ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450 www.WestChesterRotary.us **Week # 11 September 12, 2024**

CLUB MEETING ~ September 5, 2024
Minutes by Matt McKeon





Katie Martin checked us in.
Otto Schaefer and **Randy Lindel** were the Greeters.

Call to Order by President **Catherine Friedman**
Pledge of Allegiance led by **Doug Meis**
Invocation offered by **Kyle Rheiner**

VISITING ROTARIAN

Rick Stevenson, Greater West Chester Sunrise Rotary – also our speaker today



BIRTHDAY

Phyllis Dunn wished **Suzette Webb** a Happy Birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders about the **Iron Hill Fundraiser** – 20% of food sales at lunch and dinner every Wednesday in September will go to the WC Rotary Foundation. Need to present coupon to get the donation.

Community Warehouse Drop-Off Day - Saturday, Sept. 21.

Drinks with DG Francy Cross at the home of **Dara Gans** and **John Marshall** in West Chester on September 30, 6 to 9 pm.

... continued next page

TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ September 12
Bruce Mowday
Lafayette at Brandywine

NEXT WEEK ~ September 19
Club Business / Induction of Christine Zaccarelli
Classification Talk - Mark Lucas

~ PROGRAM ~

Rick Stevenson, Greater WC Sunrise Rotary Club
Attending the Olympics



Rick spoke about his experience attending many summer and winter Olympic Games over the years.

Rick explained that his interest in attending the Olympics stemmed from his background as a physical education teacher. He was frustrated that watching the Games on television at the time did not allow him to see many of the events, which the broadcasts chose not to cover.

Rick spoke about how attending Olympic events has changed since the 1996 Games in Atlanta due to the terrorist bombing at the Games that year. As a result, spectators can expect to have to queue in a line for a long time to enter any particular event venue due to security screenings.

He also noted how attending the games allowed him to see local sites in the host cities. For example, Rick showed photos from his trips of the Acropolis in Athens, Greece, the Great Wall of China during the Beijing Games; the Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio De Janeiro, and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Another aspect Rick enjoys is seeing the differences in fans from different countries – he specifically mentioned that Brazilian fans really get into the spirit of the games and really "go crazy".

His trips to the Olympic Games has allowed him to meet many famous Olympians, including Evander Holyfield, Usain Bolt, Bubba Watson, Patrick Read, Jenny Finch, Nastia Luken, Katie Ledecky, Simone Manuel, and Michael Phelps.

Thanks Ric k for the most interesting presentation.

Meeting Minutes continued

HAPPY BUCKS

Mac Neilon was happy for his lunch at Iron Hill (on a fund-raising day!) with **Corey Cahill** (who paid!).

Glenda Brion was happy for the Iron Hill fundraiser and the upcoming 9/26 Community Warehouse networking event.

Catherine Friedman was happy for helping her sister move into assisted living.

Rita Brouwer-Ancher was happy for Flu and Covid vaccinations at the Hickman on 9/17.

Andrew Stump was happy for his 37th wedding anniversary.

MINI RE-CLASSIFICATION TALK: CATHY PALMQUIST



Cathy gave a reclassification talk that covered her wide-ranging life, professional, and service experience.

She grew up in California and graduated from UC Berkely at the same time that Bill Winters was attending Stanford in Palo Alto. She then married her husband Dick and they have been married 63 years.

Cathy became a computer programmer for Fresno County, the first female in this profession in the area. Cathy and Dick moved to Arizona, where Cathy got a job at the daily regional newspaper as an editor. While there, Ronald Reagan appointed her to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rights.

They relocated once more to Pennsylvania, where she became director of the Anne Frank Institute. Cathy later became Executive Director of the YWCA. She also got involved in the Interfaith Housing Assistance (now Northstar) where she met Michael Louis. Cathy got involved in Rotary in 1993, and she often wrote the newsletter. She was the recipient of the 2019 Rotarian of the Year Award, and she enjoys the family aspect of Rotary.

50-50 RAFFLE

Cathy Palmquist picked **Bill Winters'** ticket number. Bill did not draw the Queen of Spades.

MEETING PHOTOS











BOARD of DIRECTORS 2024-2025

President . . . . . Catherine Friedman
President-Elect . . . . . Kyle Rheiner
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

Votary Committee: Anne Driscoll, Joe Driscoll, Brian Fahey, Randy Lindel, Mike Louis, Matt McKeon, Kyle Rheiner
Photography: Suzette Webb, Jeff Cantwell

Votary@westchesterrotary.us
Webmaster@westchesterrotary.us

Web support: Mark Sammarone, Randy Lindel, Howard Sundwall, Austin Aimone