

### ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450

Jennifer Jones, International President
2022-2023

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#### IMAGINE ROTARY – Rotary International Theme 2022-2023

Rotary International President Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, Canada – RI's first woman president – has chosen "Imagine Rotary" as the organization's theme for her presidential year. "Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference," she said. The theme graphic was designed by an Australian Indigenous artist to link with the 2023 RI Convention, which will be in Melbourne.

# MINUTES from August 25, 2022 Meeting By Faith Woodward

President Melissa opened the meeting.

**Jeannie McGinn** gave the impromptu Invocation.

Guests- **Carol Hanson** introduced Ryan Ipanoll (transfer from Phila Club).

President Melissa's Today in History:

National Whiskey Sour Day

National Banana Split Day.

1916 President Woodrow Wilson established the National something

No Birthdays

Happy Bucks – Steve Brown (Pittsburgh Steelers are undefeated in their preseason). Carol Hanson (Member of International Committee- matching grant approved for \$1500 for Hands Across the Sea) Catherine Friedman (Helped mom celebrate 79<sup>th</sup> birthday and daughter goes back to school for last semester). President Melissa (Steve Brown filled in for her last week, great conversations with Doug Meis and Kate Diffenderfer, Kids back to school Monday- hoping for a positive year), Katie Martin (Phil McFadden was at Community Warehouse

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

September 1, 2022 Rich Connolly, CASA

September 8, 2022 Sarah Cathcart from Longwood Gardens

Project on his birthday!, Project needs juice glasses and mugs) **John Schwab** (thanks for help with Info booth at Community Center: **Gary Hewitt**, **Sue Casso Rogers**, **Jeff Cantrell**, and **Cathy Palmquist**; and 5 people signed up to receive our e-newsletter) **Steve Quigley** (long trip through mid-western states).

Announcements

**Sue Casso Rogers**' Secretary Second-**Bob Rogers** "back in the house" (5 happy bucks) and Dr says he's doing great. At the Rotary Booth at Community Day and at Everhart Park people asked "What's Rotary?" Every one of us should have an elevator speech to answer this question.

## Speakers Michael Dunn for Brandywine Forest and Dr Megan Fork from WCU.

Goose Creek Alliance –Mission: Sustaining our community through restoring our watersheds.

Goose Creek runs behind the old Kmart and runs down to 926. They are a non-profit organization.

The Creek has extreme flooding. Rain Gardens help water to soak into ground better. Goose Creek is too salty because over salting of roads in winter feeds the streams.

How can we help?: Advocate, Donate, Volunteer.

Invasive plants -Is the plan to remove these plants?. No but they will add <u>riparian forest buffers</u> - an area adjacent to a stream, lake, or wetland that contains a combination of trees, shrubs, and/or other perennial plants and is managed differently from the surrounding landscape, primarily to provide conservation benefits.

There are similar problems with Brandywine Creek but there is more money there due to the path it traverses through DuPont land.

The Government Services Building is in the Goose Creek watershed so there is hope for help from the County.

The former Rubinstein's property has some issues because the sewer crosses there.

Brining is a better solution than salting- it uses less salt.

150 rain gardens are planned. They don't foster mosquito proliferation because the water percolates quickly.

Working with HS students through Biology Class.

Goosecreekwc@gmail.com donorbox.org 610-350-7000

50-50 Winner **Fran Curtin.** He found the King of Spades so the Queen can't be far off!

Ponderable- "If you thought alcohol was bad for your short-term memory, just imagine what alcohol will do."

#### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

Sept 17 Oct 9 Community Waraehouse Donations Chili Cook-Off



#### **VOTARY COPIES**

Thank you, Randy Lindel for printing copies of the Votary this month.

#### **COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY**

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, September 17 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

The Warehouse is always open for donations the 3rd Saturday of each month or by appointment any other time. Remember to get your furniture donations cleared first. Thank you Rotarians.

For complete information go to:

<u>communitywarehouseproject.com</u>. Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

Contact: **Jeannie McGinn**; 484-343-4577 cell <u>JMcGinn@VisitingAngels.com</u>



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