

# ROTARY VOTARY

## The Rotary Club of West Chester

District 7450

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### CLUB MEETING ~ August 3, 2023

Minutes by Anne Driscoll



Glenda Brion and Bill Ronayne greeted us at check-in.

### President-Elect Catherine

**Friedman** presided in the absence of the President.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **Carol Hanson**.

**Words of Wisdom** were given by **Bill Ronayne**.



### VISITING ROTARIAN

**Carol Hanson** introduced her spouse **Dennis Wallace** from the West Chester Sunrise Rotary Club.

### HAPPY BUCKS

**Catherine Friedman** - Happy her mom's 80th surprise birthday was a success

**Michells Venema** - Happy **Joanne Tedeo** is back

**Dennis Wallace** - Happy promote Rotary Road Rally August 13 at 11:30 am

**Melissa Baxter** - Happy that **Andrew Scott** is back after his recuperation from a cycling accident

**Andrew Scott** - Happy to be back and very happy that he was wearing a helmet

**John Schwab** - Happy for his son's visit from San Francisco

### TODAY'S PROGRAM ~ August 10

Kate Cook

Old Chester County Fidler's Picnic

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**John Schwab** for the club's communications committee:

- **Community Day at Charles A Melton Arts and Community Center** on Sunday August 20,

we will have a Rotary tent and information table and will need 6 Rotarians for shifts 10 am to 12 pm, 12 pm to 2 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm-.

We will promote our club and the upcoming Rotary Chili Cook-Off.

- This year, we will also promote the Rotary brand by providing every member with a Rotary hat or visor.

**Bonus meeting** this month will be Thursday, August 17 at Iron Hill Brewery.

**Chili Cook-off** update: 25 confirmed teams of the 50 minimum we need. We are also still looking for sponsors



### PROGRAM - ASHLEY HARPER - "YOU CAN DO A JOB"



Ashley talked about her journey and the types of career questions she has been asking based on what she has learned.

Ashley Harper is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from 2008 who grew up in Malvern, PA. Her career trajectory and life trajectory have taken some interesting turns.

Her career began at the bottom of the financial crisis in the field of Museum non-profit administration and fundraising. During these times she volunteered heavily for her local township in Downingtown and organized/coached in an ultimate frisbee leagues.

In 2020, after returning to work from maternity leave, she was laid off due to budgetary reasons. This event created a truly mind-blowing twist in her life, and she started to try to

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## Ashley Harper - "You Can Do A Job" continued

think more broadly about her skills, values and goals. This led to a year of self-study to become a data scientist. The month she finished an online tech bootcamp, COVID started. So she began her career a second time under significant world circumstances.

She's been working as a Data Analyst for the last two years and is delighted to share her experiences.

## 50-50

\$13 to winner **Bob Frame** –  
no Queen of Spades selected



The meeting concluded with the group reciting the **Rotary 4-Way Test** – a nice tradition reintroduced by President **Rich Murray** this year.



## Rotary International Theme 2023-2024

RI President **R. Gordon R. McNally** calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental well-being. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values.

## CHILI COOK OFF

**The 2023 Chili Cook-Off is our biggest event of the year.  
We need your help.**

On October 8, 2023, our club hopes to entertain 8,000 people in a massive street festival called the West Chester Chili Cook-Off. This will be the 21st time our club has hosted the event and we can't do it without you.



The CCO support pieces are started, but far from finished. Some of the jobs are small and can be done from your home. Others put you shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow Rotarians, their families, their friends, and our friends from other clubs (Rotary, the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry, local service organizations and non-profits). Experience is not required, only a desire to serve.

Please reach out to Jeff Cantwell (cantwell3d@gmail.com or 484-678-4441), or Melissa Baxter (melissabaxter2@gmail.com) if you would like help deciding where your talents and desires can do the most good.



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