester County. David has been the CEO for about one year, and he has spoken to dozens of Rotary Clubs over the years. He previously lived in Chester County to attend graduate school. After moving away, his children moved back to the area, so he and his wife moved to Chester County to be closer to them.

Most of David's work experience has been in government and public service, including roles in the state legislature in Kentucky, and serving as a parliamentarian in Nevada. He also has some private sector experience in different roles. Something that has always been a focus for him is participatory democracy. His license plate in KY and PA says, "G0 VOTE".

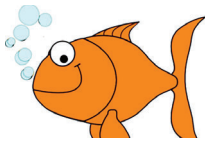
As CEO, David oversees all government operations and employees at 65 sites. He works on building partnerships and relationships, and on government relations at the state and federal levels. The failure to pass a budget in PA, and the federal government shutdown, have caused financial damage to the county. David has an immediate focus on key and emergent issues. Also, David sees communication, both internal and external, as key.

Major challenges include the high cost of living in the county and escalating home prices. Chesco has the highest cost of living in Pennsylvania. David's team is investigating solutions to these challenges. Also the government chaos in Harrisburg and Washington is putting great strain on local governments, who have borrowed at increasing levels to meet the needs of citizens. David is working with government officials at the state and federal level to protect the

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Grateful Goldfish continued

Phoebe Kitson is grateful for all of the Stockings for Soldiers donations. She added that over ten thousand decks of playing cards have ben donated by nearby casinos. She is grateful for the many years of service that Brandywine Valley Heating and Air Conditioning (**Bill Ronayne's** company) has given her. She is also grateful for all of those who went to the polls recently, and for all those who worked at the polls.



Bob Frame is grateful for the giveaways that his company provided in their recent fundraiser contest. Several club members joined the contest and **Jeff Cantwell** was a winner.

Chuck Heckenberger is grateful for having had a safe trip to NC last week and wished good luck to the Denver Broncos in their upcoming game.

Connell O'Brien is grateful for all of those people who are stepping up to take care of those who are suffering from the cancellation of SNAP benefits.

Laurie Ryan is grateful for the first four days of running The West Chester Chamber of Commerce. They are looking for parade marshalls for the Christmas parade.

Mike Louis is grateful for having had lunch recently with **Diana Liberi**, who explained the financial workings of the club, and revealed that she and Mike's wife were in the same mothers-of-multiples club years ago.

David Wood is grateful to be back in Chesco from his trip to Bermuda. He is also grateful that his house there did not suffer any damage in the recent storm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

November 9th - 2 volunteers needed for the WC Veteran's Day Parade.

November 27th - 2+ volunteers needed for the Passport Club Turkey Trot.

CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Communications Committee** needs members who can help with the club's social media program.



Shellia Coleman needs baked goods on the third Thursday of each month for **Safe Harbor**.

Miranda Reilly is looking for volunteers to help with the float for the Christmas parade.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP

November 25/Tuesday Before Thanksgiving - Happy Hour, at Side Bar.

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David Byerman continued

interests of Chester County residents. A further challenge is recruiting and retaining the best team. One solution that he sees is to have a smaller but better-paid team.

Chester County is focusing on several opportunities, including using AI and data analytics, as well as several other evolving technologies that allow for greater productivity.

An important part of David's work is understanding and honing Chesco's governmental strengths. He is also concerned with reorganizing the county to signal the importance of citizen engagement.

Upcoming Fellowship continued

TBD - Club Dine-Around drawing next week

January 15 - Murder Mystery Dinner (no meeting)

January 22 - Club social at Mickey Hall's (no meeting)

TRIFECTA DRAWING



Christine Scott purchased the winning ticket, but did not draw the Queen of Spades

TED LASSO SAYS

" Ice cream's the best. It's kinda like seeing Billy Joel Live. It never disappoints."

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