

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 2 July 11, 2024

CLUB MEETING ~ June 27, 2024

Minutes by Michael G. Louis



Katie Martin kept a tight fist on the cash at check-in.

Phil McFadden and Mark Lucas were our greeters.



Call to Order (one last time) by **President Rich Murray**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Michelle Venema**

Invocation by **Catherine Friedman**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Chuck Heckenberger was a visiting Rotarian from the Harleysville Club, where he has been club president this past year. He hopes to move to West Chester in the near future.

GUESTS

Other visitors were **Allison Snavelly, Collin O'Brien, Dave Barkasy** and **Sarah Parenhausen**

BIRTHDAY

Steve Brown wished **Bob Frame** a happy birthday



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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ July 11
Past District Governor Paul Quintavalla
"Rotary Beginnings"

NEXT WEEK ~ July 18
Club Business

~ PROGRAM ~

Rich Murray, President
Rotary Club of West Chester

President Rich was our speaker and talked about our accomplishments this year.

First he mentioned divesting the Chili Cook-Off which he considered an accomplishment considering how we agonized over it and that he was also proud that we ran it for 20 years and raised \$1 million.

Other accomplishments included the water project in Africa, the Tigre project, Community Warehouse Project, Marshall Square Park Day, Project Cure in Kennett Square, helping support the family from Ukraine and ending the year with a \$5,000 surplus. He mentioned that Catherine Friedman had a great idea to put some of that amount into a new sound system – that seemed to work very well during the meeting.

Rich mentioned that we lost about 20 people when we started the Passport Club a few years ago but it was a decision that was made for the greater good of Rotary in West Chester, even though it hurt our club. He informed us that we added 16 new members this year and ended the year at 112 members which is almost back to the number we had before we started the Passport Club.

Rich then informed us of all the goals that we either met or surpassed this year. He thanked **Sue Casso Rogers** and many others for their help this year. He also thanked **Gary Hess** and **Jim Gasho** for helping us raise money for Rotary Foundation.



RECOGNITION

President Rich presented the club **Rotarian of the Year Award** to **Jeff Cantwell** for his co-chairing the Chili Cook-Off, continuing to work behind the scenes to help find an entity to take it over and all the work he has done to expand our social media and other public presence.



President Rich presented club **Appreciation Awards** to **Christine Scott** and **Melissa Baxter** for their service as Board Director and Past President which concludes this Rotary year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich informed everyone that **Mac Neilon** is being named the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Jeff Spencer announced that the Fellowship Committee is restarting **Happy Hours** and that the next one will be on Wednesday, August 14th from 5-7 pm at Steve Bayles' home.

Sue Casso Rogers announced that **dues were due June 26th** and to get her money or let her know if you are not renewing club membership.

President Rich informed us that **Fiorenza's Food for Friends** is taking over the Chili Cook-Off and wants us all to volunteer on Sunday, October 6th as well as helping to plan the event. June 20th was the **Presidential Gala** and Rich congratulated new President **Catherine Friedman**. The event raised a record-breaking amount for club operations.

The next **club board meeting** is Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm at Catherine Friedman's house.

HAPPY BUCKS

Steve Brown was happy that the new President of Rotary International is a Steelers fan

Matt McKeon had a happy buck because he is going to his first Phillies game this year next week and is happy that the Phillies and Eagles are so good.

Glenda Brion was happy to give an update on the Ukrainian family our Rotary Club is helping to sponsor and how the Community Warehouse gave them furniture.

Paul Woodruff is happy that he and his wife are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary

Catherine Friedman was happy to be driving to Ottawa right after today's meeting to see her son

Michelle Venema was happy about the passing of the torch event at West Chester Country Club.

Katie Martin was happy that she volunteered to do an event for the History Center.

Ernest Zlotolow was happy because we are helping to provide generators for three schools in Tigre, Argentina so they don't lose so much food because of intermittent electrical service. He also informed everyone that if they want to go see this good work we are doing in Tigre, please contact him or Phil McFadden for details of the planned club group trip to Argentina in the Fall.

Steve Quigley was happy that our June **golf outing** went well and was trying to plan one for July 12th but many people couldn't make it so he is going to try July 19th

50-50 - The 50-50 was won by **Patty Jefferis** (again). She didn't draw the Queen of Spades

THANK YOU PRESIDENT RICH



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