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ROTARY VOTARY

The Rotary Club of West Chester, District 7450
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CLUB MEETING October 21, 2021 MINUTES by Faith Woodward

President Steve opened the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Randy Lindel**.

Gary Hess gave the invocation- a poem of stock market advice in remembrance of Black Monday.

Visiting Rotarian Dennis Wallace was recognized.

Guests included Anne and Joe Driscoll, Jeffery Richards, and **Mark Sammarone's** guest - Evan Ridington

President Steve's "On This Day":

1636 Harvard University was founded

1904 NY subway opened

1960 Cassius Clay's first bout.

Happy Birthday wishes were delivered by **Carol Hanson** to **Paul Woodruff**, by **Phyllis Dunn** to **Diana Liberi**, and by **Megan van Riet** to **Brian Fahey**.

Happy Bucks -**Patty Jefferis** (started Whirl Away 1955, retiring in 2021. Her daughter was on the cover of Luxury Magazine). **Chris Franz** (Invocation sign ups needed). **Carol Hanson** (Dennis will be repelling for Outward Bound, his insurance is paid up!). **Melissa Baxter** (for repellers and her friend Debi Friedmann). Dennis Wallace (Moderately happy). **Paul Woodruff** (10th grandchild born). **Katie Martin** (**Bob Frame** helped her sell her condo and **Ebbie Alfree** inspired her to visit the Marketplace at Kennett Square). **Joe Driscoll** (today he and Anne will be inducted into Rotary), **Yolanda Van de Krol** (Collecting items for Stockings for Soldiers- thanks for **Linda Hicks'** and **Jill Stoltzfus'** help). **Linda Hicks** (save left over candy from Halloween for Stockings for Soldiers- Deadline Nov 11)

President Steve announced the Rotarian of the Month for September- **Mac Neilon** - He donated more

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 28

Speaker: Tracy Behringer from Chester County Mental Health
"Mental Health First Aid"

November 4

Speaker: Christopher Curtin
ECLAT's World Renown Chocolate

than \$1,000 worth of school supplies to the WCASD and never says no to helping!

President Steve shared that the West Chester Area Senior Center sent a thank you letter for the CPC scholarship.

Carol Hanson- Please get "End Polio Now" Tulips. She only has 7 boxes left. A Box of 20 tulips for \$25 gives a donation to Polio Plus.

We need more writers for the Votary. Please let **Faith Woodward** know if you can help.

President Steve reported on the last Board meeting. Minutes can be found on the Website. Please save the date Dec 9 for our 100th anniversary celebration at Penn Oaks Country Club- no meeting here that day. Holiday meeting dates: no meetings Nov 25 or Dec 23. We will meet on Dec 30 at the club, Jan 6 (at Boy Scouts Headquarters) and Jan 13 (at Fame Firehouse) while the club closed.

The Blood Drive was cancelled for this Wednesday.

Phyllis Dunn announced the New Member social at **Patty Jefferis'** house next week.

50-50- **Anne Driscoll** picked the winning ticket for **Mark Sammarone** (again the winner but he found not the Queen of Spades).

Ponderables- Lemon juice is made with artificial flavoring but dish detergent is made with real lemon...

SPEAKERS REVIEW by Faith Woodward

Induction of Anne and Joe Driscoll and Jeff Richards by Sue Casso Rogers

Sue has a book of Rotary Wisdom - "Why I am a Rotarian". One essay mentioned friendships, changing lives including his own, and making him a better person. Inducted today were: **Anne Driscoll** (Sponsor- **Sue Casso Rogers** and Mentor **Christine Scott**), **Joe Driscoll** (Sponsor **Bob Rogers** and Mentor **Phil McFadden**), **Jeff Richards** (Sponsor **Chris Franz** and mentor **Glen Sweet**). They are charged with the responsibility of being a Rotarian. Their donations to Rotary-sponsored programs will be used to do good things around the world.

Classification Talk by Meg Lynch Van Riet

Sue Flynn suggested Meg join our club. Meg grew up in several places but mostly in Europe. She worked in London, Brussels, and Netherlands but then attended graduate school in Philly. When she was growing up, her family lived in Hong Kong for several years. She showed photos of a trip to Europe that included her daughter Kate overlooking the scene of where Meg took a ferry and two trams to school every day in Geneva. Since Meg didn't speak any French, she appreciates those who can't speak the language of the locals. Her school was very diverse and gave her a great outlook on life. Meg loves art and architecture and believes she has been in every church in Europe! Meg is interested in food and speaks many languages.

Meg went to Kenyon for her undergraduate work and majored in languages- Medieval French, Modern French, Mandarin and German. Her second major was in Studio Arts. After graduation she worked at Morningstar in Chicago and then in London. Desiring to be more practical, she got her degree at Wharton Graduate School in Finance. On the side she ran a crisis hot line for women. She worked at ING and then Bain and Co in Boston and reported for board of directors.

She married a Dutchman who will remain nameless and had children. Wanting to return to the US to be near family, her children are now 14 and 15 year olds who go to Rustin. Somewhere in this story she got a divorce. Her sister lives in Ambler. Married in 2010, her sister was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2011, lost her hearing, and was in the hospital for one year. She is doing well now but this experience changed her whole family's life. Indeed, it caused Meg to examine her life and concluded that these were her values: Family, faith, purpose. She now teaches yoga at her studio Bikram Yoga Chadds Ford (across from Jimmy Johns).

She has had 300 regular students and has served 6,000 total. Most classes are "hot" yoga at 105 degrees. It's her form of service. Meg works for the Bill and Janey Lasko Foundation where, among other things, they help low-income youth with various programs including after school programs.

In a nutshell, Meg loves to hang out with kids, do yoga, and be outdoors.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Oct 22	Team Rotary for Girls Leadership
Oct 24	World Polio Day
Nov 13	Community Warehouse
Dec 9	100 th Anniversary Bash

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE DONATION DAY

Mark Your Calendar! Saturday, November 13 from 9a-1p is our next Community Warehouse donation day.

For complete information go to:

communitywarehouseproject.com. Call us for ways to get donations over to the warehouse too.

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