

# ROTARY VOTARY

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

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**Bulletin #14 February 4, 2021**

**Program: February 4, 2021**  
**Domestic Violence Center Presentation**  
**Speaker: Danielle Dougherty**

**Program: February 18, 2021**  
**Personal Protection**  
**Speakers: Anne and Ernie Kirk.**  
**The History of Krav Maga**

## MINUTES by Fran Luft

**President Michelle** opened the meeting. We pledged allegiance to the flag. The invocation was given by **Melissa Baxter**.

Our guests included Gretha Fievre and Arielle Edmonson. We had two visiting Rotarians Bob Lankin and David Ehrenkrantz.

**Arlene Adams** extended birthday greetings to **Bill Ronayne** (1/18), **Bob Poole** (1/19), **Laura Aloisio** (1/21) **Bill Winters** (1/25) and **Melissa Baxter** (1/27).

Happy Bucks were given by **Cathy Palmquist** (surviving the election, vaccine for Covid -19 and hoping to return to whatever the new norm will be). **Bill Winters** (**Steve Brown**- you need to ask Steve or Bill).

Announcements- The annual fruit sale is now under way. Fruit sale ends February 14<sup>th</sup> with pick up Saturday Marsh 6<sup>th</sup> at A Duie Pyle. Please sell fruit. For more information about the fruit sale please check the Rotary website or weekly news. The recipient from the sale is the Barn at Spring Brook Farm.

The fund raising committee thanks the Rotarians who have given to the annual appeal letter. More news will be coming in February. Grub Grab is a restaurant fund raiser. To purchase tickets for this event, go to GrubGrab.org.

**Sue Casso Rogers** announced that volunteers are needed every third Saturday of the month to help with the Community Warehouse project.

History moments from the 1960's. The Rotary club and Lions club held a joint meeting at the West Chester YMCA. Gunner Back from WFIL channel was a speaker a one of the meetings. **Bob Poole** was inducted into Rotary membership. His sponsor was Horace Darlington. The Rotary Club and Lions club

held a duck pin match, tug of war and also played midget league baseball. Rotary held a toy drive at the Elks/VFW.

Rotarians of the Month. **Rich Murray** is Rotarian of the Month for November. (assisting with technology). Two members of the International Committee are Rotarians of the Month for December- **Carol Hanson** and **Dwight Leeper**. **Doug Meis** is Rotarian of the Month for January (programs).

Thought of the Day- Believe you can and you're half way there. By Teddy Roosevelt.

## SPEAKERS REVIEW by Danielle Mortimer

Thursday we welcomed Dr. David Ehrenkrantz and Bob Lankin from the Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrisers in Philadelphia. They presented to us the Heal Pignon Haiti Project. In 2010, Haiti endured the worst national disaster ever; a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that killed 160,000 people, while leaving nearly 1 million people homeless. This earthquake devastated Haiti, but the resilience of residents and support of the international community is helping Haiti overcome the disaster.

Haiti is striving to achieve Sustainable Development Goals including sustaining good health and well-being by increasing health financing and the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries. The Heal Pignon Haiti project is aiming to improve knowledge and competencies of experienced nurses and new nursing graduates. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to training and mobilizing young leaders to improve health care and save lives.

Heal Haiti uses a two-week clinical trial to train the nursing professionals. The training is led by 5 Americans and 1 Haitian coordinator along with 5 Haitian Teaching Assistants with Heal Haiti experience. This initiative represents a start-up effort

to partner with the Rotary Club of Pignon, the Rotary Club of Northeast Sunrises Philadelphia, The Hospital at Pignon (Hopital de Pignon) and Heal Haiti to provide graduate nurses with a "home base" to obtain much needed training. The project will use results from a pre-service training workshop conducted in 2018 for nursing students to enhance their knowledge and skills regarding service delivery to 6,500 underserved Haitian patients. Ariel Edmonson and Gretha Fievre are two Heal Haiti members who joined our meeting. We appreciate our guest speakers' time and efforts!

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb 13	Community Warehouse Donation Day
Feb 15	Fruit Orders Due
Mar 6	Fruit Pick up @ Duie Pyle

## SELL FRUIT



### COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Saturday, February 13th from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day. We could use volunteers to help with the numerous donations scheduled to arrive that day.

Everyone is also welcomed to bring gently used Christmas decorations, furniture, small appliances, household items, linens, utensils, matching plates, etc... Feel free to bring helpful children too.

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### SLATE OF OFFICERS 2021-2022

**Steve Brown**, President;  
**Michelle Venema**, Past President  
**Melissa Baxter**, president-elect  
**Rich Murray**, vice president  
**Sue Casso Rogers**, secretary  
**Jack Ellis**, treasurer  
**Bob Rogers**, Sergeant of Arms

Board Members at Large:

**Charles Alfree**, **Phil Bieg**, **Carol Hanson**, **Diana Liberi**, **Doug Meis**, **Christine Scott**, **Yolanda Van de Krol** (assistant Treasurer), **Bill Winters** and **David Wood**.

The vote on this slate will take place at our January 7 meeting. This leadership will take office on July 1, 2021.

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

President, **Michelle Venema**; President Elect, **Steve Brown**; Vice President, **Melissa Baxter**; Treasurer, **Jack Ellis**; Assistant Treasurer, **Yolanda Van der Pol**; Secretary, **Sue Casso Rogers**; Sgt at Arms, **Bob Rogers**; Immediate Past President, **Matt Holliday**

Directors-at-Large: **Ebbie Alfree**, **Melissa Baxter**, **Carol Hanson**, **Diana Liberi**, **Rob Malone**, **Rich Murray**, **Christine Scott**, **Glen Sweet**

Kevin Katarynick, District Governor

Cynthia Rugart, Assistant Governor

**Charles Streitwieser**, P. D.G. '13-14 District 7450

**Dwight Leeper**, P.D.G. '12-13. District 7510

**Robert Poole**, P.D.G. '80-'81 District 7450

### HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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