

ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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Week # 23 December 5, 2024

CLUB MEETING ~ November 21, 2024

Minutes by Michael G. Louis

Call to Order by **President Catherine Friedman** (in club "parade" costume)

Pledge of Allegiance led by **Rob Feenan**

Invocation offered by **Melissa Baxter**



GUESTS

Ann Stanley, guest of **Phyllis Dunn**.

Dr. Mark Wiegand, guest of **Michael Louis**



BIRTHDAY

Catherine Friedman sang Happy Birthday to **Rita Brouwer-Ancher**

NOVEMBER ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

How many U.S. Presidents have been Rotaryans and who were they? The correct answer is Ten: Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush and Donald Trump. There were no totally correct answers submitted this month – partly because many Presidents have been honorary Rotarians, but not actual members. **Chuck Heckenberger** was awarded a "consolation prize" for the closest answer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 26th at the Side Bar at 5:00 p.m. is a **Rotary Thanksgiving Week Happy Hour**.

Friday, December 6th is the **West Chester Christmas Parade** – we need marchers – we are no. 67 in the parade order – Michele Venema has costumes.

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TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ December 5

West Chester Friends School Choir

NEXT WEEK ~ December 12

The Lenape Brass

~ PROGRAM ~

Classification Talk: **Brian Kramp**

Brian Kramp delivered his classification talk and it was perfect. He explained that his father was a Lutheran minister and his mother was a guidance counselor and he grew up in a loving, rural, salt of the earth upbringing. He grew up in Teleford near Souderton and used to play against Jamie Moyer in baseball and when he was 10 years old he owned Jamie Moyer who was 8.



Brian went to Muhlenberg College and majored in Business. He graduated in 1982 and worked as a stockbroker for two years. He didn't like it because it was straight commission and sales. However he did fall in love with the stock market. He then had a 40 year career on the buying side and became a stock analyst. He worked for Morgan Stanley for a while.

He married up when he met Eve, his wife, in 1987. They have been married for 30 years and he has three boys and three grandchildren, two girls and a boy. He retired a couple of years ago and has a house in Cape May and loves to travel. He is learning piano and guitar and playing a lot of tennis in his retirement. He enjoys giving back and non-profits and is excited about getting involved in Rotary.

CLUB BUSINESS

NEW RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Melissa Baxter announced that the **Rotary Four-Way Win** raffle will be our major fundraiser this year, replacing the Chili Cook-Off. We are going to sell 3,000 raffle tickets at \$20 each. \$15,000 will go to the winner and \$15,000 will go to one of six selected non-profits via a drawing.

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Announcements continued

Parade (continued) - We meet off of West Market Street between Brandywine and Everhart. There are ten spaces left. We have 37 walking so far.

Sue Casso Rogers said that **Chester County History Center** is having a **Season of Lights** and they asked people to decorate trees and we are decorating a tree with Rotary banners.

Katie Martin is setting up online sign-up for **Salvaton Army Bell Ringing** on Saturday, December 14. Sign-up links are in this week's and upcoming issues of *News You Can Use*.

Ernest Zlotolow informed us that the International Service Committee's **school generator project** in Argentina was completed. We provided backup power for three schools. Our Club supplied the seed money for the project.

President Catherine informed everyone that we periodically have **turnover on our club Board** and members were encouraged to inquire about openings and self-nominate themselves.

Our club **Holiday Party** will be on December 19th, at **Glenda Brion's** home.

HAPPY BUCKS

Mickey Hall was happy that **Phyllis Dunn** had the idea to have dinners and she was happy to host a dinner with some wonderful people in attendance.

Sue Casso was happy for dinner at **Mickey Hall's**.

Patty Jefferis was happy for dinner at **Mickey Hall's**.

Catherine Friedman was happy for multiple things.

Glenda Brion was happy for the **Girls Dance Party** that raised \$23,000.00 for **Community Warehouse** and a HappyHour coming up at Nine Prime from 4-6 in conjunction with Community Warehouse.

Miranda Reilly is happy for the rain.

Phoebe Kitson-Davis was happy for all of the gifts for the soldiers' stockings.

Melissa Baxter was happy for the **Four-Way Raffle** to be announced later in the meeting.

Alyssa Pennypacker is happy Catherine sang happy birthday.

Connell O'Brien is happy for **John Schwab** and made us aware that time is running out to purchase Rotary clothing.

Mark Sammarone was happy about gifts to **The Rotary Foundation**.

Steve Brown went to two dinners; one at **Catherine's** and one at **Mickey Hall's** and is happy that it is his 38th anniversary as a Rotarian.

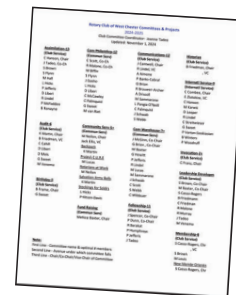
Chuck Heckenberger was happy that it is his wife's birthday and they are seeing Michael Smith in concert.

Club Business / Raffle continued

Sellers of the winning tickets will receive \$1,000 prizes. Each member needs to sell 30 tickets for us to sell out.

CLUB COMMITTEES

President Catherine talked about our club committees and how we need members on each committee. If you are not on an active committee, please volunteer for one. You can see the current list of committees and members by going to the club website, click on Member Resources at the top of the home page, then on Committee List.



Committee	Members
Administrative	...
Finance	...
Membership	...
Public Relations	...
Service Projects	...
Special Events	...
Treasurer	...
...	...

50-50 JACKPOT WINNER

Bob Rogers won the 50/50 and he did pull the Queen of Spades. There will be an investigation. Bob said he did win once before when he found Sue. That may be the one honest thing he said all day.



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