

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
 Holger Knaack, International President 2020-2021

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Program: September 3, 2020
Speaker: Bruce Mowday
Lafayette and the Brandywine

Program: September 17, 2020
Speaker: Dwight Leeper
Life Pumps for Senegal

MINUTES by Cathy Palmquist

President Michelle Venema opened the virtual meeting and led us in the pledge of allegiance. She asked for a Quaker moment of silence as our invocation. **Matt Holliday** introduced his guest, Jill Stoltzfus, Career Readiness Coordinator at CCIU's Chester Co. Technical College High School, who is visiting for the second time, and is completing paperwork for Rotary membership.

Arlene Adam extended birthday greetings to **Bill Christman, Phil McFadden, Patty Roos, and Grant Nelson**. **President Michelle** kicked off Happy Bucks by noting this year's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote, **Deb Sparre** was happy to report she has moved closer to **Patty Jefferies**, and Patty is happy that Deb has moved closer.

President Michelle announced that this week, Tuesday, Aug. 18th, is the date that the 19th amendment, Women's Right to Vote, was passed in 1920. She also announced that via **Ernest Zlotolow**, she received a very nice letter from Jorge Oyarzabal, president of the Rotary Club of Tigre, Argentina, congratulating our club on our 100th anniversary, and noting their club will observe their 89th anniversary in November. Oyarzabal also told of his deep appreciation for our support allowing them to meet health and education needs, with a special thank you to Ernest for mediating this relationship between our two clubs.

Reporting for the Fellowship Committee, **Phyllis Dunn** invited club members to join in monthly mask-to-mask, social Meet-Ups. All attendees will be required to wear a mask, bring their own lawn chair, their own food and drink, and follow safe distancing guidelines. She announced the first Meet-Up will be held Wednesday, September 9th, 5 – 7 p.m. **Patty Jefferis** has graciously offered the yard at her home, 111 Avery Place, West Chester 19382, with good

parking available. Rain date is Tuesday, September 15th. The second Meet-Up will be held Thursday, October 8th, 4 - 6 p.m., at Marshall Square Park in West Chester. Meet casually near the Gazebo. Rain date is Monday, October 12th. The third Meet-Up will be "Up on the Roof," November 10th, on top of one of the parking garages in downtown West Chester. The borough has approved use of a garage but has not designated which garage. Other Meet-Ups will be arranged through the winter months, if there are sites to meet safely. Email Phyllis if you have suggestions. **President Michelle** also thanked the other members of the Fellowship Committee, **Catherine Freidman, Joanne Tadeo, Jeff Spencer, Lynn Childs and Patty Jefferies**.

President Michelle announced that our secretary **Sue Casso-Rogers** will continue to e-blast reminders of upcoming dates, and information on ordering Rotary face masks. Sue also reminded members who have not done so to please pay their dues. **President Michelle** also announced that **Mac Neilon** is again working with the West Chester Area School District on providing school supplies for needy students on behalf of our club. She wished **Jim Scanlon** all the best as the WCASD begins virtual class instruction.

President Michelle then shared some Historic Happenings, reported by our historian **Bill Friedmann** about happenings in 1925. That year, the Lions Club was chartered, and **Rudy Lorgus** of our club sent a floral piece to their Founding Banquet. At a joint meeting with 90% attendance, members of the 2 clubs discussed how service clubs help religious, educational, business and community interests. Dr. Charles Heathcote of West Chester Normal School (WCU) was often the speaker at our club, and discussed current world events and made predictions based on his comments (Bill found *no* instances of them being correct!). In that same year, **John Thorp**, our Public Affairs Committee chair, convinced the club to engage other organizations along with the Borough Council to address, 1) The increased congestion at the intersection of Gay and High

Streets, and 2) the increasingly difficult parking situation in the borough. Bill's comment, "they are still meeting..." In June 1925, 101 West Chester boys, along with 20 Rotarians, attended an afternoon ballgame at Shibe Park in Philadelphia. **Past President Whitcraft** was personally invited by Athletics' manager and owner Connie Mack (himself a member of the Philadelphia Rotary Club), who addressed the group that day. For the record, the A's beat the Red Sox, 3-2, on an RBI double by first baseman, Jim Poole (any relation to our Bob?)

President Michelle then named **Phyllis Dunn** "Rotarian of the Month" for August, thanking her for her many efforts at planning and arranging fellowship opportunities with her committee. She reminded us the next meeting is September 3rd, with Bruce Mowday speaking on *Lafayette and the Brandywine*. At the Sept. 17th club meeting, **Dwight Leeper** will do an international program on "Life Pumps for Senegal". She closed with these words, "Actions bring your dreams closer," reminding us of the international theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities.

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer

Today we had two classification talks from **Randy Lindel** and **Michael Lewis**.

Randy was born in Seattle and was raised in Montesano, Washington. He attended Harvard University and The University of Washington and had two daughters. He has 25 years of experience in New York Ad Agencies along with 20 years of experience in Marketing Strategy Consulting. He has been a Rotarian since 2003 and has been in the Rotary club of Danbury, CT, the Rotary Club of Sandpoint, ID, the Rotary Club of Cambridge, MA, and the Rotary Club of West Chester, PA.

Michael is a lawyer at MacElree Harvey in West Chester. He has three children and has been spending a lot of time with his family during the pandemic. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware and attended Brandywine High School, The University of Delaware, and Dickinson. He loves living in West Chester and has lived all over the town since first moving here. He joined the rotary because he has always been involved in his community and enjoys it. He started Interfaith Housing Assistance Coordination and was the president for 23 years. We are so happy to have both Randy and Michael in our Club!

EVENTS CALENDAR

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| Sept 9 | Fellowship Meet Up - Patty Jefferis' field 5:00pm to 7:00pm |
| Oct 8 | Fellowship Meet Up- Marshall Square Park 4:00pm to 6:00pm |
| Nov 11 | Fellowship Meet Up – TBD |



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