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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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CLUB MEETING AUGUST 19, 2021 MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Steve opened the meeting and **Jim Gasho** gave the invocation.

Visiting Rotarian: Dennis Wallace

Guests: Joe and Ann Driscoll with **Sue and Bob Rogers**.

President Steve's This day in History:

1848 - Gold found in California was reported and started the Gold Rush

1909 - First American automobile race

1991 - Soviet Union disbanded

Happy Birthday beautifully sung by **Catherine Friedman** to **Phil McFadden**.

Announcements:

President Steve announced that at the Board meeting last week the finalized finances for 2021 were approved. After discussion, 1/3 of the 50-50 for this year will go to the administrative budget instead of to a non-profit.

Community Warehouse Project will be this Saturday. Please see **Jeannie McGinn** for details.

Pastor Chris passed around the Invocation sign-up sheet.

Jeff Spencer announced a date change but same venue for the Pulled Pork event. Oct 7 4:30 to 6:30 PM. This will replace our lunch meeting that day.

Deb Sparre has sign-up sheet for cooks and side dishes. **Catherine Friedmann** requested challengers to sign up. This will be a fund-raiser for Boy Scout Troops. **Arlene Adam** won last year and **Melissa Baxter** the year before.

Steve Quigley announced our golf outing at Downingtown Country Club on Sept 17. Please see Steve to sign up.

President Steve- District Rotary Minglefest- Aug 25 at Aligned Space in West Chester.

Happy Bucks:

Dennis Wallace - Team Rotary will be repelling again. See **Bill Ronayne** if interested. The proceeds support young girls in High School and Middle School to

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 26, 2021

Speaker: Kathy Mullen, Red Cross

September 2, 2021

**Deb Ryan, Chester County
District Attorney**

attend an Outward-Bound program for leadership and self-confidence- building.

Deb Sparre - Daughter and golden doodle leaving tomorrow).

Steve Quigley- Joe Driscoll beat him at golf. Joe Driscoll happy for good company at golf.

Kyle Rheiner happy to be back

Sue Casso Rogers Team Rogers won couples Division at WCGCC.

50-50 won by **Bob Rogers** again!

President Steve ended the meeting with "What if there really weren't hypothetical questions?"

SPEAKER'S REVIEW BY Kyle Rheiner

On a day where we had two different speakers, we had two similar paths. Both included hard work, determination, sports and family.

Donning a fedora and a Steelers lanyard and tattoo at our podium, **Tara Webber**, tells us how she arrived in Chester County by way of Pittsburgh, PA. She is now the CEO of the Chester County Family Academy on Union Street in West Chester. But the journey has had numerous detours.

She recalls her father coming home from work at the steel mill daily, covered in black dirt, sweat and made time to teach the family about the importance of teamwork.

Growing up, Tara loved sports. She played softball with the girls, football with the boys and then one day discovered her love for basketball. Eventually, that landed her a basketball scholarship at Seton Hill

University in PA. She was the first of 5 to attend kids and graduate college. She studied to become an English teacher and it's paid off. She got into coaching basketball while she earned her master's degree and Principal's Certification in NYC.

Tara spent time in Japan, teaching the English language to students in Japan. She moved to Nicaragua to teach and during that time, was bit by a scorpion and her roommate assured her "that's not the poisonous kind." Poison-free, she brought women's basketball to Nicaragua in 2005 and was the first woman to ever play basketball in their Parque Central (central park). The students idolized her.

Moving back to the US, she helped coach and teach troubled kids in New Hampshire, got a Master's Degree in Special Education and then took an Assistant Principal job in Chicago. Soon after, Tara moved back to Pittsburgh to take care of her mother and become a principal. The pandemic struck and Tara was laid off from her job as principal. Now, she's the CEO of Chester County Family Academy. She's loving it. The students take Karate, learn Yoga and the importance of discipline and breathing techniques. They take cooking classes, violin, drumming, and swimming courses.

Tara has been a club member since September 2020.

Next, we have **Jim Nelson**, the last person inducted into our group before COVID19 shut down our meetings. He's a Wealth Advisor with Merrill Lynch in Wilmington DE and also has lived in many places.

Jim has Air Force parents and therefore, he's lived in 9 states and 2 countries.

From 1993-1997, Jim played college football at Penn State under the tutelage of Joe Paterno and then spent 8 seasons playing professional football in the NFL. Jim has played Linebacker for the Packers, Vikings, Colts and Ravens. Fast forward, he's the Founder of *Big League Haircuts* and has led that charge for 17 years now.

As mentioned, he's a Wealth Advisor, his wife is a 4th grade teacher and together they have 3 children. He loves to coach, golf, play guitar and stress the importance of teamwork and being open-minded.

We're very happy to welcome in our new Rotarians, Tara and Jim.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sept 17	Rotary Golf Event @ Downingtown CC
Sept 18	Community Warehouse
Set 18	Fame Firehouse Dedication
Oct 7	Pulled Pork Event at Boy Scout Facility

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, August 21 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

For complete information go to communitywarehouseproject.com.

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VOTARY COPIES

Thank you to **Past-President Michelle Venema** of Home of the Sparrow for printing copies of the Votary this month.

VOTARY VOLUNTEER

Cathy Palmquist has been a faithful writer for the Votary for many years and we extend a warm thank you to her as she steps down from this committee.

VOTARY REDESIGN

Thank you to **Randy Lindel** for the redesign of the Votary!

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